

**Being Laboring Priests of the Gospel of God
by Serving God in Our Spirit in the Gospel of His Son**

- I. A brief history of the revivals in the Lord's Recovery**
- A. Revived with the truth concerning the assurance of salvation
 - B. Set on fire with the overcoming life of Christ
 - C. Recovered to the practicality of the church life bringing all the saints into the building through the service groups.
 - D. Consecrating all that we were and all that we had to the church
 - E. Today we are inheriting all the good points of these four revivals
 - F. Brother Lee's prophecy concerning a final revival – God is waiting for a group of overcomers to live in His Body in resurrection corporately to be the means for Him to usher in His kingdom age
- II. "That I might be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, a laboring priest of the gospel of God, in order that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, having been sanctified in the Holy Spirit." – Rom 15:16**
- A. The carrying out of the New Testament Priesthood of the gospel is the God Ordained Way
 - 1. Paul labored as a priest of the gospel of God to gain Gentiles as an offering presented to God
 - 2. As a pattern, Paul struggled on behalf of the saints that they would advance in Christ by being sanctified, transformed and presenting themselves to God as living sacrifices.
 - 3. The New Testament service ordained by God is that all believers are priests to serve God with the offerings that He desires in three steps
 - a. To offer the newly saved ones to God as spiritual sacrifices – Begetting
 - b. To struggle, as Paul did, for the new believers to grow unto the full knowledge of the mystery of God, Christ. – Cherishing and Nourishing
 - c. To present every man full-grown in Christ – Perfecting and Building
- III. Serving according to the principle of the expiation silver**
- A. "When you take the sum of the children of Israel, according to their numbering, every man shall give a ransom for himself to Jehovah when you number them, that there may be no plague among them when you number them." – Exo 30:12.
 - B. "The rich shall not give more and the poor shall not give less than the half shekel when you give the heave offering of Jehovah to make expiation for your souls." – Exo 30:15
 - C. "So all who were numbered of the children of Israel by their fathers' households, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go forth for military service in Israel, Even all the numbered men were 603,550." – Num 1:45-46
 - D. "And the silver of those who were numbered of the assembly was 100 talents and 1,775 shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary;" – Exo 38:25
 - E. "...the hooks of the pillars and their connecting rods were of silver; and the overlaying of their capitals was of silver; and all the pillars of the court were connected with silver." – 38:17
 - F. "And the 100 talents of silver were for casting the sockets of the sanctuary and the sockets of the veil; 100 sockets for the hundred talents, a talent for a socket." – Exo 38:27

- G. "And when they came to Capernaum, those who take up the temple tax came to Peter and said, Does not your Teacher pay the temple tax? He said, Yes. ...Jesus said to him... But that we do not stumble them, go to the sea and cast a hook, and take the first fish that comes up. And when you open its mouth, you will find a stater; take that and give *it* to them for Me and you" – Matt 17:24-27
- H. The half shekel of silver typifies our highest experience of Christ, of sitting with Him in the heavenlies in ascension.

IV. Laboring together in the practical services for the building of the house of God.

- A. "And Moses said to the children of Israel, See, Jehovah has called by name Bezalel...And He has filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, and with knowledge, and with all kinds of workmanship; ...And He has put in his heart to teach... and every man...shall work according to all that Jehovah has commanded." – Exo 35:30-Ex 36:1
- B. "We should be clear concerning gifts and offices: In terms of gifts there are first apostles, second prophets, and third teachers. In terms of offices there are first apostles, then helps (deacons), and then administrations (elders) (1 Cor 12:28). In a meeting there are only prophets and teachers who release revelation as well as teach to edify and establish those who attend the meeting. In the meetings those who have the function and office of apostles, elders, and deacons are only brothers." – *Crucial Words of Leading in the Lord's Recovery, Book 4: The Increase and Spread of the Church*
- C. "And getting out, He saw a great crowd, and He was moved with compassion... And He ordered them to have all recline by companies on the green grass. And they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. And He took the five loaves and the two fish and, looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke the loaves and gave *them* to the disciples to set before them; and the two fish He divided among all. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve full handbaskets of the broken pieces *of bread* and of the fish. And those who had eaten the loaves were five thousand men." – Mark 6:34-44
- D. "...as the disciples were multiplying *in number*, a murmuring...occurred...in the daily dispensing. And the twelve called the multitude of the disciples to *them* and said, It is not fitting for us to forsake the word of God and serve tables. But brothers, look for seven well-attested men from among you, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint over this need. But we will continue steadfastly in prayer and in the ministry of the word. ...and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit..." – Acts 6:1-8