

**CRUCIAL ASPECTS OF GOD'S ECONOMY
PORTRAYED IN EXODUS (3)—REVELATION**

Message Six

**How the Old Testament Seekers of God
Enjoyed His Word**

Scripture Reading: Psa. 119:1-2, 11, 13-18, 24, 30-32, 36,40, 42-45, 47-48, 52, 54, 58, 66, 72, 80, 88, 95, 103, 112, 132, 135, 147, 162, 168; 2 Cor. 3:6, 15-16; Matt. 15:8; Gal. 6:12-13; Num. 6:24-26; 2 Cor. 4:6; 2 Tim. 3:16; 1 Pet. 2:2-3; Col. 3:16

- I. We must see that God's intention in the book of Exodus was to bring His people into the enjoyment of Himself by bringing them to the Mount of God that they could receive His word.**
- II. There are two kinds of people dealing with the law—the loving seekers of God and the letter-keepers of the law—cf. Gen. 2:9; 2 Cor. 3:6, 15-16:**
 - A. The loving seekers of God are those like the psalmists who loved God (Psa. 18:1; 73:25; 116:1), sought God (42:1-2; 43:4; 119:2, 10), dwelt with God (27:4; 84:1-7; 90:1), beheld His beauty (27:4), were infused with the riches of God (52:8; 92:13-14, 10), enjoyed the riches of His life (36:8-9), were supplied with God to keep His word (119:57), treasured the law of God (119:14, 72, 127), tasted the sweetness of the law (119:103), and hoped in the Word of God and dwelt on it (119:147-148).
 - B. The letter-keepers of the law are those like the legal and dogmatic Judaizers, who did not have a heart for God but for the killing letter of the law, and who sought the law apart from God—Matt. 15:8; Gal. 6:12-13.
 - C. The principle is the same whether in the Old Testament or the New Testament: the true worshippers are those who love the Lord, seek Him with their whole heart, dwell with Him, enjoy His riches and are infused with Him to live out God and thereby become persons according to what God is, corresponding to and reflecting what God is.
 - D. If we see this principle, we will never seek the knowledge of the Scriptures apart from Christ, but will pray-read the Word, that we may be in contact with the Lord as we read the Word—John 5:39-40.
- III. We need to follow the pattern of the God-seeking psalmists who enjoyed God's law as His living word, so that God's word may also become a continual source of life supply and nourishment to us—Psa. 119:2:**
 - A. We need to seek God with all our heart, loving God's name and remembering it—Psa. 119:2, 132, 55.
 - B. We need to seek God's favor by entreating His countenance and asking for His face to shine upon us so that we may walk in His presence—vv. 58, 135, 168; Num. 6:24-26; 2 Cor. 4:6.
 - C. We need to consider God's law to be His word, which is sweeter than honey to our mouth, more precious than fine gold, and a lamp to our feet and a light to our path—Psa. 119:13, 17-18, 72, 88; 2 Tim. 3:16; cf. Matt. 4:4; Psa. 119:103, 127, 105.
 - D. Many different verbs were used to express the attitude of the God-seekers towards God's law as God's testimony and God's word:

1. *Believing it and choosing it*—we must believe in its genuineness, accuracy, authority and power and we all need to make a strong decision in favor of God's word—Psa. 119:66, 30.
 2. *Lifting up our hands unto it and loving it*—we need to receive it warmly and in love—vv. 47-48.
 3. *Delighting in it and tasting it*—daily we need to take time to delight ourselves in God's word, receiving it as nourishment and enjoying its sweet taste—vv. 24, 103; cf. 1 Pet. 2:2-3.
 4. *Rejoicing in it and singing of it*—we need to rejoice in the Lord and His word, making a joyful noise and learning to sing the words of the Bible—Psa. 119:54, 162, cf. Psa. 100:1; Col. 3:16.
 5. *Having a sound heart in it and inclining our heart unto it*—we need to be healed of all spiritual disease so that our heart may be pure, sound and healthy toward the word—Psa. 119:80, 36, 112.
 6. *Seeking it, longing for it, and hoping in it with prayer and trusting in it*—vv. 45, 40, 43, 147, 42.
 7. *Musing upon it, considering it, and remembering it*—we need to muse on God's word, as a cow “chews the cud,” by prayer, speaking to ourselves and praising God to enjoy God's word as His breath and receive spiritual nourishment—vv. 15, 95, 52.
 8. *Walking in it and running the way of it*—v. 1, 32; cf. 2 John 4.
- E. Those who seek the Lord and become one with Him by enjoying His Word, will automatically have a life that corresponds to the law, as God's testimony, for they will be infused with the Lawgiver.

IV. The highest profession on earth is to spend time being infused with God that we may shine forth God; this accomplishes the eternal economy of God to work Himself into man that He may have His testimony, His enlarged and expanded expression.

Focus:

We need to enjoy God's Word according to the pattern of the God-seeking psalmist that it may become a continual source of life supply to us so that we may be infused with God and live a life that corresponds to the law as His testimony.