

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

Message Seven

**The Function and Blessing of God's Word
to His Loving Seekers**

Scripture Reading: 2 Tim. 3:16; Matt. 4:4; Luke 10:39; Matt. 5:3; Isa. 66:1-2; Luke 24:45; Eph. 6:17-18; Col. 3:16; Psa. 119; 1:2-3; 73:26; 80:3; 24:6; 105:4; 2 Cor. 4:6; 3:16, 18

I. If we would enjoy the positive function of God's law as His living word, we need to be God's loving seekers, who open ourselves fully to the Lord and contact God Himself—Psa. 119:2; cf. John 5:39-40:

- A. We need to regard God's law as His breath; just as it is not possible to separate the breath of a living person from the person himself, so we should not separate the Word of God from God Himself—2 Tim. 3:16; Matt. 4:4; cf. Luke 10:39.
- B. We need to deal with our heart, turning to the Lord absolutely with our whole heart and dealing with anything negative that causes separation between us and the Lord—2 Cor. 3:16-17; Matt. 5:8; cf. 13:1-23.
- C. We need to humble ourselves before the Lord and ask Him for His mercy; if we have such a humble attitude, not trusting in ourselves, the Bible becomes a realm of light to us and we are enlightened—Matt. 5:3; Isa. 66:1-2; Isa. 50:10-11.
- D. We need to read the Word not only with our understanding mind but receive the Word by exercising our spirit in order to contact the Lord through pray-reading, sing-reading and psalm-reading—which includes musing upon the Word—Luke 24:45; Eph. 6:17-18; Col. 3:16; Psa. 119:15.

II. Through the function of the Word of God, God's loving seekers experience and enjoy the functions and blessings of the Word:

- A. The blessing of light becoming life—Psa. 119:130, 25; 50; 1:2-3:
 - 1. A great principle in the Bible is that light and life always go together; where light is, there is life—36:9; John 1:4; 8:12.
 - 2. The Bible reveals that life comes from the shining of light and that the amount of life is in direct proportion to the amount of light—2 Cor. 4:6; cf. Gen. 1:3-25.
 - 3. The Word of God gives us light, and then it enlivens us, giving us life—Psa. 119:25, 50, 107, 154.
- B. The blessing of being watered and of absorbing God—Psa. 1:2-3:
 - 1. As believers in Christ, we are living plants rooted in Christ, and now through our roots we are absorbing the riches of the processed and consummated Triune God into our being—1 Cor. 3:9; Col. 2:7a, 19.
 - 2. If we contact the Lord and spend time in the Word with much prayer, we will absorb God into us to be the element that causes us to grow.
 - 3. If we would absorb God, we need to have tender, new roots; therefore, we should not let ourselves get old but be fresh, revived, and renewed day by day—2 Cor. 4:16; Lam. 3:22-23.
- C. The blessing of inhaling God—2 Tim. 3:16a:
 - 1. The Bible is not only the breathing out of God but is God Himself breathed into His word.
 - 2. God has breathed Himself out in the Scriptures, and thus our reading of the Scriptures should be the receiving of God's breath.
- D. The blessing of enjoying God as our portion—Psa. 119:57a; 73:26:

1. The highest blessing is the enjoyment of God Himself as our portion—2 Cor. 13:14; cf. Num. 6:22-27.
 2. God can be our portion because in the Word, by the Word, and through the Word He is real, present, practical, enjoyable, and available to us—Psa. 119:103; 34:8.
- E. The blessing of enjoying God's countenance and the shining of His face—Psa. 119:58a, 135a; 80:3; 24:6; 105:4; 2 Cor. 4:6; 3:16, 18:
1. As seekers of God, the psalmists lovingly sought God in a deeply personal and intimate way, seeking the help of His countenance and asking for the shining of His face—Psa. 42:5; 80:3.
 2. If we are faithful in contacting the Lord through the Word, we will experience the shining of His face—2 Cor. 4:6; 3:16, 18.
 3. Our desire should be, through the Word, to remain under this pleasant, delightful shining, staying with God, being infused with God, and glowing with God—Exo. 34:29; 2 Cor. 3:18.

Focus:

As God's loving seekers, we should come to the Lord Himself in His word, humbling ourselves before Him, dealing with our heart and exercising our spirit to contact the Lord so that we may enjoy the positive functions and blessings from God's living word.