

# The Heavenly Vision

## Meeting 1

Acts 26:19; Prov. 29:18; Heb. 1:1-2

We give this conference fully to the Lord. I hope we can all see the vision and hear His voice. Brother Jeng sends his greetings to you. He cannot come. He is not here in body but here in spirit. We are here in our body and also in the spirit. Amen! Don't be here in the body only but absent in the spirit.

The topic is not simple. God is living and His people should also be living. Since He is living, our God is a speaking God. He is willing to reveal Himself to His people. If God's people has no vision and they have not seen the heavenly vision and if God has not appeared to you and the Holy Spirit has not spoken to you, that's not good. Why is God's people so presumptuous today? Whatever you want to do you are free to do what you want. If you touch him, there will be a fight. You do your thing, I do my thing. It's as if there is no living God who is controlling. It's as if there is no God. If you read the Bible according to your concept, and I read the Bible and I read as I please, it's no wonder that our situation is such. There is division upon division everything. There is fighting upon fighting. There is no vision. If God's people have no vision, then they become wild. I don't care what you say but do what I please. I don't listen to anybody. What shall we do? The Bible tells us: What happens to a people without a vision? They are cast of restraint. The flesh comes out, there is no restraint. No one can restrain you, even God cannot. If I were like this, then I am a person without any vision. Who can restrain you? Who can restrain your flesh? You can restrain your very strong self? Since many years we have seen a lot in the church. Even if you repeat it 100 times, you're still the same. The saints have seen something. But the vision is not just to see, but to obey. Seeing the vision and yet disobeying it equals not seeing it at all. Children say: Oh, I know, I know. What if you know and yet you don't do it. Go to bed early: I know, but they still play. If you know everything and don't go do it, you disobey what you know. There is no transformation. Let me tell you: There is a kind of people who see absolutely nothing, but there is another kind: They listen here and there and they know. But after they know about they don't act upon it. There is another kind: After they have seen the vision, not only heard about it. Hearing is not enough, you have to see it. Then the vision will control you. The vision will restrain you. A person who sees the vision would not dare to act loosely. If you only know you can be loose. You just heard somebody say it and you read whatever is in the internet. You read some books and say: Oh I got it. This kind of knowledge is of no use and makes people proud. People who see the vision will prostrate themselves before the Lord: Isaiah, Daniel, Paul, John. In the NT age, those who see the vision, are they still the same? What did Paul say? Oh, I saw the heavenly vision! Did he say that? Did he say: I finally saw the heavenly vision! What did he say? I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision. If you

have not seen the vision, one day some people will tell you some kind of mysteries and your opinion will change. You will doubt. Do you think Paul would doubt? Would the Lord Jesus change? What do you keep changing? We have to see the title well. Lord, open the eyes of the heart. May the Father give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation. Let me remind everybody again: If you want the word of God to come upon you and if you want God to speak to you, you must have God's appearing to you. If God does not appear to you, how are you going to hear His speaking? When the Lord Jesus spoke to Paul, He appeared to Paul. Besides, it was not only once. God has to appear to us. Otherwise, where would there be a vision? God's speaking is not sufficient just for someone to stand here and speak. God has to appear to you. You are qualified. Even Ananias was qualified. The Bible mentioned the Ananias once but God appeared to him. You have to be a person with a vision. Many Christians think that God does not speak to me. So I just ask brother Lei. If he is there, everything is okay. Is that the case? God is a speaking God.

In the early days the people fell. There was no way for God to appear to them. If you read all the verses here, you will see that even the priests and prophets were fallen. If you want to prophets to prophesy to you, you have to pay. They start speaking if you give them to eat – but they speak nonsense. In those days God rebuked them. There were all in darkness. Our God is a speaking God, He is willing to appear to us. The first point is: We have to become a people with a vision. I like to ask the saints here: How much do we have of God's speaking and God's appearing to us? Does God speak to you very often? How much time goes by till He speaks a sentence to you. Maybe one week will pass before He speaks a word to you. You have to ask: How often does God appear to you? And when He speaks, do you obey Him? Do you often disobey Him? You disobey once, 5 times, 10 times, would God still speak to you? We are all like this. If you speak once, 10 times, 20 times and everyone doesn't listen to you, would you continue to speak? No, right? Do you think God would continue 1000 times, if you disobey Him daily? Brothers and sisters, if you want to have a vision, then you have to be an obedient person. Today many people are very loose. They find it okay to do things this way or that way, it's all ok. God is not so narrow-minded and then it's okay who people do things. Tell me, is our God such a loose God?

We all know Adam, right? After one mistake, they were chased out of the garden. If it were you, would have chased them away? I think you and me, we would not like to see them go, right? Is God too much? Is our heart bigger than God's heart? You have to act and do things entirely according to God's perspective. I don't want to ask: What should be done, but what does God want to be done? I must know what God wants to do. In the past years many people felt bad for Moses. Wasn't Moses faithful? Was he faithful? But with one mistake, he could not enter into the good land. Is God fair? We don't know God. What God does is always right. Even if you don't understand He is always right.

He closes the garden of Eden. That was right. We all need to be people who obey God. There are many examples in the Bible that show us, that a person like me cannot fully understand God. So we must be a person to obey Him. Don't be wiser than God. What God says, we must obey.

What is a vision? First, it is God appearing to men. You have to know that God loves to appear to men. The question is, do you like to see Him? Do we have a desire in our heart? Lord, though I am not worthy, but I want to know you. Please appear to me. If He is the living God, He would surely appear to you. We came to Bangkok to meet everybody. You cannot come to Bangkok and I am here too, but you don't see me. No. Our God is living. Even though Adam fell and was deceived and hid himself, yet God still appeared to him. Right? Lord Jesus! Once day the Lord Jesus Himself came to this earth and appeared to me. He expressed the invisible God to mankind. But very unfortunate you have this concept: I cannot see God. But God is willing to appear to men. We will talk about Abraham. The fact that he could come out, it's not his own decision, but the God of glory appeared to him. How can Moses go out by himself to help God's people? Why did he go? God appeared to him. But today, you would still go even if God doesn't appear to you. If I feel like doing it, I do it without God's speaking. In the end there is a big mess. If you read the Bible but God does not speak to you, that's not good. God is living. The word without the spirit does not work. Each time we read the Bible, what do you want to get out of your reading? Don't try to get something out of your reading. Just open your heart and say: Father, speak to me. I don't want the letter. I didn't come to understand something, I want you to speak to me. When you come to read the word, do you have any vision? Do you have God's appearing and speaking to you? If not, you have to go to pray and seek. Lord, I need to know the living God. I want to see you!

God gives revelation to men. If there is His speaking there is His revelation too. The revelation comes from your spirit. Without spirit there is no revelation. God's people should be a spiritual people. If we are fleshly there is no way to receive revelation. This morning we have to touch this point in a simple way. It is not enough to know that you have a spirit. You have to be a person that lives in the spirit. People who know how to talk about the spirit may not be people who live in the spirit. To live in the spirit is a simple principle in the Bible to see a vision. John in revelation says: I was in the spirit. He was not on the computer. In the computer you can also see a lot of dead things. You have to be a person living in the spirit. If a Christian does not exercise to live in the spirit, no matter what you do, it's all useless. If a Christian does not live in the spirit, what can you hear? If you don't live in the fellowship with the Lord, can you receive any vision? If you don't live in this fellowship with Him, there is no way. If you are not a prayerful person, you cannot receive a vision. God appears to you in your prayer. The church in Antioch a few brothers were praying and thus the Holy spirit spoke to them. When Peter was in Joppa he was praying in his upper room

and God gave him a vision. If Peter is down below and eat and drink, how can he have a vision? God's word came when he prayed. It is not possible that a vision will appear when you watch TV? God will not suddenly appear to you like that. You cannot be loose and suddenly receive a vision. There are some prerequisite. If I live in the spirit, especially the serving brothers, how are you leading?

You have to be a holy person. Don't be loose. Don't let your flesh go. If you live in your flesh, you will not get a vision. Something else will appear to you. You will come up with strange things in your mind. You have to be a pure person. Blessed are the pure in heart, they shall see God. We also have to seek after sanctification because Heb. 12 says, without being holy no one can see God. O Lord Jesus! That is why if God wants to give us a vision, it's not in a loose way. We need to meet certain prerequisites.

