

Life-Study of Psalms Summaries – Messages 1-5

Introduction

- (1) The economy of God is to bring forth an organism for His Divine Trinity.
- (2) The law in the economy of God is to be used by God for exposing the sinful nature and evil deeds of the sinners
- (3) The grace in the economy of God is God's embodiment for man to receive to be his enjoyment and supply.
- (4) The issue of the experience of grace in the economy of God is the organic Body of Christ, consummating in the New Jerusalem.

The book of Psalms is not of doctrine or of any kind of teachings. The writings of the Psalms are in the form of **praises**.

The psalmists, as godly men, loved the law, loved God, loved the temple, loved the holy city, and loved the holy people, but eventually, they were exiled. The Old Testament law given by God through Moses resulted altogether in captivity. Eventually, the psalmists turned from enjoying the law in which they delighted to enjoying their God whom they loved and sought after.

Apparently, according to the **human concept**, all the Psalms are the expressions of the sentiments, feelings, and impressions of godly men who were intimately close to God. Actually, according to the **divine concept**, the central thought of the book Psalms is Christ, as revealed in plain words, and the church as the house of God and the city of God for His kingdom.

Christ in God's Economy Versus the Law in Man's Appreciation

Psalm 1 is concerning **the law in man's appreciation**. The law entered in **alongside** the main line of God's economy. Its position is of a concubine, symbolized by Hagar. In its nature, the law is holy, righteous, and good. The law is also spiritual. In its content the law is also a portrait of God, hence, the testimony of God. The function of the law is to expose men in their sinful nature and evil deeds. It was used by God to guard His chosen people and escort them to Christ. Finally, it subdues men as sinners under God's judgment. **The law is good and spiritual, but it is weak**. In its weakness, it is not able to give life. Furthermore, the law is not able to do that which God wants because it is weak through the flesh.

The law has been ended by Christ. Christ came to fulfill the law that He might terminate the law and replace it. Thus, everyone who believed in Him receives God's righteousness, which is Christ Himself. We need to see the revelation concerning Christ in God's economy versus the law in man's appreciation in the Psalms.

Psalm 2 is a **declaration of God according to His divine concept**. Psalm 2 exalts Christ as the centre of the economy of God. Psalm 2 also gives a warning to the world. First, God and His Christ will be in wrath to the world. Since God and His Christ will be in wrath to the world, man must repent. Today our Christ is our refuge, our protection. We are hiding ourselves in Him. We need to kiss the Son. To love Him, according to Psalm 2:12a, is to kiss Him. **We should not uplift and treasure the law. Instead, we should kiss Christ, love Christ, day by day.**

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