2024 DECEMBER SEMIANNUAL TRAINING

WEEK 16

DAY 6

Morning Nourishment

Revelations 22 14

Blessed are those who wash their robes that they may have right to the tree of life and may enter by the gates into the city.

First Corinthians 11 26

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you declare the Lord’s death until He comes.

Matthew 26 29

I shall by no means drink of this product of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in the kingdom of My Father.

The blood brings us into the Holy of Holies; that is, it brings us into God. When the high priest entered into the Holy of Holies, it was not his purpose to observe the law. On the contrary, because of the blood sprinkled in the Holy of Holies, he could enjoy God, behold His beauty, and receive His infusion. Enjoying God in this way is what produces a man of God.

In Revelation 7 those who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb are before the throne of God, in the temple of God, and are brought to springs of waters of life. Through the washing of the blood, we have the right to come to the tree of life and enter into the city, New Jerusalem. The tree of life and the city are the ultimate aspects of God as our portion. If we view the Bible as a whole, we shall see that the blood of the covenant brings us into the full enjoyment of God as our portion both now and forever.

Today's Reading

At the Lord’s supper we not only remember the Lord but also declare His death until He comes. Whenever we eat the bread and drink the cup, we simultaneously remember the Lord and display His redeeming and life releasing death. The word declare in First Corinthians 11 26 means proclaim, announce, or display. While we are remembering the Lord, we display His death. In fact, we remember the Lord Himself by declaring and displaying His death to the entire universe: to the demons, to the angels, and to human beings. When we remember the Lord, the bread and the cup are displayed separately on the table. The bread refers to the Lord’s body, and the cup refers to His blood; the separation of the body and the blood signifies death. With this display of death, we proclaim and announce Christ’s all inclusive termination of twelve items on the cross: the angelic life, the human life, Satan, the kingdom of Satan, sin, sins, the world, death, the flesh, the old man, self, and all creation.

We are to declare the Lord’s death until He comes. This shows that when we break bread to remember the Lord and to display His death, we are also waiting for His coming. We should display the Lord’s death and thus remember Him in the spirit and atmosphere of waiting for His coming. We have a glorious hope: one day Christ will return and change our body. When our body of humiliation is transfigured into the body of His glory at His coming, our redemption will be complete.

After His death He went away to receive the kingdom, and He will come again with the kingdom. The period between His first and second comings is the church age. The church thus bridges the gap between the Lord’s first coming and His second coming and connects His death in the past with God’s kingdom in the future. Hence, to declare the Lord’s death until He comes may imply the declaring of the existence of the church for the bringing in of the kingdom. When we eat the Lord’s supper in this way, with a view to a continual remembrance of Him in His first and second comings, that supper becomes a satisfaction to Him in relation to the kingdom, God’s administration.

This is the end of Today’s Morning Revival