The days are near when every vision shall be fulfilled. God will not just appear and take off again. God will have something to say to you. Each time when God appears to people He has something in mind. We just say hi and walk away. We say hi and walk away. When God appears to His people He has something to say. He has an intention. His vision comes with His will. He wants to accomplish His work. If the prophets see a vision, every vision was fulfilled. It is not possible that you see a vision and goes does not fulfill. God has something in His mind. He has a will. It requires our cooperation with Him. Everyone who sees a vision would believe that God will surely fulfill the vision. God's appearing will always come with His will that needs to be accomplished. If I were to call Christian on the phone, he would ask: So what? He would think in his ask: What does he want? Our Lord doesn't have that much time to just talk loosely. To be a people with a vision you need to understand God's heart desire. In Revelation: He who has an ear, let Him hear. John and all the apostles lived in the spirit and were constantly having fellowship with the Father and the Son in the spirit. They would ask Him for everything. Lord do you want to do this? Then there is no reason why God would not appear to us. You have to be a person, that doesn't do it if God doesn't want to do it. God may speak thru the brothers, but I have to say: Ask the boss. What if he deceived you? If he was sent my God, that's good. But today many people come not being sent by God. We really appreciate the brother's fellowship, but even if there is such a fellowship we need to turn to the Lord: Lord, I need your confirmation. What if brother Lei talks nonsense, I will fall. Many times if there is anything, I have the habit to ask the boss. Go ask the Lord: Lord, do you want me to do this? I am willing to receive the fellowship but I need your confirmation. Just nod your head, that's ok for me. If you don't node, I don't want to do it. The God whom I serve is living. I need His confirmation. I need His appearing. I need His speaking, I also need the fellowship of the brothers. It's not one-sided. Lord Jesus, help us. Make us people with a vision. Don't say: I am sister, I don't need. No, sisters need the vision too. Mary received a vision. A very important vision. It was not for the

brothers but for the sisters. In the beginning of the NT quite a few people saw a vision. Why can we not see a vision? Lord Jesus, have mercy on us. Today in the last days we need to pray to ask of the Lord. In the last days, what do you want to accomplish? What do you want to do in Thailand? Oh Lord, do lead us. May your anointing teach us. We must receive confirmation.

## **Message 2**

Gen. 1:26a-27; Rom. 5:14; Psalm 8:4-6; Heb. 2:5-10

When we read the bible we shouldn't read it in a strange way. There were many Christians in the past years that saw many strange visions. In the end there is just a total confusion. The heavenly vision is first of all corresponding to God's will and is holy. It wouldn't be strange. I recall how 40 years ago a preacher who needed money ran an advertisement in the newspaper that he saw vision of a 60 foot tall Jesus. He said that this Jesus spoke to him that if within a certain period of time he cannot raise 60 million dollars he will take his life. Some of you maybe remember that. If you see such a strange vision in the newspaper you should cut it out. It is strange that Christians would believe in such visions. But within a very short period time he received 60 million dollars of donations. That means that it is very easy for Christians to be deceived. Would God appear to man in such a way that he would take his life if he would not raise 60million dollars? The devil would do something like this but not God. What he saw was not a heavenly vision but a devilish one. You should not see many strange and devilish visions. We talk about visions of the Lord who fully correspond to the word of truth. There were even stranger visions I heard but I don't want to speak of them. When we are speaking of the heavenly vision we are not talking about such. We talk about our glorious and holy and righteous God. He is very reasonable and will not appear to people loosely. He will not deceive people either.

“God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets” (Heb. 1:1). In the past at the time of the patriarchs, the time of the Old Covenant God spoke in various times. Since such is the case we should spend some time to see what God actually spoke in these days. Because what God spoke in the Old Testament has to do with us. If it has nothing to with us in the New Testament we should not spend time on these visions. But since it has to do with us today we should spend some time on it. In this conference we won't have the time to talk about the visions in the New Testament but we said at the end of the outline that we will do it next year. I have to come back next year.

## **II. During the time of the patriarchs.**

How did God appear to them and what kind of a vision did they receive? Let's start with Adam. Adam has a lot to do with us. Romains 5:14 is very precious.

Maybe many people have known this but not considered it to be important. Adam is a type of him who was to come. Adam is very important. God created man in a wonderful way. We read these verses and we are all familiar with it. Oftentimes when we preach the gospel we tell them that God created man in his own image. What does this mean? Adam was created only in God's image but he was not truly it. Old Adam was just a copy. If you buy things here, especially those who are from foreign countries, you want to buy the real thing. But don't think that in Bangkok everything is real there are also many knock-offs. You need to differentiate otherwise you would find out at home that it was not the real thing what you bought. Was Adam genuine or was he a knock-off? God created Adam as a man in his image and likeness. But he was not THE image. I don't dare to say that he was fake. He was not a fake man but he only had the likeness. He was not the real thing that God wanted to gain. Who is the real Adam? Who was the one who was to come, the person that God wanted? This is Christ. To whom do you belong? Do you belong to the first Adam or to the second? Adam was a type of the Lord Jesus Christ who was to come. So if man does not have Christ he is empty and useless. You may say that he is just a copy. I don't have a word to describe it right now that's why I say it is a knock-off. First Corinthians says that the first man was of the soul and of the flesh. But the second man is Christ who is from heaven and spiritual. He was the image of the living God and truly lived out his image. The first man fell but the second man was glorious. That's why when you read Genesis one you should not think that Adam is already very good. If he were so good why did he fall right away? The serpent did not even talk much and even not to him directly but still he already fell. The serpent just said a few things and Eve ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil and brought it to Adam to eat. This was so foolish of Adam. So you see that the first man one was not the real one. But our Lord is the real Adam. Satan could not overcome the second man. The second man was victorious. No matter how hard Satan tried to tempt the Lord he would not fall. Do we like the first one or the second one? Since the Lord was victorious there is no third Adam. That's why the Lord is called the second man. Is there a number three, like our brother here? No. Adam was just in the likeness but the Lord Jesus was the real one.

But if you see this vision what is the result? Do you want to live your old Adamic flesh or do you want to live Christ? You choose. Do you want to disobey this vision or obey? Whom are you living in your daily life? The old man Adam or Jesus Christ? If you are a person with a vision you would not live very loosely. That is why Paul said "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me;" (Gal. 2:20). Christ is the real one. If you do not live Christ whom are you going to live out? How do you live? Have you seen the vision? After you have seen what do you do? Oh fine I know about it. Once you see the vision you have to tell the Lord, "Lord I want to live you out. I don't want to live anymore in my old adamic flesh but I want to live out Christ."

So Adam in himself gave us a vision but Jesus Christ is the reality of it. If you are able to see this then you would exercise each day to live the Lord out. If you live yourself out you would feel really bad, death is reigning there. Therefore you have to live out Christ. Sometimes it looks like it but it is not the real thing. Many people think that being a Christian is just something outward – doing the right things but this is not the real thing. Outwardly you are smiling but inside not you aren't. The inner thing is not the real thing. The Bible calls it a wolf in sheep's clothing. The real thing is the Lord Jesus Christ himself. We want the real thing and not the fake. The Lord Jesus said that the Pharisees were hypocrites. In the new man all and in all is just Christ. Your own meekness and your gentleness are scary. We want the reality – Jesus Christ. This is the last Adam with God's true image and likeness.

Lord, have you conformed me to be like Christ? I don't want to be a knock-off but I want to be conformed into the image of your son. If you have seen this vision you have to pray: Lord, I want to be like you. I want you to conform me and to mold me into your image. I want to be like you. How to be like Him? It is only possible with Him in us and we with Him. Then we will be mingled and He can saturate our person.

How is God going to work the real thing into us? There is another vision – the tree of life. It is not through teaching and knowledge. But God placed the tree of life there for you to eat. Whether you like it or not: this is the only way. Do you have this tree of life in the church? In the church in Ephesus the Lord said that if you overcome He will give you to eat the tree of life. What do you have in Stuttgart? We have the young people's conference, the gospel but you wouldn't tell me: we have the tree of life. You have to be honest. Do you have the tree of life? That is a vision. If you read Genesis 1 and you don't see the tree of life and don't eat of it – what do the churches have? God's way is this tree. Only by God's life his work can be accomplished. If you think that you are very smart and try to use other ways, the result will be death. God's only way is put this Christ as life in you to live in you, work in you and transform you. Colossians speaks of Christ who is my life. You have to eat of the Lord daily. There is also the river of life so that you can drink of the Holy Spirit as the living water daily. Are you drinking of this water daily? If not you will still live in this old Adam. There is no way for you to spring out of you. Life is the only way God has given us. May He reveal to us the importance of the tree of life. Lord, give me of this fruit to eat. I want to eat you. Each day when you come to God's word you have to say: Lord, your word has to become my life. I want to eat you. If you have the vision of the tree of life you will be like this. If you know but still you are going for knowledge what is the use of it? Lord, I want to drink of the water of life, eat of the tree of life. Don't ask me how to drink.

You know the Samaritan woman? The Lord told her I am the living water and she asked – Lord give me to drink. And what did he do? Gave her a cup?

