

THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS

Message Eight

**Knowing the Age We Are in  
and the Lord's Need for His Testimony  
and Having an Upper Room Consecration to Turn the Age**

Scripture Reading: Rom. 13:11-12; Rev. 22:12, 20; Matt. 24:37-39; 2 Tim. 3:1-3; Matt. 21:19; 24:32; 2 Pet. 1:12; Eph. 2:21-22; Phil. 2:12, 15-16; Rev. 22:1; 11:15; Matt. 24:14; 28:19-20; 1 Tim. 4:12; 2 Tim. 2:2, 21; Acts 26:19; Acts 1:13-14, 8; 20:24; Rev. 3:18

**I. We all need to know what age we are in, what the present revelation is from God, where we should be, what we should do, and what flow we should enter into; time is short, and the day of the Lord's second coming is approaching—Rom. 13:11-12; Rev. 22:12, 20; Matt. 24:37-39; 2 Tim. 3:1-3:**

- A. We all need to know what age this is; the Lord is right before us; look at the world situation, the condition in Israel, and the situation in the Middle East—cf. Dan. 2:28:
  - 1. The fig tree is a symbol of the nation of Israel and was cursed by the Lord—Matt. 21:19; cf. Jer. 24:2, 5, 8:
    - a. In 1948, the nation of Israel was reformed; that was the nation of Israel becoming tender, coming back to life—Matt. 24:32.
    - b. When the Jews regained Jerusalem in 1967, that was the fig tree putting forth its leaves—v. 32; cf. Luke 21:20, 24.
    - c. One of the final signs that will take place will be the rebuilding of the temple; according to recent news reports, some of the Jews are preparing for the rebuilding of the temple with all its services—cf. Dan. 9:27.
  - 2. The temple of God will be rebuilt before the Lord comes back—cf. Matt. 24:15; 2 Thes. 2:4.
- B. Our burden is to see the Lord's present revelation and what He wants us to be; the Lord's present revelation is concerning the recovery of the proper church life—2 Pet. 1:12; Eph. 2:21-22.
- C. In order to be saved from eternal perdition, there is no need for us to do anything except to believe in the Lord; however, in order to be saved from the evil generation, we need to build up the ark—Phil. 2:12; Rev. 22:1; 11:15; Phil. 2:15-16.

**II. If the Lord delays His coming back for five, ten, fifteen, or twenty years and He wants to accomplish something, the commission will have to be entrusted to the young people—Matt. 24:14; 28:19-20:**

- A. The future of the Lord's move and the spreading of the recovery is altogether dependent on the next generation; the Lord needs children and young people for the future of His recovery—1 Tim. 4:12; 2 Tim. 2:2, 21.
- B. Our commission is according to our vision; what we are going to do for the Lord must be according to what we have seen of the Lord; the vision creates the commission—Acts 26:19.
- C. You are going to bring Christ to people, and this commission depends on your seeing; because you have experienced the Lord and seen Him, you have something within you energizing and operating to impel you to serve the Lord in ministering Him to others—v. 19.

**III. If we would be in the continuation of the book of Acts, we need to continue to live in the divine history by having an upper-room consecration—Acts 1:13-14:**

- A. At the seashore Peter gave up his job to follow the Lord Jesus, but in the upper room he gave up much more—vv. 13-14; cf. Matt. 4:18-20:

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1. He stood with the heavenly vision to give up the religion of his forefathers.
  2. He gave up his country, his relationship with his neighbors and friends, and his relatives, and he was willing to risk his life.
- B. The kind of consecration that we need today is an upper-room consecration, a consecration in which we pay the price to have our whole being “married” to the heavenly vision—Acts 26:19; 1:8; cf. 20:24.
- C. If we pay the price for the heavenly vision, we will “burn the bridges behind us” and will have no way to go backward.
- D. Whether we have seen the heavenly vision or not depends on whether we are willing to pay the price to buy the anointing Spirit as the eyesalve—Rev. 3:18.
- E. To take the way of the Lord's recovery is not cheap; this way is expensive and requires a costly consecration.
- F. The one hundred twenty in the upper room all became a burnt offering; they were burning for the Lord in spirit, and they burned others with the divine fire of the divine life—cf. Luke 12:49-50; Acts 2:3-4; Rom. 12:11.
- G. When the Lord Jesus was on the earth, great crowds followed Him, but they did not afford Him anything for His move; His move was with those in the upper room, with those whose eyes had been opened and whose hearts had been touched—Acts 17:6b.
- H. It is a small number who will turn the world and change the age; if we would be in the upper room, we need to pray in a specific way and say, “Lord, I am willing to be in the upper room for the recovery of Your testimony.”

**FOCUS:** *We all need to see the age we live in and the urgency of the situation for a testimony in Europe. From the view of prophecy and of the Lord's recovery, nearly everything is ready for the Lord's coming except for the testimony of Jesus in Europe, which needs many young people to rise up and consecrate themselves in a particular way—a consecration that will match the age we live in—an upper room consecration to leave everything behind and bring the Lord back.*