

## Life-Study of Psalms Summaries – Messages 11-15

### **Christ as the Shepherd in His Resurrection and Christ as the King in God's Kingdom**

The Lord Jesus today is the Spirit. **As the life-giving Spirit, He is our Shepherd inwardly.** As those who have been redeemed, washed, resurrected, and regenerated, we are the sheep of God's flock, the church. In Psalms 23 Christ shepherd us in five stages. First is of the **pastures and the waters of rest**. Second is the stage of the **paths of righteousness**. Third is the **valley of the shadow of death**. Fourth is the **battlefield**. Finally, is to **dwell in the house of God all the days of our life**.

### **The Enjoyment of God in the House of God**

The enjoyment of Christ leads the psalmist in Psalm 24 to another state of enjoyment—the enjoyment of God in the house of God. **God Himself is enjoyable, and His dwelling place is also enjoyable.** The universal God is located in His house—His dwelling place. Christ is God's location, and the address of God is just one word—*Christ*. Christ has been enlarged, and the enlarged Christ is the church as God's enlarged temple. **To enjoy God in His house means that we must be in Christ, in the church, and eventually in the New Jerusalem.**

### **The Mixed Expressions of the Psalmist's Enjoyment of the House of God in God's House**

Psalms 25—41 are David's mixed expressions of his inward sentiment, situation, and scenery in his enjoyment of God in God's house. The expressions in these psalms are either divine, good, or bad.

### **The Difference Between Christ and the Law**

The difference between Christ and the law is the difference between the Old Testament economy and the New Testament economy. **Under the law in the Old Testament, man was always striving to arrive at the standard of the law.** Man asked for God's mercy, God's lovingkindness, and he puts his trust in God. He also took refuge in God, waited on God, hoped in God, praised God, thanked God, and worshipped God. This was all man's doing because **in the Old Testament God was apart from man, and man was apart from God.** Man and God were separate.

In the New Testament economy, God came into man to become incarnated and be born as a God-man. Through His redemption, He solved all the problems for man and paved the way so that He could enter into man. Now we believers are in Him and He is in us. He and we have become one person. He has the divine life and nature, and so do we. In the New Testament economy, we have to believe into Christ. Then we have to love Him. We also have to live Him that we may magnify Him. **In the New Testament, we are not doing something out of ourselves in our natural strength. We are enjoying Him.** To believe into Him is to receive Him; to love Him is to enjoy Him; and to live Him is to magnify Him.

We need to have the proper discernment to see the difference between the Old Testament economy and the New Testament economy. On the one hand, the psalms are lovely because they are the aspiration of the sentiment of the ones who were seeking after God. On the other hand, many portions of the Psalms are not according to the New Testament economy. The New Testament economy includes first, **incarnation**; second, **resurrection**; and third, **mingling**. God came into us and He brought us into Him. He has accomplished a mingling of divinity and humanity. We and He are living as one person in the same one life and with the same one nature. **We should not endeavor to keep the law. Instead, we live only on one person—Christ.** We live Christ that He may be magnified.

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