Strange enough when she asked Him, she already drank. She didn't call: O Lord Jesus, O Lord Jesus! No, she just received the water into her. She drank and did not even realize it. When He spoke to her He gave her to drink. The Lord said: Bring your husband. That was something to drink because his words are life and spirit. Then she said again: I don't have one, and He said right. While He spoke to her, more of the spirit entered into her. The Lord does not only speak to you and the spirit will not enter into you. Then she would know. She asked Him: Are you a prophet? It was not that good yet, but an improvement. Then the Lord said that we should worship God in spirit and reality. Even the Pharisees did not know about this. When she heard this word she became alive within. It is not a method how to drink of the Lord but when He appears and speaks to you that's how you drink. And when she went back she gave a good testimony. She did not even know that she was doing so. Then everybody went out to see Him. Tell me, did she not drink of this living water? And besides this the living water was already bubbling out of her. You know so much but you have no overflow. You tell others, Jesus is Lord. That is why you need to see the vision of the tree of life. The river of the water of life is also living. If you read Genesis and don't see this, although you know about this I would like to ask you: Do you drink and eat of the Lord each day? You may tell me: O I already know this why do you have to talk about it again. Then I will repeat it a 100 times. I am afraid you have not gotten it yet and you have not received it yet. If you have this vision you will enjoy the water of life and spirit daily.

Now we skip back to point II. God wanted Adam to have dominion over all of God's creation. Adam did not eat of the tree of life and second he ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. You cannot even rule over your own room. But when Jesus was there He exposed Satan and everything He did expressed God's glory. He truly had the ability and life to reign there. Therefore today He is seated on throne. Who else is qualified to sit there? Eph. 1 – He ascended on high and reached the throne. Everything is under His feet in this age and the age to come. Today in this world, where you can find one who is so qualified to be the head over all things. If God would say to you: I want to set you to be the head over all things you will say: no, I am not great enough. First you would have to jump up to heaven to be greater than the Lord. And second you flesh will come out and you will become proud. We are all fallen. Only the Lord Jesus Christ is qualified. If we do not allow the Lord to fill us we are not qualified to rule. You brothers want to oversee the church – what are you going to do? Direct the people to listen to you? Is that what you are going to do? We are fallen. If you do not live out Christ how are we going to have dominion? We want to rule without reason. I will rule over you and say: Brother you have to listen to me. You want to be bossy. No wonder for how many decades the Lord's church cannot be built yet. Only a man like Jesus Christ can build the church. Is this word too much? Then you will ask me, who can build the church? Ps. 127: If the Lord is not building you will build in vain. You do this and I do that but it is not He who does it. Do you have this vision? If not we have to ask

the Lord to have mercy on us. Lord, I do not only want to hear but to have this vision engraved on my heart. I do not want to be presumptuous anymore but reign and act through you. Heb. 2 says: We do see Jesus because only He can do it. Lord, without you I cannot rule even over myself, my own thoughts. I will be daydreaming if I lie down. Even over our own lips we have no control. Did the Lord Jesus not tell you: Don't say it? But you still have to say it and cannot control it because you have an itchy mouth. May the Lord have mercy upon us. Say: Lord Jesus, come and have dominion over my heart and be my king. Not only be my life but I want you to be my king. Rule over me and have dominion over me. If you can pray in this way then you are a person with a vision.

4. Adam is not only a type or a vision but also Eve. She is a type of the church. It is too wonderful. If you want to see this vision you would know how to build the church. Without seeing it there is no way for you to build the church. What does Eve mean? She means: everything that comes out of Christ. Whatever what was not from Adam was not Eve. The church should be fully out of Christ. A person who violates this vision would say: This is not possible. But it is possible. That is a pathetic Jesus Christ if He is not able to achieve it. If you want it, it is possible. But if you don't want it, it is not. Once you see you have to say: Lord, it is possible I am willing. Can you help me, Lord? Whatever is not of you I will reject. If I fail I will get up again. If I fail once and then say it is not possible, you just disobey this vision. Eve is bone of Adam's bone and flesh of his flesh. She came out of him fully. What the Lord wants is the holy and glorious church without any wrinkles. Only the Lord can do this. It is through the washing of the water in the word. The Lord has to come and nourish and cherish us. Do you have this vision? Are we able to do it? Can we not succeed with Christ in us? Perhaps it is because you don't want it. If you see the vision you would say: Lord, do accomplish your work. Maybe we are not many in number but we are willing. Lord, come and help us. Without you it is impossible but with you all things are possible. Otherwise the Lord Jesus died on the cross in vain. What if Adam slept and God was not able to pull the rip out? Maybe He pulled so hard and woke Him up! No, our Lord went to the cross and out of His side blood and water came out. He even resurrected from the dead. Can He not build? If you don't want to use Him, whom do you want to use? For the church to be like Eve you cannot be loose. Remember the church belongs to Christ. What kind of a church does he want? You have to fear Him. When we come this evening I want to add a couple of points more.

### **Meeting 3**

Gen. 3:15; Is. 7:14, Matt. 1:18; Gen. 3:7, 21; Is. 64:6, 61:10; Rom. 13:14; Gal. 3:27

Thank you Lord Jesus! This evening we continue to take a look at Genesis Chapter 3. I missed out two points this morning. So this evening we need to fill in on these points. The first point concerns our Lord Jesus as a seed of a woman.

This is a very important vision. Besides this is a unique way that God used for Satan: the seed of a woman. It is too particular, very special. We people are all seed of man. But alone our Lord Jesus is a seed of a woman. If you see this, then you should know that there is no other person who can deal with the serpent. You alone cannot deal with him. You have no way. Only the Lord Jesus has the way. That is why this evening we have to overcome, fully relying on him. Without him there is no way to be victorious. This point is very important. Our Lord Jesus is of the seed of a woman. We shared about this previously. The conception of Mary was of the Holy Spirit. We read in Matthew and will mention it briefly here, because it has very much to do with us. In Chapter 1 we read that the birth of the Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. This is very special. There was never a person who was born like this. In Matt. 1:20 the angel of the Lord spoke to Joseph, appearing to Him in a dream saying, "Joseph, son of David. Do not be afraid to take Mary as a wife, for that ...." Matt. 1:22. All this was done so that the word in Isaiah may be fulfilled saying that he shall be called Emmanuel, meaning God is with us. That is why only our Lord Jesus alone can overcome Satan. Only He is a real man, a true man and a true God. This is because the conception of Mary was through the Holy Spirit. This is a very particular miracle. So this is a miracle, since this child who was born was not only man, but He was also God. He is both man and God. Besides there was no sin in Him. Only He can accomplish salvation. So I hope that the brothers and sisters will understand this point. There is no other person who may be called a God-man. You are only a man, you are not God. Only our Lord Jesus Christ is both God and man. He is a unique God-man. We are not God-men, rather we are men of God. Thank and praise the Lord.

So today we have to fully rely and trust on our Lord Jesus Christ to redeem us, save us, and to deal with the enemy. You can use no other method to deal with the enemy. There is no other way except Him alone. This is the promise that God has given us. He is the seed of a woman who bruised the head of a serpent. That serpent could only bruise His heel. Tell me, which is the harder blow? The blow on the head or on the heel? If you are blown on the heel, you just have a little pain. But on the cross Jesus bruised the head of the serpent. Heb. 2 tells us that He Himself destroyed Satan. You have to see this. Once you see this you will overcome. You rely on Jesus Christ to destroy the serpent. That is why we can use our feet to step on the head of the serpent. The last chapter in Romans tells us that this serpent is under our feet. We will step on the serpent. Don't step on his tail. You have to step on his head! So if you want to strike a snake, you should strike its head and not its tail. I'm repeating: when our Lord Jesus was on the cross, he gave a death blow to the serpent's head. The Lord Jesus overcame all the Satan included. That is why that the Lord Jesus is truly a wonderful savior. He fulfilled what God said in Gen. 3:15. You have to see this. You have to have such a vision. Only then can you be an overcomer. Overcome through

Him and because of Him. When we are in Christ we can also deal with the serpent.

