

## A TIMELY WORD CONCERNING THE WORLD SITUATION AND THE LORD'S RECOVERY

### #3: The Universal History according to God's Economy —the Divine History within the Human History (8/3-9)

#### OL Summary:

**I.** In this universe there are two histories: the history of man, the human history, and the history of God, the divine history; the former is like an outward shell, and the latter, like the kernel within the shell: **A.** We need to have a clear view of the divine history within the human history: The history of man, the history of the world, the physical, human history, is outward; the divine history, the history of God with man and in man, is inward; it is a matter of the mystery of the Triune God in humanity. /Before Christ's incarnation God moved with men and among men; this was not His direct move to carry out His eternal economy for Christ and the church but His indirect move in His old creation for the preparation of His direct move in His new creation for His eternal economy. /God's history is of two portions—the history of God with man, found in the Old Testament, and the history of God in man, found in the New Testament. /God's history in man began with the incarnation and continued with His processes of incarnation, human living, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension; Hosea 11:4 says that these are the cords of a man, the bands of love. /The divine history, the history of God in man, was from Christ's incarnation through His ascension to become the life-giving Spirit and then continues with His indwelling us through God's organic salvation of regeneration, sanctification, renewing, transformation, conformation, and glorification to make us the glorious bride of Christ. /This culminates in Christ as the Spirit, the processed and consummated Triune God, marrying the church as the bride, the processed and transformed tripartite man. /At the time of the Lord's coming back, there will be a meeting of two figures—Antichrist, a figure in the outward, human history, and Christ, the Figure in the intrinsic, divine history. /Christ will come back, descending with His overcomers as His army, to defeat Antichrist and his army. /After the Figure in the divine history defeats the figure in the human history, the thousand-year kingdom will come, and this kingdom will consummate in the New Jerusalem—the ultimate and consummate step of the divine history. **B.** We need to consider whether we are living merely in the human history or living also in the divine history: We all were born in the human history, but we have been reborn, regenerated, in the divine history. /If our living is in the world, we are living merely in the outward, human history. /If our living is in the church, we are living in the inward, divine history. /As the enlargement of the manifestation of Christ, the church is part of the divine history within the outward, human history. /In the church life God's history is our history; God and we have one history, the divine history; our God has a marvelous history that includes us; God's history has become our history because He is in union with us. /Whatever God has done, whatever He is doing, and whatever He will do in His history are all for our Christian life and church life. **C.** "Our living, our daily walk, our schooling, our job, and our business must be a part of God's history in

His marvelous and excellent move on the earth today...We need to be one with God in His history, moving and energizing in His loving overcomers; that is, we need to be one with God in life, in living, and in our entire doing today on this earth! We need to write God's today's history!"

**II.** In the divine history what is being recovered today is God's economy, which is focused on the central work of God—to work Himself in Christ into His chosen and redeemed people, making Himself one with them for His expression: **A.** God's ultimate move in His recovery to carry out His economy is to work Himself—the Father, the Son, and the Spirit—into us and to become our life so that we may live Him out and express Him as His Body, the church. **B.** God's economy is to make Christ everything, to make Christ the centrality and the universality, for the producing of God's increase, His enlargement, which is the church; the increase, the enlargement, of God is the fullness of God for His expression. **C.** In His economy God wants to work Himself into man to be one with us, to be our life, life supply, and everything, and to have us as His expression; thus, God's intention in His economy is to have a corporate entity, composed of God and man, to be His expression for eternity. **D.** According to His economy, God will rule over the world, produce a situation for Israel to be His elect, gain the church as His mysterious people, and have the nations to be the peoples in the eternal kingdom of God; if we see this, we will know where we are, and we will know the meaning of our human life. **E.** We need to have a clear vision of God's economy and be governed, controlled, directed, preserved, and protected by this vision; today in the Lord's recovery we must be strong and unshakable in the vision of God's economy. **F.** God's ultimate move is to have Christ, the mystery of God, enter into us as our life so that we may become His living members and form His Body, which is the fullness of the One who fills all in all: Those who live Christ, who live in the spirit, are the actual Body of Christ corporately; they are also the one new man in actuality, a new creation with a new living to express the Triune God. /Eventually, the Body life will reach the reality of Romans 12, and this will be the preparation of the bride for the Lord's coming back. /"Be burdened with God's ultimate move. Then you will see God's oneness with you, and there will be no problem with your living". /"Rise up and stand for the Lord's recovery. This is the ultimate time for God to accomplish His purpose to bring the Lord back".

