

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

*Special Fellowship*

**The Lord's Recovery**

Scripture Reading: 1 John 1:1; 2:24; Col. 1:18-19; 1 Cor. 1:2; Col. 1:12; 1 Cor. 12:12; John 17:21, 23; Eph. 4:4; Rom. 12:4-5; Eph. 4:11-16; Matt. 26:7; Col. 3:16

- I. The word *recovery* means that something was there originally and then was lost; thus, there is a need to bring that thing back to its original state—Dan. 1:1-2; Ezra 1:3-11; 6:3-5:**
  - A. *Recovery* means the restoration or return to a normal condition after a damage or loss has been incurred—1 John 1:1; 2:24; cf. Matt. 19:8.
  - B. After Satan's destroying work, God came in to redo the things that He had done before, that is, to bring back whatever has been lost and destroyed by God's enemy, Satan—cf. Gen 1:2-3.
  - C. Because the church has become degraded through the many centuries of its history, it needs to be restored according to God's original intention and standard as revealed in the Scriptures—cf. 2 Kings 22:8; Ezra 1:3-11; Neh. 2:11; Matt. 16:18; 2 Tim. 2:20; Rev. 18:4.
- II. The Lord's recovery is the recovery of Christ as our all in all—as the preeminent One, as everything to the believers, as our divine provision, and as everything to the church—Col. 1:18-19; 1 Cor. 1:2; Col. 1:12; 1 Cor. 12:12.**
- III. The Lord's recovery is the recovery of the oneness of the Body of Christ:**
  - A. The oneness of the Lord's aspiration and prayer is the oneness of the Body, which is the enlarged oneness of the Divine Trinity—John 17:11b, 21; Eph. 4:4; Rom. 12:4-5:
  - B. The practice of this oneness is the one accord—Matt. 18:19; Eph. 4:1-4; Acts 1:14; Phil. 1:27; 2:2; 4:2; 1 Cor. 1:10.
  - C. The practice of this oneness is on the unique ground of the locality in which a local church is established and exists—Acts 8:1; 13:1; Rev. 1:11; Acts 14:23; cf. Titus 1:5.
- IV. The Lord's recovery is the recovery of the function of all the members of the Body of Christ:**
  - A. The gifts, the gifted persons, perfect the saints to do what they do for the organic building up of the Body of Christ—Eph. 4:11-16; Acts 20:20, 31:
  - B. The saints who are willing and ready to be perfected will be the overcomers who constitute the bride of Christ to end this age and usher in the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ—Rev. 11:15; 17:14; 19:7-9.
- V. The future of the Lord's move and the spreading of the recovery is altogether dependent on the next generation; the Lord needs young people for the future of His recovery:**
  - A. We can say that virtually everyone used by God to begin a new thing or chosen by God to turn the age, was a young man; if you see this, you will treasure the young people before God.
  - B. With the exception of Joshua and Caleb, those who were qualified and ready to take possession of the good land were younger ones; they were of the second generation—Deut. 1:35-36; 11:2-7; Num. 14:29-31:

1. The second generation did not pass through as much as the first generation did, but they received the benefit of what the first generation experienced.
  2. What the older ones experienced was very effective in building up the younger ones; therefore, God could prepare from the second generation more than six hundred thousand men with a rich inheritance and strong background who were qualified to be formed into an army to fight with Him and for Him.
  3. The principle is the same with us in the Lord's recovery today; these things are being passed on to the younger ones in the Lord's recovery and will be very effective in building them up and preparing them to fight with God and for God.
- C. There must be a group of young people who are saved to receive proper spiritual help today, so they can gain the experience and be used by the Lord in the future; if there are no young people gained by the Lord today, after our departure there will be no one to succeed us; then there will be a gap.

**VI. The Lord's recovery is spreading, and will spread at a good pace; there will be churches in all the major cities and in all the leading countries on earth; if during the coming years many young people are perfected, the Lord's recovery will spread at a rapid speed:**

- A. We must pursue and grow in our spiritual life, earnestly maintaining a living fellowship with the Lord, fully consecrating ourselves to Him and having proper dealings with Him; to be the Lord's overcomers we must love the Lord and grasp the opportunity to love Him—Matt. 26:6-13.
- B. We must be equipped in the truth; we need to read and get the word into us, and get ourselves into the word so that we may be mingled with the word—Col. 3:16; Psa. 119:11.
- C. We need to build up a good character; we need to exercise ourselves to build up a character that is useful to the Lord—Phil. 4:8, 13.
- D. We need to receive a higher education; all the young people must get a college degree, study more diligently than the secular students, get the highest grades, and go on for advanced degrees.

**Focus:**

*We need a vision of what the Lord's recovery is. The Lord's recovery is first to recover Christ as everything to the believers. It is also to recover the oneness of the Body of Christ, and to recover the organic function of every member of the Body. The young people must see that their responsibility is great in the future of the Lord's recovery.*