The second point we added is Gen. 3:7, 21. It's the 6<sup>th</sup> point of A on the outline. It concerns the tunics made of skin. Do not look down upon this point. What kind of clothing did Adam and Eve make for themselves? They sewed fig leaves, because fig leaves are very big. You just have to pick a few leaves, sew them together and make a covering. Tell me, is that good? After 3-4 days the leaves will fall off, break apart and wither away. And once again your shame would be exposed. The fig leaves refer to the deeds of our fallen man, of ourselves. We are corrupt. But we want to use our own righteousness and good deeds to cover ourselves. The Bible says that our righteousness is like filthy rags. Would you like to wear clothes that are full of holes? It is very strange that some people like to wear pants that have holes in them. They purposely put holes in good clothing. It's truly strange. The Bible says that our righteousness is like filthy rags. It is truly so. But thank the Lord. When God saw Adam and Eve wearing clothing sewn out of fig leaves, God had pity on them. So God made tunics of skin and clothed them. Now you make the choice: What kind of clothing do you like of the two clothing in Gen. 3? One is made of fig leaves and one is made of the skin of an animal. Of course you choose the one of the skin of an animal. Not only does it last longer, but it is also warmer. It is comfortable when you put it on. Like leather clothing today, it is very soft and fitting. What would you like to wear? The fig tree refers to man trying to be self-righteous through his own deeds. But how long could your deeds or your actions last? 1 day, 3 days, 5 days? On the 6<sup>th</sup> day your flesh will come out. Your clothing will fall off, blown away by the wind, and your flesh will be exposed. How long does your own righteousness last? You say you want to do good but how long do you last? In the morning you want to do good, but within 24 hours, already in the evening it becomes terrible. Let us look at Is. 64:6. Here it says that "we are all like an unclean thing. Our righteousness is like filthy rags. We all fade as a leaf." Some leaves take longer to fade than others. But once one withers, you replace it. The next day another leaf withers and you have to patch it up. Every day you must repair your clothing. We must read Is. 64:6 to the Lord. Have you read this verse before? Tell the Lord, "Lord, all our righteousness are like filthy rags. Just like filthy leaves fading away gradually." There is no way to cover ourselves. So what should we do? Let us read Is. 61:10. "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord. My soul shall be joyful in my God." Why? "For He has clothed me with garments of salvation." To attain to this tunic of skin, you must first slaughter an animal to get the leather. Our Lord Jesus was slain as a lamb. And after He was slain He was even skinned, just like a burnt offering. In the burnt offering, the skin belongs to him who sacrifices. And this is not just for decoration. I used to have a piece of lamb skin just as a decorative item. But this skin is not for show. It is for you to put on. Otherwise, when God looks at you, tell me, who does He see? Do you want God to see your flesh? See our shame? If we do not put on Christ, do not put on His salvation, even though it says here, "He has clothed us with

the garments of salvation and has covered us with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments.” As we were baptized, we put on Christ. I think many brothers and sisters do not have this revelation, have not seen this. Maybe they have heard about it. But do they have a concept to put on Christ daily? When you wake up in the morning, what is the first thing that you do? If it is not the first, then perhaps the second or third thing you do is change your clothes. When you change your clothes to you pray, “Lord, today I want to put you on. I want to put on Christ!” Do you think this point is not important? Without putting on Christ, can you enter into the holy of holies? You know brothers and sisters, oftentimes we only know a little bit. We know Heb. 4, where it mentions that there is a new and living way to enter into the holy of holies by the blood of Christ. But then we enter in naked. Don’t think you can enter in just with the blood. Ask the priests what they had to do to enter into the holy of holies. Was it just by the blood? Without putting on Christ, tell me, can you enter in? Remember the story that the Lord Jesus told how someone came to a wedding feast without a wedding garment. When the master saw him he asked him, “How did you get in? By what way?” Did you enter in your pajamas? In your filthy garments? That is why we need to be a people with a vision. We cannot be loose in any way. If I stood here giving a message wearing my pajamas, what would you think? Everyone would run away saying that there is a crazy man talking here. Who does God want to see? He wants to see Christ, His beloved Son. So what do we need to do? We need to put on Christ. Enter in to the holy of holies by the blood and by putting Him on. Many people think they can enter into the holy of holies just by the blood. But over time there is not fellowship. Only you are talking but God does not say anything. We need to put on Christ. Rom. 13:14 tells us to put on Christ. “But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.” Let me tell you, if you do not put on Christ, the lust of your flesh will be fulfilled. If you don’t want to show your flesh, you have to put on Christ. There is no other way. You haven’t put on Jesus Christ. No wonder you have problems. Your flesh and lusts come out. But if you put on Christ, you will feel very comfortable. You will feel glorious. It is so good to draw near to God once you have put on Christ, for when the Father sees you, He sees His beloved Son. You and His beloved Son are one. You match His Son. And the Father will definitely accept you. Don’t be afraid that He will reject you. He will definitely accept you because you have put on Christ. In the Bible this is a very important point. Paul also told us to put on the new man. This is the same principle. May the Lord have mercy on us. We should not consider these points as a doctrine. Go to the Lord and say, “Lord, I want to put you on.”

Now let us go on to point B in the outline regarding the group of Abel, Enoch and Noah. These three people make up one group. What vision does the Lord want to give us through these three people? What does he want to say to us? We all know Abel. The Bible says that Abel is still speaking today. Perhaps you don’t hear him. Can you hear him? You may say you didn’t think of hearing

Abel talking, but the Bible says that Abel is still speaking today. Hebrews Chapter 11 tells us that what Abel offered was a more excellent sacrifice. You have to be a person like Abel so that you can offer much better and more excellent sacrifices. Don't offer sacrifices at random. Don't think that offering sacrifices is not important. Did you offer a sacrifice today? What kind of a sacrifice? Many of us do not think of offering up a sacrifice. We forgot to sacrifice. You have to be a person who offers up sacrifices daily. Christ is all our offerings. He is a more excellent offering, a more excellent sacrifice. At least we need to know God as our sin offering. If you have sin, you need a sin offering. If you did something wrong, then you need a trespass offering. At least you need these two offerings daily. We have offended God. How do we want to deal with that? We need to be people offering sacrifices, saying, "Oh Father, I offended you. I'm sorry." We have to offer up Christ as a sacrifice. After that a sweet savor will rise up to the Father. Many times we simply say, "I'm sorry. Forgive me. Please wash me with the blood of the Lord Jesus." There is no fragrance to this. God sniffs it and smells nothing. Our offering needs to be like durian, having a fragrance. If we have no offering, then how will the Father enjoy the fragrance? Perhaps there is no fragrance but there is an odor. Your odor and my odor. Oh, Lord Jesus! If you know how to enjoy Christ as your sin offering and trespass offering, not just saying, "I'm sorry. Forgive me. Wash me with your precious blood.", and after that you walk away, then what can the Father enjoy? You have to be like Abel offering a more excellent sacrifice. Christ is our offering. You all know Cain as well. The offering he brought was not good. That is why, brothers and sisters, you have to learn to be like Abel, offering God the best, a more excellent sacrifice. There is also the burnt, peace, meal and drink offering. There are all kinds of offerings. You all have to learn all these offerings well. You have to understand this. I don't know about the brothers and sisters who are here, whether you are people who offer up these sacrifices. If not, then you have not yet seen this vision. If you have seen it, if you have this vision, then you would offer up sacrifices daily.

Abel was also the first martyr. If you are a person who offers up sacrifices, then you will please God. Many people may not like you. They will come to persecute you. In Matthew Chapter 5 the Lord says, "Blessed are those who are persecuted." Often we do not like persecution. The brothers say a few things and our face becomes very long. We just get bumped a little bit and all of the sudden fire comes forth from our nostrils and out of our head. We are not willing to be persecuted. But Abel was the first one to be persecuted. He was martyred, killed. We like to please man. Doctrinally we want to please God, but in reality we want to please man. Just like the Pharisees, they wanted all people to come and praise them. But if you are a person offering up sacrifices, then you will become a person who pleases God. And by pleasing God you will be persecuted by others. Paul said, if you want to live a pious, holy life, you will certainly be persecuted. Today, no one wants to persecute you. Everybody likes you, nobody says anything bad about you. Do you ever ask why? If you have seen Abel, you

will see that he was killed, martyred. His own brother killed him. We have to see this. That is why Abel is very important.

You all know about Enoch. Enoch gained the testimony that he pleased God. He got the proof that he pleased God in Heb. 11:4-7. Let us look at this. The word of God is always a help to us. Don't forget, that there is a person named Enoch in the Bible. Do you like Enoch? Everybody remembers Paul, because Paul can preach and gave sermons about much knowledge. But Enoch does not seem to have many teachings and His work is not so great either. He didn't write any books. Heb. 11:5 "By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death and was not found. Because God had taken him. For before he was taken he had gained this testimony, that he had pleased God." The first point I would like to share with you is about faith. What is faith? Do you believe? Everybody believes. Do you believe in God? Yes? But after you believed, have you walked with Him? Faith is living. Remember what James said: Faith without works is dead. I believe in the Lord but I don't want to walk with Him. I believe in the Lord, but he does his thing and I do mine. The Lord goes that way and I go here. Does that make since? How did Enoch believe? Did he simply believed and say "I believe, I believe, I believe." Faith must be accompanied by deeds. Otherwise you will not receive the testimony by God. You believe in Him but you do not do according to His word. You believe but you disobey. Since you believe more now, do you therefore disobey more? Is it so? Here faith equates to walking with God. What kind of a saying is it to say, "I believe, but I do not walk with him.?" By faith Enoch was taken away. So is it that simple? Does it mean that all who believed in the Lord will be taken away? That is not the case. It is by faith. You must have a faith such as Enoch, then you will be taken away. Our God is not loose and God's word is not loose either. When you read His word then you need to touch Him. Faith means walking with Him. If I say, "I believe, but I do not walk with Him", do you think God will take me away, and give me the testimony of pleasing Him? Enoch walked with God for 300 years. That is not 3 days or 3 hours. Our walk with God is sometimes 30 minutes. After 30 minutes we say, "Lord, I'm sorry. I need a break." God asks you then, "How long of a break do you need?" We answer, "One week." We need one week break for 30 minutes. Do you think then the Lord will pass us as being well pleasing to Him, just for walking with Him 30 minutes. Everyone wants to be raptured, but no one wants to please Him. Ask the Lord, "Lord, can you testify of me that I really please you? Can you give me an attest? Do confirm it." The Lord is my witness, that in many things that I do I say, "Lord, I need your confirmation. By doing this, does this please you? Confirm it to me." Otherwise we make many mistakes. If He doesn't confirm it, then don't do it. The Lord can give such an assurance. Paul said often, "God is my witness." Paul often received this witness. If it does not please God, God will not and cannot testify of it. If I don't have this testimony then God cannot rapture me. Brothers and sisters, we need to have a vision. Don't just read over the Bible in a loose manner. May the Lord

open our eyes, so that we all may learn. Don't wait until the Lord comes back. Let God testify of you daily, that you are pleasing to him. Whether people like it or not, it doesn't matter, as long as God is pleased. People may scold me, but if God likes me, if God loves me, then that is good enough. We have to be people who walk with God, who gain God's witness.

