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Sunday 1st Message

One Called by God

Heb 5:1-10

Most people are “doers”. You must become a “seer” or someone who has seen. Then God will take the initiative. Since God is all-powerful, he does not need someone who is skilled; rather, he needs someone who is ready to walk with him, becoming one with his will and thoughts. To receive answers like those in the Bible or to receive consistent answers, you must become a “seer”. For those who can view evangelism through biblical eyes, God will go before them and lead the way. Because they are in communion with God, they are ready to follow him, and no matter what happens, do not take glory for themselves.

In this way, once your eyes are opened and you are in tune with God’s thoughts, you can organize the messages you have heard so far and, consequently, predict the sequence of events to come. One might say that your eyes have been opened. Those whose eyes have been opened in this way become one with God. All gaps disappear, and any conflict with God vanishes. God can then carry out his plan with complete peace of mind, because there is no longer any possibility of straying from the path. Nor is there any possibility of seeking glory for oneself.

Therefore, it is important to open one’s eyes. When anyone receives the word God gives through worship, this is what happens. Their eyes are opened, they begin to see, they come to a conclusion, it becomes a covenant, it naturally turns into prayer, and sometimes - most importantly - God even moves them to cry out. An answer will naturally follow, and through that answer, they will confirm and solidify many things.

When the word comes, several important things happen. You see what you need to do. You’ve already reached a conclusion with certainty. This means you’ve arrived at the answer. When this happens, you conquer simply by sitting still. Even though you haven’t gone there yet and haven’t arrived yet, you’ve reached a conclusion by faith. Then, right there and then, you’ve conquered. You simply come to know the future. If you imagine the immediate transformation that took place in Hannah after she received her answer, anyone can understand this. I hope that all of us may continue to live this kind of life.

1. **One Called by God**
    1) As we see in verses 4 through 6, the Lord is our high priest, appointed after the order of Melchizedek. The position of a priest is exceedingly precious. As the chosen ones who offer the blood sacrifice of the covenant on behalf of the people, if there were no priests, the people could not offer sacrifices. Consequently, they could not receive salvation, nor could they confess the blood of the covenant, and thus they would be subjected to Satan’s attacks to the fullest extent. Curses, calamities, and misfortune would never depart, and all human beings on earth would live their lives being beaten to death by Satan before being driven into hell.
    2) The same is true not only of the priesthood but also of the prophetic office. A prophet is one who has been called to the position of receiving God’s word and conveying it to the people. Only those anointed as prophets can receive the word from God. But what would happen if there were no prophets? There would be no word in the world. Then people would live according to what they deemed right in their own eyes. That is the story of the Book of Judges. And those are the Pharisees who, no matter how hard they tried, could not understand Christ and ended up crucifying him. For 400 years, there were no prophets, and no one received the word. Lot might also serve as an important example. Lot never received the word, and there is no record of him ever offering a sacrifice.
    3) The same applies to the kingship. Only when a king stands firmly in the covenant can he block Satan’s work. In the Northern Kingdom of Israel, there was not a single king who upheld the covenant properly. Ultimately, they were taken captive to Assyria and all perished. Samaria was established. In Judah, Kings David, Hezekiah, and Josiah are regarded as righteous kings. They were kings who faithfully upheld the covenant and brought joy to God’s heart. Therefore, the reigns of these kings were marked by a continuous series of miracles. David won every war he

fought. Hezekiah witnessed the miracle of 185,000 Assyrian soldiers being killed in a single night. The Assyrian king returned alone, but even he was stabbed to death by his own two sons while bowing down to his god. King Josiah is often compared to David because he discovered the Book of Law, carried out extensive religious reforms, repaired the temple, and observed the Passover.

4) The king is that important. If the king engages in idolatry, it brings disaster upon the entire nation. It doesn't end with just his own death. That is what a king is. If he is not a proper king, the entire nation will perish. Without a priest, it is impossible to offer a sacrifice, no matter how much one may want to. If a king offers a sacrifice himself because there is no priest, the outcome will be exactly as Samuel foretold when King Saul offered the sacrifice on his own. This is found in 1 Samuel 13:13-14. Because Saul offered the burnt offering himself, he lost his kingdom. He was stripped of his kingship.
5) It is this Christ - the amazing prophet, priest, and king - who has become our Lord today after the order of Melchizedek. He did not become so of his own accord, but through the word of God. Melchizedek was Christ, who appeared to Abraham, and he was God. Because he came in response to God's call, he possesses God's authority, and the full will of God resides within him.
6) We, too, are those who have been called. God called us with a purpose. He called us for a reason. Those who did not know the reason for the Exodus failed to understand God's will and ultimately all perished in the wilderness. I hope for us all to clearly understand the reason why God has called us.

2. Obedience

1) Verse 8: Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; 9: And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him…These are simple words, but they contain an important principle. It says that the Lord, though he was a son, became perfect through obedience. This likely means that it is only by obeying God's word that one becomes perfect.
2) And this means that he becomes the source of eternal salvation for those who obey him. This is such a rightful word. Without obedience, nothing can be accomplished. Human beings must align their desires and motives with God's - and this is obedience. Otherwise, it means living according to one's will, and that cannot produce a masterpiece.
3) The phrase "the meek" refers to those who are well-trained in God's word. Then they will receive the land as their inheritance. What we must do has already been determined. We must devote our lives to bearing witness to this gospel to the ends of the earth. That is the answer to all my problems, the way to conquer my future, and the path to making my life a masterpiece like the Bible.
4) Those who died in the wilderness were people who did not follow God's will. If you don't know what to do, you could simply obey, but that approach isn't sustainable; there needs to be peace, gratitude, and happiness, and that doesn't happen that way.
5) That is why we listen to the word again today. And that is why we follow that word. Then, everyone will encounter God's will, and their desires and reasons will become one with God's. That is WIOS. Today, I hope that by becoming gentle servants of God, all of our lives will become masterpieces, and our families and lineages will all become monuments.