#### Church announcement and fellowship:

- ①** The Blending Meeting on the Net of the Responsible ones and the serving ones: 8/8 (Sat.) 10:00-12:00 @ Uozaki.  
**1<sup>st</sup> half:** "For the building of the Body of Christ, there is a need for the sisters to be perfected and to function proactively."  
**2<sup>nd</sup> half:** The fellowship on the Autumn Special Conference from Brother Hirono of JGW. The responsible ones and the serving sisters of each district should sanctify their time and participate.
- ②** The framework of gospel preaching and shepherding in church life.  
In order to write the divine history, there is the need to actually go out (including the net) and preach gospel weekly.

**Crucial Point(1): To have a divine history in my life, attend the meetings according to spirit.**

**Joel 1:4** What the cutting locust has left, the swarming locust has eaten; and what the swarming locust has left, the licking locust has eaten; and what the licking locust has left, the consuming locust has eaten. **2:25** And I will restore to you the years That the swarming locust has eaten, The licking locust and the consuming locust and the cutting locust, My great army That I sent among you.

**OL1:** In this universe there are two histories: the history of man, the human history, and the history of God, the divine history; the former is like an outward shell, and the latter, like the kernel within the shell. **OL2:** God's history in man began with the incarnation and continued with His processes of incarnation, human living, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension; Hosea 11:4 says that these are the cords of a man, the bands of love. **Hosea 11:4** I drew them with cords of a man, With bands of love; And I was to them like those Who lift off the yoke on their jaws; And I gently caused them to eat.

In the Minor Prophets the human history is clearly defined and is signified by the four kinds of locusts mentioned in Joel 1:4. The divine history within the human history is also revealed in considerable detail. The divine history, as the divine mystery of the Triune God in humanity, began in eternity past with the eternal God and His eternal economy. It continues with Christ's incarnation; His death, burial, and resurrection for the spreading of God's redemption and salvation to all the nations on earth; His pouring out of the consummated Spirit to produce the church as the corporate expression of the Triune God; His second coming as the Desire of nations and as the Sun of righteousness; His coming with His overcomers as His army to defeat Antichrist and his army; and His reigning in Zion in the thousand-year kingdom. Eventually, the kingdom will consummate in the New Jerusalem in the new heaven and the new earth for eternity. The New Jerusalem will be the ultimate, the consummate, step of God's history.

We need to have a clear view of these two histories—the physical human history and the mysterious divine history—and I hope that we all will have such a view. The history of man, the history of the world, is outward. The divine history, the history of God in and with humanity, is inward. This history is a matter of the divine mystery of the Triune God in humanity.

**Application: to Businessperson, Graduate students**

If your life is all about human history: Studying, Taking exams, Graduating, Working, Getting married, Having children, Buying a house, etc., **it's worthless in a shell-only life.** Because the shell itself has no value. However, if the shell also has a divine kernel inside it,

the shell will be valuable due to the kernel.

**2 Cor.4:6** Because the God who said, Out of darkness blight shall shine, is the One who shined in our hearts to illuminate the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. **7** But we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellency of the power may be of God and not out of us.

Verse 7 FN "**But**": God's shining in our hearts brings into us a treasure, the Christ of glory, who is the embodiment of God to be our life and our everything. But we who contain this treasure are earthen vessels, worthless and fragile. A priceless treasure is contained in worthless vessels! This has made the worthless vessels ministers of the new covenant with a priceless ministry.

To make your life meaningful as a business person or researcher, that is, to have a divine history in your life as a shell **① Come to the meetings of church, ② Live and attend meetings according to the spirit, not the flesh.**

**2 Tim. 3:2** For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boasters, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, **3** Without natural affection, implacable, slanderers, without self-control, savage, not lovers of good, **4** Traitors, reckless, blinded with pride, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, **5** Having an outward form of godliness, though denying its power; from these also turn away.

The church is not the place to meet: self-love, individualism, exaltation, be unthankful, betrayal, loves of pleasure, idolatry, cheating, jealousy, anger, division, secession, vanity, etc. The world is full of such fleshly lusts, but since the church is the kingdom of God, we must not bring them to the meetings of the church. If you attend meetings according to your flesh, you will be bitten by locusts and on the contrary you will be suffering.

For example, you are jealous and angry because the voice of saints' saying amen for another sister are louder than which for you. And not be honest to the servants because of your pride, and complain about that sister for another reason. This proves that you live according to the flesh in the meetings. It is Babylon's principle to mix divine meetings with fleshly lusts. The Recovery Church life of the Lord rejects all these things. May the Lord be merciful to you, the darkness be enlightened, may you confess your sins, and attend the meetings according to spirit! May Lord attract you with cords of a man, the bands of love, even when you are fallen.