#### **Meeting 4**

Gen. 6:5-22; Matt. 24:36-42; Heb. 11:7

Thank the Lord. We must see what kind of visions the Lord gave to the Patriarchs, what He spoke to them. Because the word God spoke to them has something to do with us today. That is why we want to see from them the vision that came from the heavens. In Matt. 24:37 the Lord said, that when He comes it will be like the days of Noah. The situation would be the same. That is why we need to know what had happened in the days of Noah. We need to know what kind of person Noah was. We also need to know what he did to prepare for the judgment that was to come. We know from Gen. 6 that it was a terrible age. "The Lord saw that..." (V. 6). It is very unfortunate that the people there did not see it. If you were living at the days of Noah it would become habitual to you. You see many things happening and get used to it. You won't have a sense within. You see things and the newspaper every day. There is killing, there is war, deceit, terrorists. There is no good place on earth. It's all fallen and sinful. Under such circumstances many people would feel it's very normal. I ask you: Do you grieve in your heart? I don't quite believe it. When you read the newspaper, what happens? You close the newspaper and talk about it and forget it again and live your life. God sees things differently. When God saw this kind of situation He regretted and was grieved in His heart. Unfortunately we see many things happening but have no grieve in the heart. That's not good. If you don't grieve in your heart that means that you have lost your feelings. You are used to live in that kind of a situation. Just like Lot when he lived in Sodom. He was used to it. Once you're used to it you lose the sense within. This is not a good situation. If you have no grieve and reaction in your heart then you cannot be a person building up the ark, nor would you have the inner sense that God's judgment is coming to this earth. You can still live well: Oh this does not happen to me, I can eat and drink and enjoy. As long as I don't do bad things, that's okay. That is why you go on to live your life in the same way. I am afraid everybody is like that! God is not like that. God's view and feeling is not like that. If you don't know God and you're not righteous man and walk with God, you're holy, blameless, your heart is clean and pure, then you would have a feeling. When you see all these things in the world you will feel awful and cannot wait for the judgment to come. Lord, is this world not wicked enough? Is sin not prevalent enough? How long more till you come to judge? Remember the time of the 5<sup>th</sup> seal – the martyrs under the altar were praying to God: How much longer till you avenge us? Today, are we eager in our heart? You still don't hurry. You want to enter the ark. But if there is no ark, where do you want

to enter in? The first level are the animals. Which level are you in? We must be a people with a vision. The building of the ark doesn't come with the singing. The question is do I have the vision? No? If not that's not good. Thank the Lord. Noah was different. Let's read it. Verse 8 says: Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. Noah was different than everyone else. Are you and I different from the others? Or are we about the same as people in the world? In the eyes of God, Noah found grace. Thank the Lord. How does God look upon you and me? It's not how we see things. You have to ask: How is the church in your eyes? It's not how I see it, it's how it is in the eyes of the Lord. Here it says: Noah is a just man. This is according to God's righteousness, not according to men's. He was perfect in his generation. In God's eyes and men's eyes he was blameless. He walked with God. Does God have such people in the church today? We have much knowledge, we know how to speak, but do we have just people like Noah? Not easy to find one like him. It would be too glorious. It is very rare. Do we find someone like that in the church? In the church in Bangkok, can we find people like that? Do we have the assurance? Not easy. We need it quickly: Noah was just... But what about me? Am I just before the Lord? Blameless. It's not easy to be such a person. It's not simple at all. It says here that he walked with God just like Enoch. But here God added something: God wanted him to build the ark. The building of the ark was not for him personally but for his whole household. It was for God's creation. The building is not an individual building and it is not for you individually either. Lord, give us a vision! Besides it is not only for Noah's generation. It is for this generation when the Lord comes back. Don't forget: When the son of man comes back it will be like the days of Noah. He mentioned Noah. That means to say, that today we need the building for our salvation. Let's read Phil. 2:12. You are very familiar with this verse. "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, because it is God who works both, to will and to do for God's pleasure." When Noah saw the situation, God gave him a vision. Heb. 11:7: "By faith being divinely warned..." God had told Noah already that judgment would come. The day of judgment would come. I hope that the saints have such a feeling in their heart that God will judge the world. Don't think you still have much time. Actually there is not much time left. May the Lord let us know that the days of judgment are coming soon. May the living God reveal this to us. Noah was divinely warned of the things that are to come. If you only have the doctrine but no instruction from God, you won't have the sense. If you have God's instruction and if the living God would speak to you that judgment is coming, you would you still be so slow and sleep well? You would be in fear and trembling. You would have the fear of God within you, a feeling within. You would rise up to build. You would build totally according to God's instructions and not in a loose way. "By which he condemned the world." Do you condemn the world? What does that mean? It means that within Noah didn't like what he saw. He was full of feeling. On one hand he was full of feeling but on the other hand he preached the gospel of righteousness. If you don't have a feeling within you won't preach. The direction of people is wrong. So Noah preached the gospel. We should do the same. I hope that you do your

best in preaching the gospel. If you were living in the age of Noah and have the feeling within, you will preach the gospel because you know what is going to happen. Judgment is coming soon, what are you doing? On one hand you're building the ark, on the other hand you're preaching the gospel. If you don't do this, the story of Noah becomes a story to you. You're reading stories but you have not seen the vision. If you have seen the vision your life will be different. What can we say? May the Lord have mercy on us.

We go back to Gen. 6. God appeared to Noah and spoke to him. If God doesn't speak to Noah, how would Noah know how to build the ark? This was God's instruction to him. Besides, the ark was something that God wanted him to build. It was quite big, not a small boat. If you want to build a small boat, if a 40 days rain comes, that boat would sink. How should the building be? It must be fully according to God's will. You want to build the church in Bangkok? How? Have you asked God? Do you build according to your concept and traditional concept? Oh 50 years ago, a brother did this and this. Have you asked the Lord? Lord, how do you want to complete your work today? How to build the church in Penang? Ask Him daily. If you don't tell me, how am I building? Where do I get the materials from? What do I have to do to build up all this? There are too many problems in the church. Too many loop holes. Are there no holes in the boat here? Too many holes in the church in Singapore! Does the church in Bangkok have no holes? There is too much flesh, too much self that is built up. Once the flood comes it is not able to withstand. There is much unrighteousness. There is no oneness. Many holes. After so many years they could have been patched up. Strange. Don't think it's easy to build the ark. God's dimensions – did God measure it? Or is it according to your measurements? The temple of the tabernacle, or the building in Ezekiel – it's all according to God's dimensions. As we build the church today, what standard do we go by? Is there a standard or each one does what he likes? The sisters may have a different standard, the German brothers too, etc. Tell me, what standard do we build by? What materials do we use? What kind of wood? Don't say: I just use any kind of wood. What kind of wood? Gofer wood? Just use any kind of wood, just some plastic, that would do. No. It would not last. There is no way it can last, it will sink. If you don't walk with God, you cannot hear His voice. If you don't walk with God, what will God tell you? It's not that God does not speak, but we are too far from Him. Whatever He says I cannot hear. People say: It's so hard to read the Bible. Is it because the word of God hard to understand? No. It needs His revelation. It will become very easy to read. Without revelation it's useless to read. We need the heavenly vision. Today's building is not a question of methods but a question of your person. What are you going to build? Why did God choose Noah? Because He was blameless and righteous. He walked with God, not because He was gifted and knows how to preach. There are too many capable people as well. There are too few people like Noah. The people God wants to use is different from what we choose. May God be gracious to us. The days of the Lord's coming is truly near. God said here: Gen. 6:12. Don't think

