International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones, October 2024

Week Five

Day 4 and Day 5

Outline

Capital C.

If we would serve God in His New Testament economy, we need to know that it is wholly a matter of God's sovereign mercy.

Number 1.

If we know God's sovereignty, we will thank Him for His mercy, realizing that we are under His sovereign mercy.

Small a.

The expression sovereign mercy means that God's mercy is absolutely a matter of God's sovereignty.

Small b.

Being a vessel of mercy is not the result of our choice; it originates with God's sovereignty.

Small c.

God's mercy to us is in His sovereignty; the only thing we can say to explain God's mercy to us is that in His sovereignty, He has chosen to be merciful to us.

Number 2.

In God's sovereign mercy, our hearts are inclined toward Him; because of His mercy to us, we seek Him day by day.

Number 3.

The more we see that everything related to us is a matter of God's mercy, the more we will bear our responsibility before the Lord; however, even our willingness to bear responsibility is of God's mercy.

Number 4.

Because of God's mercy, we responded to the gospel when others did not respond, we received a word about Christ as life when others refused to receive it, and we took the way of the Lord's recovery when others drew back from taking this way.

Number 5.

Regarding His recovery, God has mercy on whom He will have mercy.

This is the end of today’s outline.