**Prayer:** "Lord Jesus, may I have a divine history within my life. To do so, I need to live according to spirit and attend the meetings. I mustn't bring fleshly lusts to divine meetings. That is Babylon's principle. Expose my inner darkness. I repent and confess my sins. Don't make my life be an shell without contents."

**Crucial Point 2: Consecrate our time for the living of the Body of Christ. Then our daily walk, study, work and business will become a part of God's history on earth today**

**Rom. 12:1-2...Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable service.**

**And do not be fashioned according to this age... OL1:** We need to consider whether we are living merely in the human history or living also in the divine history.

**OL2:** Our living, our daily walk, our schooling, our job, and our business must be a part of God's history in His marvelous and excellent move on the earth today...We need to be one with God in His history, moving and energizing in His loving overcomers.

We all were born in the human history, but we have been reborn, regenerated, in the divine history. Now we need to ask ourselves this question: Are we living in the divine history, or are we living merely in the human history? If our living is in the world, we are living in the human history. But if we are living in the church, we are living in the divine history. In the church life God's history is our history. Now two parties—God and we—have one history, the divine history. This is the church life.

With the divine history there is the new creation—the new man with a new heart, a new spirit, a new life, a new nature, a new history, and a new consummation. We praise the Lord.

To be a normal Christian, to be today's overcomers, to answer the Lord's present calling, and to meet the Lord's present need in His recovery, it is altogether not sufficient simply to be a so-called good brother or good sister, attending the church meetings regularly, behaving rightly, and living a life which is somewhat perfect in the eyes of men. We need to be one with God in His history, moving and energizing in His loving overcomers; that is, we need to be one with God in life, in living, and in our entire doing today on this earth! We need to write God's today's history! We need to march on as one with the energizing God! In Him! With Him! By Him! And for Him! We need to be vital, living, and active! We need to be today's Joshuas and Calebs to take possession of the God-promised land for Christ that we may become His possession. We need to be today's Ruths to turn to God's economy, to enter into the land of Immanuel, and to marry ourselves to Christ that we may bring forth Christ to meet the need of men today.

**Application: to new ones, Youth/College students**

In the Lord's recovery, there should be many young people raised up who love the Lord and consecrate themselves to the Lord and the church life. For them, their daily living, study, work and business become a part of the divine history. If you only live a human living, however financially blessed it is, it is just a shell and there is no value. The consecration in Romans 12 is the consecration for the practical church life. To present our bodies

means to present our time practically. God's economy is for you to present time for practicing the life of the Body of Christ, the church life. If you love the world and only live the life of human living, there is no divine history in your daily living.

**Rev. 18:12 Cargo of gold and silver...13 and souls of men.**

**FN "souls of men":** Of the cargo sold by Babylon, the first item is gold and the last is the souls of men. Souls of men refers to men who sell themselves for employment. This depicts not only the coming Babylon but also today's world. People sell their soul, their life, i.e., themselves, to their occupation, neglecting God and their eternal destiny.

For example, do not let your time be taken to internet games and YouTube, etc. too much. Your main thing is to study and to work. And for your main thing to be blessed, you need to practice the life of the Body of Christ. You need to present your body and time. One day is 24 hours and if you spend too much time on internet, you would not have time for study, work and the church life.

With whatever reasons, when you are away from meetings because you are busy with study, club activity, work or relationship at work, please remember that the church life is the God's economy and pray in your spirit and reconsider in the Lord. And pray with your spiritual partner. God's economy is not your effort. You just need to open to the Lord and your partner to enjoy the Lord's grace and work in grace. In the **crystallization study of Jeremiah #8**, brother Ed said that **"the sign that we as God's people should bear is that we rest with God, enjoy God and be filled with God first. Then we work with the One who fills us. Moreover, we not only work with God, but work by being one with God and have God as vitality to work and labor"**.

Never think "it is easy to be the same as the people in the world and it is tough to be different, so let me go along with worldly people". You just need to open your heart and exercise your spirit and receive the Lord's grace and enjoy. Christ you enjoyed became energy and vitality in you and do everything. If you don't enjoy the Lord and do not present your time to the church life, the Body life, you only have human history and no divine history. Such a student life, business life is without Lord's presence and Lord's power, vitality is not with you. Thus, no resisting power against the tide of the world. While you are young, enjoy the Lord with your partner and learn to give your body and time little by little. May the Lord's grace be with your spirit!

**Prayer:** "Oh Lord Jesus, although I am busy with my study and work every day, but without the church life, my life will become meaningless. I redeem time, enjoy the Word, pray, fellowship with the Lord and attend the meetings. I need to write God's today's history. So I give myself for this. May the Lord gain my time. Let me go on by becoming one with God! Amen!"

