2024 DECEMBER SEMIANNUAL TRAINING

WEEK 16

DAY 1

Morning Nourishment

First Corinthians 10 3

And all ate the same spiritual food.

John 6 31

Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, He gave them bread out of heaven to eat.

Exodus 16 reveals God’s intention to change the source of our being, to change our very constituent. It is a superficial understanding of this chapter simply to say that manna is heavenly food which typifies Christ. If we turn from traditional teaching and pray over this chapter, we shall be enlightened to see that, as believers, we should live on Christ alone.

Many of us heard teachings about Christ as manna when we were in religion. But what effect did it have on us? Some have received the superficial teachings about not loving the world. They have been told not to hunger for the cucumbers and garlic of Egypt. How superficial! The deep truth in Exodus 16 is that God wants to change our diet. The crucial point here is not whether or not we love the world; it is whether or not our diet has been changed.

Today's Reading

The Christ whom we enjoy will be an eternal memorial, because the Christ we experience and enjoy becomes our very constitution. He actually becomes the reconstituting element for God’s people, that element which causes them to be reconstituted. Nothing of what we are, what we have, or what we can do is worthy of remembrance. Only the Christ who has become our constitution is worthy to be an eternal memorial.

If we are right with the Lord day by day and eat Him consistently, we shall have much to say about Him in eternity. Whatever we enjoy of Christ in the church today will become an eternal memorial. This memorial will be preserved in the presence of God, even in His very being.

What we shall recall concerning Christ in eternity will have two aspects, the aspect of the enjoyment of Christ as our reconstituting element and the aspect of Christ as the supply to make us God’s dwelling place in the universe. These two aspects are clearly related to our experience in the Lord’s recovery today. By taking Christ as our life supply, meeting after meeting we are enjoying Christ as our constituent, and we are building up God’s dwelling place. These aspects of our experience of Christ will become a memorial in eternity. We shall remember how we enjoyed Christ and how we took Him as our supply to become God’s dwelling place. This is manna preserved as a memorial before God.

The Holy of Holies was in the tabernacle, and the tabernacle was surrounded by the fence of the outer court. Within the outer court was the tabernacle, within the tabernacle was the Holy of Holies, within the Holy of Holies was the Ark, within the Ark was the pot, and within the golden pot was an omer of manna. Apparently the Ark was the focal point of the tabernacle.

Actually, the manna was the central point. It was hidden under five layers of coverings. The actual focal point, therefore, was the manna in the golden pot.

What is the focal point of our Christian life? Just as the manna in the golden pot was the focal point of God’s dwelling place, so Christ as the manna eaten by us should be the focal point of our being. The tabernacle was God’s dwelling place in the Old Testament, and we are God’s dwelling place today.

From the standpoint of experience, we may consider ourselves as identical to the tabernacle, for the tabernacle was God’s building, and we are also His building. The church is God’s tabernacle today. We are corporately identical to the tabernacle because we are part of the church. As part of the church, the focal point of our being should be manna. To describe this manna in a fuller way, we may say that this manna is the Christ we have eaten, digested, and assimilated. Hence, the focal point of God’s building today is the Christ eaten, digested, and assimilated by His people.

This is the end of Today’s Morning Revival