God is not looking. God looked upon the earth. Much more God is looking at us. He also looked at Noah. "The end of all flesh has come before me for the earth is filled with violence and behold I will destroy them with the earth." It's strange that God speaks to Noah in such a way. Would God speak to you? Does God have a counterpart for His speaking today? Can He tell you what He wants to do? If you say that we are His church, do you have the assurance that God speaks to His church. In Rev. 2-3 not a single church was listening to the Lord. The church in Philadelphia was very good, but in the end, it was also done with. The churches in Asia left Paul. Even the church was not obedient to God's word. Tell me: Can the Lord Jesus speak to the church where you are at? I am not talking about giving messages or speaking about the Bible. When God spoke to Noah it was what He wanted to do. I seldom here someone saying in the church what God wants to do. All are expounding the Bible. Men can only interpret the Bible but what we need today is that God would speak to us what is on His heart. Are our hearts open to Him? Noah heard what God said to him. "I will destroy the earth" – this is the negative side. The positive side is: "Make yourself an ark of Gopher wood... This is how you should make it." There won't be opinions. Why does God not speak to us? None asks Him. In the end the church is "nix halbs und nix ganz" (German phrase). May God instruct us how we should build. Just like what Paul says in 1 Cor. 3: Gold, silver and precious stones. You have to build with God's nature. You have to build with God's nature, full of life to build up His church. Though we say that we are not here for the numbers. True. Many just want the numbers. Noah and his household were 8 people. If I were Noah I would tell the Lord: Why should I build such an ark? We're just 8 people, why such a big one? If it's only for your household, that's not needed. Are you building the ark just for yourself? Is the ark just for yourself? May the Lord give us a vision! At least it should be for your household, whether righteous or not. Maybe not every son walked with God, it's not mentioned. The 3 sons were not quite the same. But the ark was also for them. Today when we build the ark, it's not only for our salvation. Paul said: we have to be in fear and trembling. Noah was building the ark, he worked out his own salvation. God wanted save his own household. He was not just sitting there for 40 days and then God saved him. He had to build. God was helping him all along. He did things fully according to God's will. May God give us such a vision. In our age it is just like in the days of Noah. May we all awaken. Don't think that all things are well and get numb within us. May the Lord speak to us.

## **Meeting 5**

Acts 7:2; Gen. 12:1-3; 1 Pet. 2:9; Acts 2:33; Gal. 3:14; Eph. 1:13; Rom. 4:13

You have to remember that presumption is a sin. Especially as someone who serves God, much less can you afford to be presumptuous, because there is judgment. I know Christians do not like to hear about judgment. They think I am already saved. They think, "Why should I have judgment?" Whether you believe it or not, there will still be judgment. It doesn't mean that if you believe that

there is judgment, then it will happen, and if not, then there will be none. That is why today in the church we have to learn to be in fear and trembling. This is very important. If God does not appear to you and doesn't tell you that the judgment is coming, that he is coming soon, or that we must all one day give account before the judgment seat of Christ, then we will act loosely. The building of the church may not be loose. Many people say that we are too narrow. It doesn't matter what the people say. It is important what God says about it. You don't have to worry about other people criticizing you. In the days of Noah people were mocking him, thinking he was a crazy man. It's ok if he just would have built a small ship, but he built such a strange looking thing. People often have much to say, for they do not know what God actually wants to do. Neither do they believe in judgment. We have to know. God has to speak to you. Only then will you have a fear within you. I repeat, this kind of God-fearing attitude is good for us. It is not to say that we have such fear that we go crazy. God doesn't want us to be like that. It is so that we would not be loose and become a presumptuous person. So that we become a person who is obedient to God and to walk with God. In the Old Testament it is mentioned to walk with God. In Rev. Chapter 14 it says to follow the lamb. No matter where so ever the lamb goes, you just follow him. No matter what people say. No matter how people may criticize or reject you, it doesn't matter, as long as you know where the lamb wants to go. If you keep listening to man, you hear so many voices that you do not know where to go. Do not listen so loosely. Listen to God. If you are such a person who often hears God's voice, then you will not hear people's loose talk or listen to people loosely. Today whatever people say is not accurate. That is why we need to speak less and listen less to people's talks. Especially concerning gossip. The book of James tells us that the tongue of man is very powerful. It can say anything: gossip, slanderous things, wrong things, loose talk. It's dreadful. But it's their problem, whatever they want to say. But for you, if your ears are as loose in listening as their tongues in talking, then you will be fooled. I want to hear the Lord's voice. I don't want to hear loose talk. If you listen loosely, I guarantee you, you will not hear God's speaking, because you will have no ear to hear God's voice. You don't believe me? This is the reason why many people cannot hear God speaking. Because you are unable to discern. You believe whatever people say. In the end it is not believing but rather superstition. You believe anything and everything. You believe the truth, false truths, half-truths and lies. This kind of people is not able to hear God's speaking. You have to learn. Brothers and sisters, you have to learn to see the vision so that you will be able to hear God's voice. I'm speaking from the heart. Don't think it's very simple. If it were simple and not complicated then things wouldn't be so complicated today. Today everybody will walk in the Lord's way in oneness.

Let's not take a look at the 3<sup>rd</sup> look of people under Outline point C: Abraham, Jacob & Isaac. In the bible these three people are one group. God included these three people in his name. That is not so simple. He said I am the God of

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. If God could say today, "Oh, I am the God of Tobi.", then that would be a mighty thing. Then Tobi would really be a mighty man. But would God say that? Abraham, Isaac and Jacob had a strong relationship with God. From these three people you must fully grasp the vision from the heavens. Do not just read the stories. You have to see the vision. It is only in this way that Abraham is related to you. Isaac is also relevant to us as well as Jacob. That is why we will take a brief look at them, because there is no way for us to share every point during this short conference. Let's take a look at the main points, what is relevant for us today.

First, with Abraham, we see that the God of glory appeared to Abraham. Oftentimes we say that God is a God who calls us. Let me ask you, does God only call a few people? Is His calling only for Paul and Peter? Matthew and John were called by the Lord. My question to you is, has God called you? Amen? Amen! Say it in a loud voice! So how did God call you? Just through the gospel? When you heard the gospel, what did you see? You saw, Oh, I'm going to go to hell if I don't believe in the Lord. It will be terrible. I will enter into eternal perdition, so I'd better hurry up and believe in the Lord. Were you called in this way? Now how was Abraham called? One day a prophet came to him and said, "Abraham, believe in God, otherwise you will go to hell. It will be dreadful. Do you believe?!" "Yes, yes, I believe!" Was your calling like this? Have you already forgotten? Did somebody preach the gospel to you? You don't know exactly how? You just believed? Is that the case? Abraham's calling was because the God of glory appeared to him. I hope that we all would see the God of glory. When the God of glory appears to you it is not in a certain brother preaching the gospel to you. You think about it and say, "Oh, what you say makes sense. Let me go home and think about it and come back to you tomorrow." And tomorrow you say, "Oh, I thought about and I believe." That is not glory. There was no God of glory appearing to you. Oh, Lord, have mercy on us! We want the God of glory to appear to us. Without the God of glory appearing to you, then there are many things that you cannot let go. Many people believe in the Lord. They will not be going to hell, but they cannot even let go of their cigarettes. They cannot let go of the world either, of their self or their flesh. Yes, they believe in the Lord. Are they saved? Yes they are saved. They will not be going to hell. But there are so many things that they cannot let go of. Why not? Because they have not seen the God of glory. It is really a pity. Do you think Paul would be willing to let go of Judaism? He had a future there. He was way up high and had a bright future. He was a young man with a bright future to become a leader someday. There was much hope for him to become a leader in Judaism one day. Could he just let that go? It's not so easy. But one day the glorious Christ appeared to him. And once this glorious Christ appeared you don't have to tell Paul to let go. He immediately considered all things that were gain to him as dung. Why could he have such a determination? Because he had seen the glorious Christ. If you don't see him, what can you let go? Can you let go of your business? Let go of your position? Are you willing to let go of