**Crucial Point(3): Stand up for the recovery of the Lord, and each member functions in the body. This is the final age, and we should achieve the will of God and bring the return of the Lord. Then, there will be no problem with your living.**

**Rev.19:7** Let us rejoice and exult, and let us give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.

**Rom. 12:4-5** For just as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function, so we who are many are one Body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

**OL1:** According to His economy, God will rule over the world, produce a situation for Israel to be His elect, gain the church as His mysterious people, and have the nations to be the peoples in the eternal kingdom of God; if we see this, we will know where we are, and we will know the meaning of our human life. **OL2:** We need to have a clear vision of God's economy and be governed, controlled, directed, preserved, and protected by this vision; today in the Lord's recovery we must be strong and unshakable in the vision of God's economy. **OL3:** Eventually, the Body life will reach the reality of Romans 12, and this will be the preparation of the bride for the Lord's coming back. **OL4:** "Be burdened with God's ultimate move. Then you will see God's oneness with you, and there will be no problem with your living" **OL5:** "Rise up and stand for the Lord's recovery. This is the ultimate time for God to accomplish His purpose to bring the Lord back".

I know what I have seen, I know what I am teaching, and I know what I am ministering to the Lord's people. If we have the vision of God's economy, we shall automatically have only one choice, preference, taste, and ministry. We shall care only for the all-inclusive and all-extensive Christ and for the genuine and proper church life. Today we in the Lord's recovery must be strong and unshakable in the vision of God's economy, God's eternal will.

We must realize our tremendous responsibility.... First, we must preach the gospel properly, adequately, and genuinely. Second, we must teach people the Bible, bringing them to the full knowledge of the truth. We must be a people who really respect and know God's divine Word. Third, we must drop all kinds of religion and practices and come together according to the Bible. We have to be genuine, biblical, bona fide, regenerated, saved, blood-washed Christians coming together to meet in the name of the Lord Jesus according to the Bible, with no organization.

The Lord's recovery is not just a common piece of Christian work. Surely the Lord has shown us something of His ultimate move on this earth. You must bring what you have heard to the Lord and pray. You must fellowship with your wife or husband and with others who are close to you again and again.

### **Application to the serving ones**

Romans chapter 12 first describes dedicating your body to the life of the Body of Christ, that is, dedicating time, and then

each of you is a member in Christ and has various functions. You should exercise your function in the Body of Christ and for the Body of Christ. Each member performs the function of Body, bringing the reality of Romans 12 and preparing for the return of the Lord.

By functioning to build the Body, the most important function is for everyone to prophesy at the meeting of the Church in 1 Corinthians chapter 14. Prophecy is to speak God to people for God. To prophesy, **1** pray-reading, studying, reciting, and prophesying the Words(PSRP), **2** walking according to the spirit in daily life, **3** understand and experience the divine history in human history under the divine light, **4** prepare and summarize the prophecy, **5** speak with immediate inspiration, **6** when we speak the Word of God, we talk about the application of the revelation of the Word to our daily lives, **7** we should speak God's Word so that the listener can be built, encouraged, and get comfort.

Moreover, we are all Gospel priests of the New Testament, so please go out with the brothers and sisters every week for the Gospel and the nourishing of newcomers. Intercession prayer and action are necessary for the Gospel and the nourishing.

Romans chapter 12 states that we should dedicate our body in the positive aspect. In a passive aspect, it warns us not to love the world, and not be fashioned according to this age. **Rom. 12:2** And do not be fashioned according to this age, ... (the mind) **1 John 2:15** Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him;

**Crystallization-Study of Jeremiah and Lamentations #9 OL:** The world is first Egyptian and then Babylonian. / Satan has usurped people so that they care only for their existence, not for God's purpose in their existence. / One aspect of God's purpose in calling us is to use us to bring others out of the usurpation and tyranny of Satan and the world. / The principle of Babylon is mixing the things of man with the Word of God, and the things of the flesh with the things of the Spirit. / King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon burned the house of God in Jerusalem, and he carried away all the vessels in God's house for God's worship and put them in the temple of his idols in Babylon.

If we love this world, our minds will be fashioned according to this age, we will think the same things as the people of the world, start the same path, and ignore the will of God. God will certainly judge Egypt and Babylon. You should now rely on the grace of the Lord and go out of to fulfill the responsibility of His ultimate move on earth.

**Prayer:** "Oh Lord Jesus, I, as a minister, will recover the church life in which everyone functions in the Body in Romans 12 to bring the Lord's return. Therefore, we must not love the world and be fashioned according to this age. May we properly study the Bible, preach the full gospel to people, and bring them to God. I will be burdened with the ultimate move of God. Then God will take care of the needs of my living. Amen!"