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EXCERPT FROM MINISTRY READING (THE KINGDOM CHAPTER 11): FROM A SEED TO A PEARL

These parables of the mysteries of the kingdom show us that the Lord Jesus came as a Sower to sow the seed and that eventually He gained a pearl. The pearl comes out of the seed. Christ is the seed, and the church is the pearl. No wonder the Lord Jesus sold all that He had to buy the pearl! We should not think that we are the seller or the buyer. We are poor and cannot pay; neither do we have anything to sell. The pearl is too precious, and the price is too great. The Lord Jesus paid the price, selling all that He had to buy the church. Acts 20:28 reveals that the Lord Jesus purchased the church with His own blood. He bought the church by paying such a high price. The Lord Jesus sowed Himself as the seed, and eventually He will receive a pearl. What a joy this will be to the Lord!

GROWTH AND TRANSFORMATION

If we examine Matthew 13, we will notice two things. First is growth; the seed needs to grow. As we pointed out previously, Paul planted, Apollos watered, and God caused the growth (1 Cor. 3:6). The second thing is transformation. The pearl is not an item of God's original creation; it is a transformed piece of sand. In itself the sand is not precious, but it is covered and transformed by the secretion of a precious element. Transformation is not self-correction or a mere outward change. It is a metabolic change that results from a new element being added into us. At one time, we were all little rocks. Then the resurrection life of Christ was added to us. Again and again the resurrection element was secreted over us, producing a change in life. This is transformation. In this one chapter of Matthew, we see both growth and transformation. We need to experience growth and transformation day by day. In the next chapter we will see that growth and transformation are always accompanied by the building. Eventually, there are not many pearls but one great pearl. This signifies one entity comprised of many who have been built together into oneness. This is the building. Thus, we have growth, transformation, and building.

With the seed, the wheat, and the meal, there is the possibility for the evil one to damage by bringing in something negative and corrupting. But with the pearl and the treasure, Satan can do nothing. In the parables of the treasure and pearl, Satan is not mentioned. Whenever there is transformation in a church, Satan is finished. Satan can do nothing against the New Jerusalem. At that time, he will be in the lake of fire. The principle is the same today. If the church is transformed, Satan will be jobless. If our growth remains at the stage of the seed, the wheat, or the meal, Satan will have many opportunities to damage and frustrate. However, when we are transformed, Satan will be finished. He will be unable to inject any more leaven. We need growth, and even more, we need transformation.

We are not only wheat and meal; eventually, we become the pearls. First, we are the vegetables; by growth and transformation we become the minerals. According to the revelation of the Bible, the precious stones and pearls are for God's building. The building comes from growth and transformation. For the building, the vegetable life is insufficient—we need the minerals. We need the treasure and the pearl.

Announcement:

1. 2020 June semi annual training is scheduled 6/29-7/8 and it is open for registration. There is no on-site training at Anaheim, CA, instead, it will be held online by video training. Registration due date is 6/15 and you may contact brothers Minjing or Kyle.
2. District prayer meeting on the coming Tuesday 6/2 is scheduled at district prayer meeting on-line locations starting from 8 PM. We encourage the saints to separate time to attend.
3. Corporate pursuing this week: "The Kingdom" messages 13 & 14.
4. From Monday 6/1 we are entering into a new morning revival: The Will of God. For saints who have the standing order, you may pick up your new morning revival from the bookshelf at church meeting hall's main entrance.
5. We will have a corporate on-line Lord's day meeting on LD 6/7.
6. From Phoebe and David Luor, thank you for your supporting and lifting-up prayers - we are most happy to announce that baby Micah Timothy Luor was born Friday night, May 29th, at 7lbs and 5oz and 19 1/2 inches tall! Everyone is healthy and happy and tired. We testify that the Lord is so gracious and has blessed every step leading up to the delivery, clearly showing He is working behind the scenes. May this new birth and addition be part of the divine history further written through our human history!

Prayer Burdens:

2020 June Semi Annual Training -

- A. Pray for more saints to register for the training.
- B. Pray for the release of God's timely word.

College students summer break

- A. Prayer and reading the word with companions.
- B. 3 levels of companionship (younger, peers, older)
- C. Graduating students' transition (jobs, higher education, full-time training)

Sixth graders' salvation and baptism

- A. Pray for the sixth graders' salvation and baptism.
- B. Pray for them to be further ushered into the church life

Meeting Attendance:

Small Groups (5/22~23): --

Lord's Table (5/24): -- (MDC)

Prayer Meeting (5/26): 55

Saints' Overflow from the Memorial Day Conference

Sharing 1: God rules sovereignly over the whole earth so the environment might be fit for His chosen people to get saved. The times have been appointed by God; the boundaries have been drawn by Him. The throne is the center of God's administration and apparently various empires and rulers have been in control of the world affairs, but it is God on the throne ruling, not mortal men. He changes the times and seasons; He deposes kings and causes kings to ascend (Dan 2:21).

