2024 DECEMBER SEMIANNUAL TRAINING

WEEK 23

DAY 6

Morning Nourishment

First John 1 7

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from every sin.

Ephesians 5 9

For the fruit of the light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth.

It is rather difficult to point out the difference between truth and light. In our experience we may often realize God as truth to us, as our reality. But sometimes when we get into God’s presence, we sense that we are in the light. At such times, we are not only experiencing reality, but we are in the very light itself. Thus, the experience of light is deeper than the experience of truth. We should not simply be according to reality and by grace but in love and under light. Walking in love and in light is deeper and more tender than living according to reality and by grace.

After commanding us to walk as children of light, Paul inserts a parenthetical statement in Ephesians 5 9, regarding the fruit of the light. Goodness is the nature of the fruit of the light; righteousness is the way or the procedure by which the fruit of the light is produced; and the truth is the reality, the real expression of the fruit of the light. This expression is God Himself. The fruit of the light must be good in nature, righteous in procedure, and real in expression, that God may be expressed as the reality of our daily walk.

Today's Reading

It is significant that in speaking of the fruit of the light, Paul mentions only three things: goodness, righteousness, and truth. The reason is that the fruit of the light in goodness, righteousness, and truth is related to the Triune God.

Goodness refers to the nature of the fruit of light. The Lord Jesus once indicated that the only One who is good is God Himself. Hence, goodness here denotes God the Father. God the Father as goodness is the nature of the fruit of the light. Notice that here Paul speaks not of the work of the light or of the conduct of the light but of the fruit of the light. Fruit is a matter of life with its nature. The nature of the fruit of the light is God the Father.

Righteousness is the procedure by which the fruit of the light is produced. In the Godhead, the Son, Christ, is our righteousness. He came to earth to produce certain things according to God’s procedure, which is always righteous. Righteousness is God’s way, God’s procedure. Christ came to accomplish God’s purpose according to His righteous procedure. Therefore, the second aspect of the fruit of the light refers to God the Son.

The truth is the expression of the fruit of the light. This fruit must be real; that is, it must be the expression of God, the shining of the hidden light. No doubt, this truth refers to the Spirit of reality, the third of the Triune God. Therefore, the Father as the goodness, the Son as the righteousness, and the Spirit as the truth, the reality, are all related to the fruit of the light.

Ephesians 5 9 is the definition of walking as children of light. If we walk as the children of light, we will bear the fruit described in verse 9. The fruit we bear by walking as the children of the light must be in goodness, in righteousness, and in truth. The proof that we are walking as children of light is seen in the bearing of such fruit.

The divine light is the nature of God’s expression. Thus, it is an expressive attribute of God. Revelation 21 23 says, The city has no need of the sun or of the moon that they should shine in it, for the glory of God illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb. In the millennium the light of the sun and the moon will be intensified. But in the New Jerusalem in the new heaven and new earth there will be no need of the sun nor of the moon. The sun and the moon will be in the new heaven and new earth, but they will not be needed in the New Jerusalem, for God, the divine light, will shine much more brightly.

This is the end of Today’s Morning Revival