<u>Life-Study of Psalms Summaries - Messages 36-40</u>

<u>God's Recovery of His Title and Right Over the Whole Earth Through the Reign of</u> Christ

The second group of psalms in Book 4, Psalms 93-101, shows us that God will recover His full title and right over the earth through the reign of Christ.

The Earth Turning to the Lord Through Zion

According to Psalm 102, the restoration of Zion and Jerusalem turns the nations to God. In typology, Psalm 102 first refers to Christ's suffering, especially to His death. Christ's suffering consummated in His death, and through His death the church, God's house, came into existence.

In Psalms 103-106 we have the praising of Jehovah who has recovered the title and the right over the whole earth through the reign of Christ.

The Highest Revelation of Christ

Psalm 107 is on God's care and deliverance of His redeemed in Christ. When we speak of the comfort in this psalm, we have to say that this is the comfort in Christ. In Psalm 108 we see God's victory in Christ over the enemies. 109 is a prayer offered by David about his sufferings. David here is a type of Christ, and David's sufferings typify Christ's sufferings. Psalms 107-109 usher us into Psalm 110.

Psalm 110 is the highest revelation of Christ. Verse 1 concerns Christ in His ascension. In His ascension Christ entered into the Father's being and sat down there. This word about Christ's sitting at the right hand of God implies Christ's kingship. Christ is not only the King with power and authority, He is also the High Priest and the Warrior to be the greatest Victor. As Christ is taking the lead to fight through to the end, He will need water to drink, and this water will be the overcomers.

The Praise of God's Elect Consummating in the Particular Position of Christ

In Psalm 111 we have the praise of God's elect for God's great works according to His covenant which He made with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Psalm 112 is the praise of God's elect for God's blessing due to their fear of Him and their virtues thereof. Psalm 113 is the praise of God's elect for God's exaltation and humility in taking care of the lowly and needy ones. Psalm 114 is the praise of God's elect for God's marvelous deeds to them in Egypt and in the wilderness and their becoming God's sanctuary and dominion. Psalm 115 is the praise of God's elect for God's being real, trustworthy, and full of blessing to His elect and to all those who fear Him, unlike the idols. Psalm 116 is not only the praise but also the thanksgiving of God's elect. Psalm 117 is the exhortation of God's elect to all the nations to praise Jehovah for His great lovingkindness and everlasting faithfulness. Psalm 118 is the thanksgiving of God's elect for God's bountiful goodness and everlasting lovingkindness leading to Christ as the cornerstone for God's building.

Christ-The Reality of the Law as the Testimony and the Word of God

Christ is the reality of the law as the testimony of God. The God who is jealous, who is love and light, and who is holy and righteous is embodied in Christ. The law is the person of Christ and the person of Christ is the Spirit. Hence, as the Spirit Christ is the reality of the law. When we have Him, we have not only love and light but also the way.

(Life-Study of Psalms – Messages 36-40).