

Church of God (Singapore)

Church Service Perfecting Meeting—13th-14th November 2020

**GENERAL SUBJECT:
FURTHER PURSUIT AND PRACTICE ON THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH
ACCORDING TO GOD'S ECONOMY**

Message 2

**The Enjoyment and Application of the Divine Dispensing
in the Book of Jeremiah**

- I. The book of Jeremiah reveals that God's intention in His economy is to be the fountain, the source, to dispense Himself into His chosen people to be their satisfaction and enjoyment; the goal of this enjoyment is to produce the church, the counterpart of God, as His increase and enlargement, to be His fullness for His expression—Jer. 2:13; Psa. 36:8-9; John 3:29-30; 4:10, 14; 7:37-39; Rev. 7:17:**
- A. The only way to take God as the fountain of living waters is to drink of Him day by day—Jer. 2:13; 1 Cor. 12:13; Rom. 11:36:
 - 1. This requires us to call on the Lord continually (with thanking, rejoicing, praying, and praising) and draw water with rejoicing from Him as the fountain of living waters—Isa. 12:3-4; John 4:10,14; Rom. 10:12; 1 Thes. 5:16-18, 4:3a.
 - 2. The way to draw water out of the springs of the divine salvation includes repenting, calling, singing, thanking, praising, and making God's saving deeds known—Isa. 12:3-6; Psa. 4:14; 7:37; 1 Cor. 12:13; Rev. 22:17; 1 Chron. 16:8; Psa. 105:1; 116:1-4, 12-13, 17.
 - B. When the living water enters into us, it permeates us, passes through our entire being, and is assimilated by us, causing us to be nourished, transformed, conformed, and glorified, thus building us up as the Body of Christ, preparing us to be the Bride of Christ—John 4:14; Rom. 12:2; 8:29-30; 1 Cor. 12:13; Rev. 22:17.
 - C. Nothing apart from God as the fountain of living waters can quench our thirst and satisfy us; nothing apart from God dispensed into our being can make us His increase for His expression—Rev. 22:1, 17.
 - D. We need to realize that whenever God's people are short of the Spirit of life as the water of life, they will have problems; when God's people have an abundance of the saving Spirit as the living water, their problems among themselves and with God are solved—Exo. 17:1-7; Num. 20:2-13.
- II. "Your words were found and I ate them, and Your word became to me the gladness and joy of my heart" —Jer. 15:16:**
- A. God's word is the divine supply as food to nourish us. According to the entire revelation in the Holy Bible, God's words are good for us to eat, and we need to eat them—Deut. 8:3; Matt. 4:4; Psa. 119:103; Heb. 5:12-14; 1 Pet. 2:2-3:
 - 1. The way to eat the Lord is to pray the Word; to pray-read the Word of God is to exercise our spirit to eat the word—Eph. 6:17-18.
 - 2. As we eat the Lord Jesus, we need to have proper spiritual digestion. We need to keep our whole being with all our inward parts open to the Lord so that the spiritual food will have a thoroughfare within us; if we do this, we will have proper digestion and assimilation, we will absorb Christ as spiritual nourishment, and Christ will become our constituent—Ezek. 2:8-3:3; Jer. 15:16; Rev. 10:9-10.
 - B. We need to let the word of Christ dwell in us richly—Col. 3:16:

1. The word of Christ is the word spoken by Christ. The word of Christ includes the entire New Testament, and we need to be filled with this word—John 6:63.
2. The word let is important; We need to let the word of Christ dwell in us so that we may experience the functions of the word of God operating within us, ministering the riches of Christ into our being—Eph. 3:8:
 - a. The word of God enlightens (Psa. 119:105, 130), nourishes (Matt. 4:4; 1 Tim. 4:6), and waters us to quench our thirst (Isa. 55:1, 8-11).
 - b. The word of God strengthens (1 John 2:14; Prov. 4:20-22), washes (Eph. 5:26), and builds us up (Acts 20:32).
 - c. The word of God completes, perfects (2 Tim. 3:15-17), and edifies us by sanctifying us (John 17:17).
 - d. By allowing the word of Christ to inhabit us, we can become a Godman filled with Christ as the reality of the attributes of God—Col. 3:16-25; Phil. 4:5-8.

