

LESSON TWELVE

The Continuation of the Gospel— Helping the New Ones to Preach the Gospel and Be the Lord's Disciples

- I. After a man is saved, the fire of the gospel begins to burn within him; so as soon as he is saved, he should start preaching the gospel immediately—Mark 5:19:**
 - A. Once we are saved, we should report the salvation that we received to our relatives and friends and should witness to them; this is a preaching of the gospel—Mark 5:1-20.
 - B. The examples in the Bible:
 1. Philip's preaching to Nathanael—John 1:43-51
 2. The preaching by the Samaritan woman—John 4:28-30, 39-42.
 3. The preaching by the one from whom a legion of demons came out—Mark 5:1-20
 4. Paul's preaching after his salvation—Acts 9:17-22
- II. If we truly love the Lord, we would seize the opportunity and utilize our one mina to earn ten talents, or at least five—Luke 19:16, 18.**
- III. An evangelist perfects the saints by stirring them up to be burning in the gospel-preaching spirit; an evangelist must have the ability to stir up the saints, to set them on fire for the gospel—Eph. 4:11-12:**
 - A. To perfect the saints in gospel preaching, the first thing the evangelists have to do is to stir them up.
 - B. Then they have to teach the saints with the gospel truths.
 - C. They also need to train the saints how to preach, how to speak, how to contact people, and how to converse with people; the best way to do this is to have vital companions to practice together.
 - D. They also need to equip the saints with the power of the economical Spirit.
 - E. They should also set an example of loving the sinners and praying for them; they must have an overwhelming concern for the salvation of sinners.
- IV. Once a person is saved, he should be one who works; once a person is saved, he should be one who testifies. I do not know whether or not you have seen this. We must lead people to this point that the church is as it should be before God.**
- V. The Acts of the Apostles is a book without an ending because this book is still being continued. Perhaps the acts of the first century apostles have ended, but the book of Acts as a whole has not yet ended. Until now we still have the Acts of the Apostles with us. This book has not yet ended.**

Ministry Excerpts:

“Go to your house, to your own people, and report to them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had mercy on you” (Mark 5:19).

The Lord spoke this word to a man who was set free from being possessed by demons. The Lord wanted him to witness to his own people and report to them the great things He had done for him and how He had mercy on him. Once we are saved, we should report the salvation that we received to our relatives and friends and should witness to them. This is a preaching of the gospel, and it can bring our relatives and friends to salvation. (*Crucial Truths in the Holy Scriptures*, vol. 3, ch. 28)

“The woman left her waterpot and went away into the city, and said to the people, Come, see a man who told me all that I have done. Is this not the Christ?...Many of the Samaritans from that city believed into Him because of the word of the woman who testified, He told me all that I have done.” (John 4:28-29, 39).

The Lord met a Samaritan woman by a well in Sychar. When she realized that the Lord was the Christ, she left her waterpot and went into the city where she lived and testified of the Lord. As a result, many believed in the Lord Jesus because of her testimony. A new believer should witness for the Lord because the witnessing of a newly saved one can easily move people to believe into Him. Therefore, newly saved brothers and sisters should visit their gospel friends. They can witness in a fresh way to the salvation that they received. This can move people to repent and believe in the Lord and help them to know the Lord’s salvation. (Ibid.)

Working after Being Saved

Once a person is saved, he should always consider whom he should bring to salvation. Once a person is saved, he should be one who works; once a person is saved, he should be one who testifies. I do not know whether or not you have seen this. We must lead people to the point that the church is as it should be before God. I want to speak a very frank word. Today in the church the persons are right, but the situation is indeed wrong. The persons belong to God, the persons are right, but the situation is completely wrong. The situation is passive. (*Church Affairs*, ch. 4)