your future? What can you let go of? The glorious God, the God of glory appeared to Abraham. What did He want him to do? Not to go to hell? He wanted him to get out. Let's take a look at Gen. Chapter 12. We read it already, let's read it again: "Now the Lord had said to Abraham: Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house." To go where? To go to the heavenly Jerusalem. It's not the land of Canaan. The book of Hebrews told us that Abraham's goal was the glorious heavenly Jerusalem. A city with a foundation. An eternal glorious city, the heavenly Jerusalem. Abraham saw that. Today, what do we see? Do you see salvation? What kind of salvation do you see? A salvation that you will not go to hell? Or a salvation that will get you out of this evil age? Out of religion, out of this religious world? To get you out of the traditional ways of doing things? To get you out of yourself? Out of your background? Many people are not able to get out, because they have not seen the God of glory appearing to them. Without seeing Him, within your heart there are many things that are more important than God. You look at money as being much greater than God. Your future is much greater than God. Your little cigarette is much greater than God and you cannot let go of it. God's calling is to get out. To get out! But you are not able to get out. That is why faith requires the appearing of the God of glory. Oh, God, do appear to me! I want to be able to see! Thank and praise the Lord. Today we all need to have such a heart's desire. There is not anything or any person that is more precious than God. Lord Jesus! Oh Father, do appear to us! Don't think, oh, I am not Paul, so He won't appear to me. Abraham was also a very common person. Noah was better than Abraham. The Bible did not say the Abraham was a righteous and a holy person. Nor did it mention that Abraham walked with God. Neither that he was a blameless person. So what kind of a person was he? The bible didn't mention it. What kind of person are you and I. Have you ever renounced your wife? But Abraham did it, more than once. So are you not better than Abraham. So tell the Lord, "I'm better than Abraham. Why don't you appear to me?" It depends on what you want. Do you want His appearing? Who doesn't want it? Everybody wants it because it's very good. So tell the Lord, "Do appear to me. I need your appearing. I'm willing to behold your glory." We must say it in this way. So that you will be a person who receives a vision. That you will be a person called out. Called out of the world, out of religion, out of your flesh, out of yourself. If you do not get out, then how are you going to build the church? You bring in your flesh and the world? You bring in yourself? You bring in a lot of things that are not good? So tell me, how shall we build? You are fighting in the church. Disputing about positions. You want to be the king here. What is God going to do? You move all the things of the world into the church. Now can God build His church? Is the church still made up of the called-out ones? You didn't get out, but you still brought all these things in, and God has no way. What does it mean to be called out? It means to get out! Abraham got out. Thank the Lord. What was the goal? The heavenly and glorious, holy city. This we should not forget. If you get out and you don't have a goal, then where are you going to go? Will you just wander in the wilderness? If you get out then you need a goal. This

group of patriarchs all had a goal. They had a vision. That is why I go back to see the heavenly vision. Today you believed in the Lord, right? Why do you believe? You're called out. Have you gotten out? If you have not gotten out, then you need to get out. Get out to do what? To achieve this glorious goal. Let's look at Hebrews Chapter 11. Hebrews Chapter 11 is a brief summary of the Old Testament. Oh Lord Jesus. May the Lord help us so that we would see. Let's read from verse 8: "By faith Abraham believed when he was called to go out." Have you believed? Why don't you obey. We sang "Trust and obey". You have to believe and obey. Believe and get out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out not knowing where he was going. By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country. Why was he dwelling as an alien in that country? Because it was not the land that God had promised him. We jump to verse 10: He waited for the city with a foundation, whose builder and founder was God. That is the heavenly Jerusalem and also the Church that has to be built today. Oh Lord! Abraham saw the vision. It is too great! Do you have the same vision today? Noah's vision was to build the ark to be saved from the judgment. But Abraham's vision was too great. He saw the heavenly city. That city is God's country, the kingdom of God. It is a holy city for which God created the entire universe. Many times we are not able to describe it. God wants to gain a kingdom, a holy city, his holy dwelling place, the bride of Christ, the New Jerusalem, the bride of the lamb. And later on it becomes the center of the universe. If you see this, will you still be able to sleep? Is there anything more precious than this? Is it not worthwhile for you to drop everything? Is it not worthwhile for you to get out? Do you have this vision? Who was Abraham? Do you know Abraham? God told him here, "I will make you a great nation." The promises that God gave to Abraham were too much. I want to ask you, are you saved? What promises did God give you? To go to heaven? Oh dear! Oh, dear! Where is the promise to go to heaven? You have eternal life. That's right. But do you treasure that eternal life? Many Christians think that eternal life means they will live forever and not die anymore. Their concept of eternal life is living eternally, not dying. Not bad. No one likes to die. If I believe in the Lord I will not die, I will remain eternally young. Is that it? You don't even know the promise that God has for you. That is why many Christians are without a goal. They live on this earth and do not know what God wants to give to them. Tell me, you want to go to heaven, so what do you want to do there? Sing there? You can sing of earth too. What are you going to do there? (A brother responds: I don't know.) God gave a promise to Abraham that he would become a great nation. This great nation would include all the great nations of this world. Besides, this nation would become God's nation, God's kingdom. Many believers don't even know about this. They don't know about the kingdom of God. Do you not know that when you were baptized, immediately you were transferred into the kingdom of God? This kingdom is the church today. Tell me, is this a small matter? Today in the church we are building up God's kingdom. Without God's vision, you will be wondering. You will come to the meetings but not have a sense that we are building up God's

kingdom here. You have to allow this King, the Lord Jesus Christ, to reign in your heart. Do you let him reign in your heart? Are you a lawful person in the church? Do you listen to the leading of the Holy Spirit? Or are you someone who rebels against God? Then you are rebelling against His kingdom. Point 2 on the outline is the promise to receive the Holy Spirit. This is a promise that God gave to Abraham thousands of years ago. Don't think that receiving the Holy Spirit is a small thing. It is the spirit of God, the spirit of the son of God, The Lord Jesus Christ, of God himself. It is he who enters into you to be your life and your life supply. But today as your life, are you relying on the Holy Spirit? You say you have the Holy Spirit. But what do you have the Holy Spirit for? What is the Holy Spirit doing in you? Dwelling in you, teaching you, guiding you, molding and conforming you into the image of the Son of God. He wants to move inside of you so that your spiritual life can mature, so that you can be one who can receive the inheritance. Do you allow him to do that? Or do you oftentimes grieve the Spirit? You know for yourself. That is why the promise that God gave to Abraham was the promise of the blessing for all nations. This promise is too great! We have received the blessing, but we don't know how to enjoy it. We don't even know that we are blessed. We don't appreciate it. We don't even care for it. We do not enjoy the blessing. Have you told the Holy Spirit, "Since you dwell in me, you must help me to perform your function. To perfect me, to become the son that God wants. To prepare me to be conformed into the image of Christ." This is the blessing for all the nations. Let's go on to point 4 on the outline: The promise of being the heir of the world. Once the Spirit enters into you, as in Eph. 1:13-14, the Spirit becomes the seal within us. It is the guarantee of our inheritance. You have become an heir of God. But what are you going to inherit? Let's read Romans 4:13, "for the promise that he would be an heir of the Lord was not to Abraham or to his seed through his law, but through the righteousness of faith." Paul really had the vision. You keep reading, but you don't realize that God wants Abraham to be the heir of the world. But Paul got it from reading. He really saw this vision. Today I think that we have become the descendants of Abraham, so this promise is also for you. God did not promise that you will go to heaven, but that you will become an heir of the world. Do you believe that? Do you really believe that? How much can you grasp today? Many people are very greedy. They want this and that. And after that they want more. And once they have more it is still not enough. They want even more. God's word tells us to be content with clothing and food. But the hole that I have within me is too big. It cannot be filled. Actually, God looks at you and me and shakes His head. He says, "I am going to give you the whole world. What are you grasping for? You are so stupid. You still want to grasp this and grasp that." Oh, Lord Jesus. Did not God promise you the world? Is not the universe yours? I listed some of the verses regarding being heirs here on the outline. I did not list them all. The inheritance that God wants to give us is too great. Since you are an heir of God, all things are yours, the whole universe. What are you afraid of? What are you grasping for? I'd rather have a little less today to have everything later. If you are greedy today, later you won't get

anything. I'll let you choose. Be a little wiser. You don't want the inheritance that God wants to give you and want to grasp about other things? The Bible says that greed is idolatry. Be careful. Don't be an idolatrous person. Otherwise you will lose the inheritance that God has for you in the future. We all are serving God today. If you serve God, God will not cut you short. God will not owe you anything. It is truly so. Thank and praise the Lord. You have to be a person with a vision. He is the God of Abraham. The promise that God gave to Abraham is also the promise given to us. Thank and praise the Lord. In the next meeting we will have a look at Isaac. There is not only Abraham but also Isaac. Thank and praise the Lord.

## **Meeting 6**

Gen. 22:18; Acts 3:25-26; Gal. 3:16

The promise that God gave Abraham was truly very great and besides it has very much to do with us. Abraham is the father of faith. We are all the descendants of Abraham. So we have also become the heirs of God today. I think the simple fellowship this morning would be clear enough. Regarding Abraham there are many aspects we can share. But there is no way for us to share all the aspects otherwise we can never finish the sharing. This morning we spoke about point C.3 – the promise of the blessing for all the nations. You have to treasure this because all the other things are outward. The kingdom is outward and to be heir of all things also. But to get this blessing is something inward. Without receiving the spirit you have nothing at all. Everything else is empty. That is why you really have to treasure this real blessing. The spirit has become the seal and guaranty. And this seal is a guaranty. It guaranties you that you are son of God today and that you become an heir and will receive the inheritance. There is only one Holy Spirit. God has given you his life. At the time of Pentecost God has poured out the spirit. And at the house of Cornelius the spirit was once again poured out for the Gentiles. That is why Galatians tells us that by faith you have received the spirit. You don't need anything else. Once you are baptized into Christ the Holy Spirit is yours.