III. “Blessed is the man who trusts in Jehovah / And whose trust Jehovah is. / And he will be like a tree transplanted beside water, / Which sends out its roots by a stream, / And will not be afraid when heat comes; / For its leaves remain flourishing, / And it will not be anxious in the year of drought / And will not cease to bear fruit” —Jer. 17:7-8:

- A. In order to grow in life for the building up of the Body of Christ, we need to absorb God by taking root downward and bearing fruit upward—Isa. 37:31.
- B. We need to have hidden times of fellowship with God—Matt. 6:6; 14:22-23:
 1. In Matthew 6:6, the Lord Jesus said, “But you, when you pray, enter into your private room, and shut your door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.” To shut your door indicates a hidden life. This is what it means to take root.
 2. All the beauty, pursuit, and experience of a Christian should be in quietness; they should be sealed for the Lord. Only such a living that is hidden can satisfy the Lord’s heart—S.S. 4:12.
- C. The empowering, enlightening, enjoying of rest, rejoicing, believing, solving of problems, overcoming of trials, temptations, and hardships, and comforting for a Christian all depend upon his secret fellowship with God through prayer and God’s word—Dan. 6:10; Col. 4:2; 2 Tim. 3:14-17.

IV. “It is Jehovah’s lovingkindness that we are not consumed, / For His compassions do not fail; / They are new every morning; / Great is Your faithfulness. / Jehovah is my portion, says my soul; / Therefore I hope in Him. / Jehovah is good to those who wait on Him, / To the soul that seeks Him” —Lam. 3:22-25:

- A. Jeremiah contacted the Lord as the compassionate One every morning; through his contact with the Lord he received the word regarding God’s lovingkindness, compassions, and faithfulness. In His faithfulness God has called us into the fellowship of His Son, and He will preserve our entire being complete—1 Cor. 1:9; 1 Thes. 5:23-24.
- B. Jeremiah enjoyed Jehovah as his portion, and he put his hope not in himself nor in anything else but only in Jehovah—Lam. 3:24.
- C. God’s pure seeker have God as his only possession in heaven and his unique desire on earth—Psa. 73:25.
- D. Although God is true, living, compassionate, and faithful, in order to test His people, He often delays in fulfilling His word—Psa. 27:14; 130:6; Isa. 8:17; 30:18; 64:4.
- E. To wait on the eternal God means that we terminate ourselves; that is, we stop ourselves with our living, our doing, and our activity and receive God in Christ as our life, our person, and our replacement—40:28, 31:

1. Today is not the time of the ultimate consummation; therefore, we need to wait on the Lord – 64:4.
2. As we are waiting on the Lord, we should seek Him and call unto Him—Jer. 9:13; 33:3.

V. Applying the enjoyment of the divine dispensing in the book of Jeremiah onto our Christian life and church life:

- A. Build up a life of calling on the name of the Lord unceasingly, drawing water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation—Isa. 12:3-4.
- B. Build up a life of taking root downward and bearing fruit upward, having hidden times of fellowship with the Lord every day—Isa. 37:31.
- C. Build up a life of being revived every morning and overcoming every day, enjoying the Lord as our fresh supply daily—Prov. 4:18.
- D. Build up a life of turning on the spiritual switch at any moment, living in the spirit and walking by the spirit all day long—Jer. 31:33-34; Rom. 8:1-4:
 1. The law of the Spirit of life has freed us; whether or not this law can work depends not on God but on man. Whenever we fulfil the requirements of this law, this law can work.
 2. We need to live and walk by the Spirit; on our side, this means to turn on the switch. By constantly living and walking in the spirit, we turn on the switch, and the law of the Spirit of life begins to work.