2026-08-02 ICSC Sunday Message

Message Title: The Spiritual Emperor who Saves the World

Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:1-5, 14-17

Introduction

(1) How are we living in this world right now? What do we possess, what do we love, what are we living for, and who are we living with? These are questions we should sincerely ask ourselves.
(2) Why is this so important? Because those of us worshiping together today are God's people who have met God, been delivered from the curse of original sin, and been set free from Satan's hands. In the past, our standard was centered on the physical things, so we lived for ourselves, seeking better things, pursuing success, and striving for our own benefit. But now, we have received new life, belong to a new spiritual background, and are living with a new vision.
(3) We must have an accurate understanding of how the world works. Unlike the past, we now live in an age where our physical lives have become much more comfortable. Science and medicine have advanced rapidly, transportation has developed to the point that we can travel almost anywhere in the world within a day, and human life expectancy has increased significantly, bringing us into what many call the era of the hundred-year lifespan.

1. The People of the World Who Have Fallen into the Genesis 3, 6, and 11 Problem

(1) People of the world say that life has become better and more comfortable, but the Bible tells us that times of suffering and difficulty have come. People try to hide their problems and not let them get exposed, yet the Bible already knows them and has recorded them accurately.
(2) These are the very problems that began from the me-centeredness of Genesis 3; in Genesis 6, a life centered on the material things and the pursuit of pleasure; and in Genesis 11, a life centered on success without God.
(3) Other Bible scriptures describe this state accurately as well. It is clearly written in Ephesians 2:1–3.
(4) There is no one who is an exception. Romans 3:10–23, especially Romans 3:23, is the true condition of all mankind.

(5) No one can deny or reject this fate that has befallen mankind. God did not abandon us; rather, we first turned away from God, rejected His word, and accepted the devil's words. As a result, our identity was changed into children of the devil.
(6) As we grow up living in the world, we are taught at home and at school to live honestly, work diligently, and always do our best. Those who live this way often become elites, and receive the highest respect at school, in the workplace, and in the world. They generally enjoy more wealth than those who do not. Because of this, many people become convinced that they can live ordinary lives without God and that, if they simply work a little harder, they will achieve success and enjoy good results.
(7) However, if our lives are centered on ourselves, on material possessions, or on worldly success, then we have definitely entered the cycle of spiritual problems. Like a squirrel trapped in a spinning wheel, we may strive with all our strength and run towards success, yet we can never escape our fate, the curse of sin, or Satan's grip. We are unable to break free from the nineteen forms of wickedness which are described in today's Bible passage.

2. The Ones Who Have the Answer of Genesis 3:15, 6:14, 12:1-3

(1) Among us, there are many people who live honorable lives and are respected by others, even to the point that they could live without needing the law. There are also admirable religious people whose good deeds positively influence both believers and unbelievers.
(2) When we confirm that we are the ones who possess this clear answer today, God will open a different set of eyes. We will begin to have compassion for those who live only for their own gain, see their spiritual problems, and be able to give them the answer. We will also come to understand those whose lives revolve solely around money and material things. We will be able to enter into their lives, wait for God's time schedule, and share with them the answer to life that they must hear.
(3) For those whose lives have fallen into original sin, God promised to send Christ to this earth as the complete and perfect answer.
(4) People are held captive by Satan, who is invisible to our eyes, and without even realizing it, they live as slaves and servants. The only one who is without sin can only be the one who has come as the offspring of woman.
(5) There was a time when the world was destroyed. It was during the age of Noah. Just as it is today, the world was full of idolatry and wickedness. It had become so great that God decided to bring judgement to the world. In His grief, He chose one man and commanded him to build the ark. The reason the ark had to be built was to provide a way of salvation—for Noah himself, for his descendants, and to preserve life in the world. The ark was the answer that God had given.

(6) As we await the last days which will return again, we must continue the ark movement until the very end. The ark movement for this age is to proclaim Christ Jesus: the true prophet who is the eternal way, the true priest who put an end to curses, and the true king who crushed Satan and destroyed the authority of hell.

(7) We should not merely have Bible studies in the field. Rather, we must have assurance in the blessings of the heavenly throne that God has already granted us, and we must realistically enjoy these blessings through deep breathing and prayer.

(8) When we put these things into practice, change will arise in both our health and our daily lives. We will also confirm answers to our prayers and the fulfillment of God's word taking place.

(9) If you listen to the testimonies of those who have received many answers or whose evangelism is taking place, they all seem to have one thing in common. They say God did it all.

(10) We should not pursue the kind of transcendental meditation the world does for the sake of personal success. Rather, we should live by meditating on God's word in order to save those who have become successful without God. This means developing the habit of writing down the word, thinking about it again, memorizing and reciting the gospel message and the Scripture passage, and continually meditating on and recording it. This is because God works according to His word.

(11) The secret that the spiritual emperors possess is that they enjoy the blessings of the heavenly throne. Then, when God's time schedule comes, they are able to save the field.

(12) God called Abraham and commanded him to go to the land of the covenant because He desired to save those who opposed, denied, and rejected Him. We are the spiritual Abrahams who possess the same covenant.

(13) And through Abraham's descendant Joseph, God allowed him to receive the answer of becoming a spiritual emperor who saved the emperor of the world. This is who we are, and this is who our future generations will be as well.

This is the conclusion.

(1) God has called you and me to be spiritual emperors who will save one region, one age, one nation, and the world. The elites of this world continue to suffer from the fundamental problem of mankind which they could never know, the problems that always come, and the problems which have no answer.

(2) But we are the people who can proclaim Jesus Christ, the complete and eternal answer, to them. You are surely a spiritual emperor, if you know and possess the truth that Jesus is the Christ, something the people of the world do not know.

(3) Now, as you return to the field of your life, may you become witnesses who bring life to many people and save the dying emperors in the field. I bless you in the name of Jesus who is the Christ.