

The Processed Triune God, His Work, and the Result of His Work

Message 4 - Week 1

Tuesday

2 Cor. 1:20-22 – Footnotes 20¹, 20³, 20⁴, 20⁵, 20⁶, 21¹, 21², 21³

If we can give a summary of the first message, we can summarize it in one word: Consecration. We saw that consecration was the answer of the priests to God. God gives Himself fully to His people. He wants a wife. In the book of Exodus, He presents Himself as the One courting His people through the desert. In Ezekiel, Isaiah and Jeremiah, He speaks about His love for His people in the desert. When you read of the people of Israel and their experience during the time in the desert, they were murmuring, complaining, and remembering Egypt. But the Lord would appear to them in love. Moses was bothered by the people and struck the rock instead of speaking to it. He was irritated with the people, but God said, “No, you were irritated, but I was not.” What a God we have. He presents Himself as the Bridegroom. Therefore, He is waiting for us. He says in a loving gentle voice, “I provided you with manna. I gave you water. I gave you quails. I gave you fire in the night. I gave you a cloud during the day. I gave you everything. I love you. What more do you need? I need an answer from you.” The answer He is waiting for from us is consecration. He is waiting for a “Yes”. This weekend the Lord is waiting for an answer.

The other aspect of consecration is to have your hands full. We see this with Moses bringing Aaron and his sons into the priesthood. He told them to put their hands in the air and then brought the offerings to place into their hands. Moses would place the items into their hands and their hands were full. They would then place them on the altar of burnt offering. The five basic offerings typify Christ in all of His aspects. In other words, our answer to God, our “Yes” is the Christ which we have experienced and enjoyed. This is the answer we need to give to God. This is why we need to come to the Lord’s table with lots of praises. The Christ that we have enjoyed throughout the week needs to be brought each Lord’s Day to His table. Many times we think that the Lord’s table is for our enjoyment. This is one aspect. We enjoy the Lord’s table. But remember that it is not *our* table, but the Lord’s table, so we need to come with our hands full.

The Lord’s table is a love feast. In a love feast we all bring something. The love feast was not something we invented, but rather, in typology, it is a type of the Lord’s table. At the beginning of the history of the church, they would have daily love feasts in the context of the Lord’s table. We need to come to the Lord with our hands full so that He may be satisfied. Our concept needs to change. The table is for Him because He is full of enjoyment; His enjoyment becomes our enjoyment. Are we not encouraged and eager for the next Lord’s table? Instead of thinking of our own enjoyment, we should be bringing something of the Lord to the Lord’s table for His enjoyment.