

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—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.*

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Message Eight—Verse Sheet

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**Scripture Reading:**

**Rom. 13:11-12**

- 11 And this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to be raised from sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.  
12 The night is far advanced, and the day has drawn near. Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the weapons of light.

**Rev. 22:12, 20**

- 12 Behold, I come quickly, and My reward is with Me to render to each one as his work is.  
20 He who testifies these things says, Yes, I come quickly. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

**Matt. 24:37-39**

- 37 For just as the days of Noah were, so will the coming of the Son of Man be.  
38 For as they were in those days before the flood, eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day in which Noah entered into the ark,  
39 And they did not know that judgment was coming until the flood came and took all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

**2 Tim. 3:1-3**

- 1 But know this, that in the last days difficult times will come.  
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.

**Matt. 21:19**

And seeing a fig tree on the way, He came to it and found nothing on it except leaves only. And He said to it, May there no longer be fruit from you forever! And the fig tree was instantly dried up.

**Matt. 24:32**

But learn the parable from the fig tree: As soon as its branch has become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that the summer is near.

**2 Pet. 1:12**

Therefore I will be ready always to remind you concerning these things, even though you know them and have been established in the present truth.

**Eph. 2:21-22**

- 21 In whom all the building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord;  
22 In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.

**Phil. 2:12, 15-16**

- 12 So then, my beloved, even as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only but now much rather in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

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- 15 That you may be blameless and guileless, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverted generation, among whom you shine as luminaries in the world,  
16 Holding forth the word of life, so that I may have a boast in the day of Christ that I did not run in vain nor labor in vain.

### **Rev. 22:1**

And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.

### **Rev. 11:15**

And the seventh angel trumpeted; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.

### **Matt. 24:14**

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole inhabited earth for a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

### **Matt. 28:19-20**

- 19 Go therefore and disciple all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,  
20 Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you all the days until the consummation of the age.

### **1 Tim. 4:12**

Let no one despise your youth, but be a pattern to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

### **2 Tim. 2:2, 21**

- 2 And the things which you have heard from me through many witnesses, these commit to faithful men, who will be competent to teach others also.  
21 If therefore anyone cleanses himself from these, he will be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, useful to the master, prepared unto every good work.

### **Acts 26:19**

Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision.

### **Acts 1:13-14, 8**

- 13 And when they entered, they went up to the upper room where they were residing, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the brother of James.  
14 These all continued steadfastly with one accord in prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.  
8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

### **Rev. 3:18**

I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined by fire that you may be rich, and white garments that you may be clothed and that the shame of your nakedness may not be manifested, and eyesalve to anoint your eyes that you may see.

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**Ministry Reading:**

*(The Testimony of Jesus, W. Lee, Ch 3, p. 32)*

<http://www.ministrybooks.org/books.cfm?id=%23%28LEY%0A>

*(The Heavenly Vision, W. Lee, Ch 6, pp. 59-61, 63-64)*

<http://www.ministrybooks.org/books.cfm?id=%22%2BL%20%20%0A>

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Fellowship in your groups how the Lord needs us to know the age that we live and fellowship what He needs to close the age.
2. Discuss the kind of consecrations we have made in the past and fellowship whether this can be considered an upper room consecration or not.
3. Fellowship how the young people in the Lord's recovery can pay the price to be useful in His hand at the end of this age.
4. Spend some time personally with the Lord in a quiet way to offer yourself to Him again.

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### Morning Revival

#### *DAY SIX*

#### **Verses for Pray-reading:**

**Dan. 1:8** But Daniel set his heart not to defile himself with the king's choice provision and with the wine that the king drank, so he requested of the leader of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

**Dan. 6:10** Now when Daniel came to know that the writing had been signed, he went to his house (in his upper room he had windows open toward Jerusalem) and three times daily he knelt on his knees and prayed and gave thanks before his God, because he had always done so previously.

#### **Ministry Reading:**

(*The Men who Turn the Age*, W. Lee, Ch 2, pp. 17-18, 21-24, 27-28)  
<http://www.ministrybooks.org/books.cfm?id=%23%2A%3CA%5F%0A>

#### **Simple Prayers:**

“Lord, make us those who have these characteristics; use us to turn this age!”

“Lord, we give ourselves to you at the end of this week, we pray to be separated from this present evil age and to be in the church life!”

“Lord, be with each one as we travel back to our countries; work out everything we have heard; make it our reality!”