

Life-Study of Exodus Summaries – Messages 67-71

MESSAGE 67 – The Pollution Caused by Man’s Work and the Nakedness Exposed Through Man’s Way

Concerning the **worship of God**, the tendency of the natural man is to use his **own** power and wisdom. Man’s work can do nothing other than **pollute** the worship of God, for man himself is pollution. Because fallen man is pollution in the eyes of God, no work of man is **acceptable** to Him. Exodus 20:26 indicates that man’s **nakedness** is exposed through man’s way; this denotes the **shame** of fallen man. Praise the Lord that we are under **Christ** as our **full covering**. We can boast before God that we are fully covered with Christ! In the worship of God, we must be **identified** with Christ as our sacrifice on the **cross** and be **terminated**. This is the worship God desires, the worship He has ordained, the worship that is acceptable to Him. A true worshipper of God is one who is terminated on the cross with his power and wisdom and who worships God in the virtue of Christ. (Life-Study of Exodus, 67).

MESSAGE 68 – The First Ordinance of the Law Concerning Man’s Relationship with Others

Keeping the ordinances of the law has much to do with taking the form of a **slave**. The only one who can fulfill all the ordinances of the law is one who is willing to be a slave. This **slave spirit** is the spirit of the ordinances in Exodus 21 through 23. To be a slave is to have the spirit of **sacrifice**. The Bible reveals that as believers in Christ, we are not only God’s creatures, but also God’s sons. If we would take Christ as our **pattern**, we must learn to be slaves, those who sacrifice **everything** for others. **Love** is the basis of our continued service. This love demands **sacrifice**; there is no love without sacrifice. Today our position as slaves of Christ should be at the doorpost, with an **ear open** to listen to the Master. If we have the spirit of a slave and the love of a slave, it will be easy for us to **obey**. Praise the Lord. (Life-Study of Exodus, 68).

MESSAGE 69 – Sundry Ordinances of the Law

The ordinances require a man to preserve human life, honor parents, keep marriage pure, to be just, fair, honest, faithful, trustworthy and kind, to care for the needy, nor to be greedy for gain, but to be willing to give, and to be a holy man unto God, submitting to Him and His authority and serving Him through the offerings that he may feast with Him regularly. The **most significant aspect** of the ordinances in these three chapters of Exodus is that in them **Christ is typified** by implication. By keeping the ordinances we become those who are **holy** unto God and **enjoy** Christ. Therefore, the ultimate significance of the ordinances is that we may **enjoy Christ with God**, that we may **feast on Christ with God** and in the **presence** of God. (Life-Study of Exodus, 69).

MESSAGE 70-71 – The Implications, Indications and Significances of the Ordinances of the Law

If we would mine the riches in Exodus 21 through 23, we need to consider the **implications**, **indications**, and **significances** of the ordinances of the law presented here. In these chapters we have, on the **negative** side, Satan, demons, indwelling sin, and outward sins. On the **positive** side, we have God, Christ, and the cross. We also have redemption, forgiveness, justification, and reconciliation implied. First, the altar and sacrifices for the worship of God indicate that in order to worship God fallen man must be redeemed, terminated, and replaced. In these chapters, we can see the **keeping of the feasts** unto God three times a year, which typifies the full enjoyment of the **Triune God** in Christ. First, the feast of unleavened bread which is one with the feast of Passover points to **Christ**. Then second, the feast of harvest, typifies the enjoyment of the firstfruit of the **Spirit of the resurrected Christ**. Then finally, the third feast is the feast of ingathering. This typifies the enjoyment of the fullness of the **Father in Christ**. As the consummation of the harvest, the ingathering is the enjoyment of the fullness of the Godhead, the fullness of the Father in Christ, for **eternity**. (Life-Study of Exodus, 70-71).