God raised the Roman Empire to preach the gospel; Germany to return to the Bible; Great Britain for the teaching of the truths and have the proper meetings. He has raised up the USA for the preparation of the Bride and is preserving America for this. Our God wants to turn the age. Right now we are experiencing "birth pangs" because the greatest delivery on this earth is taking place, the delivery of the One New Man, which is the Bride of Christ. This is God's ultimate move, and we want to be those who participate in this ultimate move. Since the United States has been prepared for the preparation of God's ultimate move, then we must believe that He is in control of everything, especially our currently situation. The church has failed God therefore He is seeking overcomers within the church who will turn the age, be absolute for Him, and pray the prayers to bring Him back to marry His bride. He needs a dispensational instrument who can pray the prayers that will ascend to the throne and bring what has already been decided in the heavens to the earth. The garment of the bride is stitched by the Spirit onto the overcomers. If we aspire to be overcomers, we must allow Him the liberty to stitch Himself into our being.

Sharing 2: The Memorial Day Conference was widely divergent from my expectation. I thought the brothers, with reference to the ongoing pandemic and world's affairs, would analyze when antichrist would appear, when the temple in Israel would be built up, what would happen in the great tribulation, which stage of Revelation we were currently in, and so on and so forth. However, by the Lord's mercy, the brothers in the six messages of this conference did not lead us toward the outward human history that is seen, but toward the inward, mystical divine history. Today, everything God does for the accomplishment of His economy is inward and is not seen. Our views toward the outward world should be governed by the vision that the divine history is within the human history. With such a vision, we need to join ourselves to God's desire through the Word of God and cooperate with the Lord, who is on the throne, through prayers, so that the preparation of the bride will not be obstructed, and that the invisible mystery could be wrought into our being as the reality for God to accomplish it (Rev. 10:7).

Thank the Lord for speaking the timely word to us through the brothers in ministry, bringing us from the outward pandemic situation to His divine economy, making us live not merely in the human history but also the divine history. I was greatly strengthened and reminded by this conference that as the sovereign One, God has the full capacity to carry out what He wants according to the desire of His heart and according to His eternal economy. God on the throne is behind the scene ruling over everyone and everything. Everything concerning the world situation is decided on the throne. Nothing can happen outside the rule of God's throne. Even giving Satan a certain limited time to do something is according to His wisdom and sovereignty to meet some negative need in the fulfillment of His economy. This gave me a clear vision that all things happening today are for one purpose: the fulfillment of God's economy. God needs us to cooperate with Him, answer His call to become an overcomer and a vital person, who is a praying person. For there's no other way to carry out the fulfillment of God's economy than our prayer. May the Lord strengthen us through the sevenfold intensified Spirit into our inner man that we are willing to answer His call, to partake of the divine history, to redeem the time, to become a praying person, to be His overcomer, and to prepare for His return!

RU Graduating Senior Student Testimony 2

There are many many things I could speak regarding my experience in my college years here at Rutgers. The first thing that really pops into my mind is that I wouldn't be where I am today, loving the Lord and seeking His face, if it weren't for the many sweet experiences I've had with the Lord and with the saints, especially the families. God's economy is His household dispensation, so it's quite fitting that it's through the households that the Lord can fully pour out His blessing upon His children, and I'm eternally grateful that I could be one of those recipients. If it weren't for the warm families where I could be nourished, fed, even lovingly rebuked at times, I could easily have been lost to the world or had my fire for the Lord snuffed out. I pray that by His mercy He would grant me such a marriage and family life, a strong unit that the Lord could thoroughly use.

Looking back at the past four years, I can see how much the Lord has lovingly disciplined and cherished me to bring me to this point. Going from living in the Honors College to being in the brothers house and now living at home like the rest of us during this pandemic, if there was only one thing I would point out about what the Lord has done in me, it would be that I'm slowly but surely having my "I" crossed out and having Christ be exalted and uplifted in my being. All I can do is praise Him because He is and I am nothing. Who am I that the Lord would regard me? Yet He chose me to serve Him and live Him out. Nothing is sweeter than this.