

GENERAL SUBJECT: THE ECONOMY AND DISPENSING OF GOD

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Message Two

A Life of Ordinary Days in the Divine Dispensing according to the Miraculous Normality of the Divine Economy to Respond to and Cooperate with the Central Work of God for His Eternal and Consummate Corporate Expression

Scripture Reading: Rom. 8:2, 4, 6, 11; Eph. 3:16-21; Rev. 21:10-11

I. As believers in Christ, we need to learn to be satisfied with a life of ordinary days in the regular and normal experiences in the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity—Rom. 8:2, 6, 10-11; Eph. 3:16-17a:

- A. We need to receive the divine dispensing little by little, day by day, receiving this dispensing again and again in a slow, steady way—2 Cor. 13:14; Matt. 6:11; Psa. 68:19:
 - 1. Very few spiritual things are accomplished in us once for all; rather, as with our physical life, most spiritual things must be repeated again and again—John 6:57b; 4:14; 1 Cor. 10:3-4.
 - 2. Whatever God gives to us is not given all at once so that it becomes unbearable; instead, the divine supply is given bit by bit.
- B. The processed and consummated Triune God is within us not in a spectacular way but in an ordinary way; for this reason, we need to live a steady and normal Christian life; the less special and the more normal we are, the better—Col. 1:27; 3:4; Eph. 3:16-17a.
- C. All the things of life that the Triune God gives to us through the divine dispensing are quiet and calm, and our life as believers should also be quiet and calm; day by day we need to live in this way, simply living an ordinary life of receiving the divine dispensing—Rom. 8:6; 1 Thes. 5:23; 2 Thes. 3:16.
- D. Our destiny is to live an ordinary life in the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity, for our Father has destined that we live in an ordinary way under His continual dispensing—Matt. 6:11, 32-34; 24:40-41.
- E. As believers, we experience the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity by faith; God wants us to do everything by depending on Him, by taking Him as life, and by allowing Him to dispense Himself into us—Eph. 3:17a; Heb. 11:1.
- F. In this way we will become normal spiritually, and our spirituality will be regular and normal without anything spectacular—Rom. 8:4, 6; Gal. 5:22-23.

II. A life of ordinary days in the divine dispensing is according to the miraculous normality of the divine economy—1 Tim. 1:4; Eph. 3:9:

- A. The experiences of Christ, of the Spirit, of the Triune God, and of the divine life with the divine nature are altogether normal—vv. 16-17a.
- B. All the spiritual and divine things provided by God for our experience and enjoyment are normal; nevertheless, these normal things are miraculous, and for this reason we may speak of the miraculous normality of the divine economy—1 Tim. 1:4; Eph. 3:9.

- C. Regeneration is the greatest miracle, yet it takes place in a normal way; thus, regeneration is a normality that is miraculous, a miraculous normality in our Christian life—John 3:3, 5-6, 8; 1 Pet. 1:23.
- D. Calling on the name of the Lord is a normality, yet it is miraculous that when we call, we receive the totality of the processed and consummated Triune God—Rom. 10:12; Gal. 3:2; Jer. 33:3.

III. The more we are satisfied with living a life of ordinary days in the divine dispensing according to the miraculous normality of the divine economy, the more we will respond to and cooperate with the central work of God for His corporate expression—Eph. 3:16-21:

- A. God's New Testament economy is for the processed and consummated Triune God to be wrought into us to become our life and our being for His corporate expression—1 Tim. 1:4; 2 Cor. 13:14; Eph. 3:16-17a, 21; Rom. 8:9-10, 6, 11.
- B. God's eternal purpose is to work Himself into us as our life and our everything so that we may take Him as our person, live Him, and express Him; this is the desire of God's heart and the focal point of the Bible—Eph. 1:9; 3:11; Phil. 1:20-21a.
- C. We all need to see that God's desire is to work Himself into us and to reconstitute us with Himself so that we may become His eternal and consummate corporate expression—2 Cor. 5:17, 21; Rev. 21:10-11.
- D. God's economy is centered on one thing—God's central work, His unique work—John 5:17; 4:34; Phil. 1:6; 2:13; 1 Cor. 15:58; 16:10:
 - 1. God's central work in the universe and throughout all the ages and generations is to work Himself in Christ into His chosen people, making Himself one with them—Gal. 4:19; Eph. 3:17a.
 - 2. God's purpose is to work Himself into us to be our life and our person, making Himself our inward elements for His expression:
 - a. This purpose is the center of the universe, and apart from this purpose the Christian life is meaningless—Rev. 4:11.
 - b. In this way He becomes one with us, and we become one with Him; then as He lives in us, we live Him, and we express Him in a corporate way—John 14:19b; Gal. 2:20; Phil. 1:21a.
 - c. As we live a life of ordinary days in the divine dispensing according to the miraculous normality of the divine economy, we will respond to and cooperate with the central work of God for His corporate expression—Rom. 8:2, 4, 6, 11; Eph. 3:14-21.