Don't analyze too much. Some say you need the laying on of hands. But where is the laying on of hands in the house of Cornelius. Peter did not say – wait I have to lay hands on them. The Holy Spirit is not bothered by that. What did Peter say on the day of Pentecost? They asked Peter, “what shall we do?” Peter then did not say – come I will lay hands on you. He said you have to repent. Then you receive forgiveness and the Holy Spirit. This is the normal way. In the Acts of the Apostles there were two abnormal situations.

First the Samaritans are a special people. They are in the country of Israel and lived with them for a long time but they have nothing to do with Jews. There are also not considered as Gentiles. So what kind of people are they? Do you remember how Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman? You are Jew and I am a

Samaritan woman, what do we have to do with you? So when the gospel reached Samaria the Holy Spirit was not poured out immediately. It was necessary that John and Peter went there and laid hands on them. Why? If the Holy Spirit had been poured out immediately they would have stayed separated from the Jews. So they had to wait for Peter and John to lay hands on them. This goes to show that we are one body. They cannot say you are the Samaritans and we are the Jews.

So Peter needed also a vision to preach the gospel to the gentiles. This difference between the Jews and the Gentiles is very clear in the Old Testament. God knew that Peter would not go. So God sent a vision from the heavens three times to Peter and it came down with all kinds of uncleanness. And Peter said, “No, No I don’t eat this”. So this shows that Peter would not go on his own. In the end he understood that what God has made clean you shall not call unclean. In the New Testament age the blood of Christ has washed all men. So Peter went there and took a few people with him to be witnesses. When he preached the gospel and did not have finished preaching yet – he did not even say yet “in the name of the Lord Jesus, Amen” – and the Holy Spirit was poured out. He did not go lay hands on them in particular. He said they received as spirit as us so who can stop them from being baptized. The spirit that God has promised at the day of Pentecost and at the house of Cornelius was poured out on all men. Paul said they were all baptized by one spirit into one body. Ephesians 4 tells us that there is only one spirit. Don’t say that there are three, one of the father, son and Spirit. The Holy Spirit is Jesus Christ, is the Spirit of God and the Lord himself. That is why this Holy Spirit is too precious. This is what God has prepared in particular for us. He indwells you. And through the Spirit we have been baptized into one body. You have to remember we are baptized into one body. Although we are many we are one body. Today we have to know that we have to live in our Spirit. We have to act according to our spirit. Do not grieve the Spirit. Obey the leading of the Spirit and set our minds fully on the Spirit. So that the Spirit can saturate our whole being. We have also mentioned that today is the age of Holy Spirit. You see in the end in the book Revelation that the Spirit and the bride are speaking together. In Revelation 2 and 3 is the Spirit speaking to the churches but in 22 the Spirit and the church speak together. But if the church does not listen to the Spirit and what we speak is different from the Spirit this is not good. Today if a church is filled by the Holy Spirit she will speak the same thing as the Spirit. The Spirit is within us and we are also in the Spirit. Eventually the Spirit and the Church as the bride speak together. I hope that we all have such an experience. Don’t speak loosely in the church. You have to know that what say is of the Spirit. If it is not of the Spirit you need to repent. We all make mistakes but then we need to repent. What did Paul say, “He that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit with him.” (1 Cor. 6:17). So whoever is speaking should not speak loosely. You have to speak what the spirit says. Don’t speak loosely as a brother if you stand up. You should not only talk about the bible and think that this is

sufficient. You have to learn to be joined unto the Spirit. Today you have to get to know the spirit.

Another point that I forgot is the second abnormal situation in Acts. When Paul went to Ephesus he noticed that they did not receive the Holy Spirit yet. So he asked them and they said No. They even never heard of it. Why? Because when Apollo preached the gospel to them he did not preach Jesus Christ but he spoke the gospel of John the Baptist. This is only a gospel of repentance but not of the Holy Spirit. So Paul laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. This is also a special circumstance. But today we are clear about the truth and our understanding of the Lord Jesus is also quite clear. But concerning baptism you have to see that you do not baptize them into the water only but into the Holy Spirit, into Christ. Without the Spirit it would not work. You have to treasure the Spirit.

Let's take a look at Isaac. Isaac typifies our Lord Jesus Christ. First he was born of Abraham according to God's promise. He was born based on God's promise and not on Abraham's ability. Based on Abraham's flesh he gave birth to Ishmael by Hagar. This is something that God did not want. God rejected Ishmael. But Sara could not give birth. Then what? You have no way but God has a way. It is God who did it.

Gal. 4 Let's take a look at this principle. We were born again through the Spirit so we are as Isaac, children of the promise (Gal. 4:28). Verse 29 says, "But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now." The birth of Isaac was not out of man's flesh. What is from the flesh God will reject. Today we are born of the Spirit and baptized into Christ like Isaac. Chapter 3:27 – you have been baptized into Christ and have put on Christ. Since this is the case we become one in Christ. Verse 28 "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus." You are one because you have put on Christ. And then verse 29 "And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." Paul is surely a man with a vision. Don't think that this is small matter. Today there is actually only one person who can receive the inheritance and Paul discovered this truth. God's promise is not unto many seeds but one seed. Who is that? It is Christ and not Isaac. Since there is only one who receives the inheritance. How can you inherit? There is only one way, you have to be baptized into Christ. So let me ask you, is baptism important or not? If you are not baptized how can you get into Christ? The bible did not say that once you believed you have put on Christ. Once you believed you are in Christ. Believing and baptism should be joined together. I have said it hundreds of times but I am afraid you did not get it. We have hundreds of years of concept. For us it is like this, you believe and then you slowly get baptized. This is not what the bible says. How are you going to become an heir of God? Tell the people you have to be baptized into Christ and put

him on. In him we are all one. Then he receives the inheritance and we are all in him. Then we also become heirs. You have to see this heavenly vision. Do not despise baptism otherwise you will have no part in it. I think as to the rest we don't have to speak much.

Another passage which has to do with being heirs, "and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ." (Rom. 8:17). Regarding being heirs it all has to do with our status. Because we are all sons of God. But we are very special sons. On one hand we are the many sons of God but on the other hand we are in Christ Jesus. We have become the body of Christ and are one with him. This is very hard to explain and not easy but we need to see it. Verse 17 says that we are joint heirs of Christ. Paul's word truly was the word of the Holy Spirit. What he said was very accurate. He didn't say since we are children we are heirs. He did not stop there. He said heirs of God. But he didn't stop there. Because you think you are heirs of God so you do not any longer need Christ. No this inheritance you receive is not apart from Christ. Although you are sons, you cannot receive the inheritance by your own; you have received it joined together with Christ. We all have to see this point. So God is also the God of Isaac. If there is Abraham and not Isaac this is not very good. With Abraham you still need Isaac. As Christians today you have to be very clear that you are an heir of God and joined unto Christ. This is what the Lord Jesus told Paul. If you read Acts you can see that the Lord Jesus instructed Paul in particular that when he preaches the gospel he has to tell the gentiles that they will be joined heirs. This is the gospel. The gentiles also have part in the same one body and the kingdom of God. Paul was very faithful. In every epistle he always mentioned it. He did not forget because he got instructed in particular about this. You have to tell the newly saved ones that you have become an heir of God and you will receive an inheritance, the whole universe is yours. Don't forget this when we preach the Gospel.

Now let's continue with the God of Jacob. We should also have the experience of Jacob. God's work is fully manifested in these three people – Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Compared to Abel, Enoch and Noah this is much richer and clearer and much more practical. God's plan is revealed in a much clearer way. So you have to see that the heavenly vision has to become clearer, it is progressive. You have to see it clearer and clearer. God's work is not that simple. It is very complicated and has many aspects. We people are also very complicated. It is not that easy or simple. In order to understand the heavenly vision you have to understand this book well. That is why in Abraham, Isaac and Jacob you understand this heavenly vision much clearer. What does God actually want to do and how does he accomplish it? You can see this in these three persons.

Of course the most basic thing with Jacob is the transformation by the Holy Spirit. We all need transformation. David said that he was born out of his mother's womb in sin. Before Jacob was born he was already fighting with Esau

in the mother's womb. Before they were even born they were fighting who is going to be first. Esau said that he will be first but Jacob said no. Can you imagine that? I don't know if there are any twins here. I would like to ask you whether you fought in your mother's womb? Esau and Jacob were fighting in the mother's womb. That is why while Esau was born Jacob's hand was pulling his leg. He didn't want to let him come out. The name Jacob means a supplanter. Now tell me, of those who are seated here who is not full of deceit? Are they no supplanners among the Chinese or the Jews? Is there a country where you can find one who has no deceit? You and I both know that we need the work of the Holy Spirit to change us. As a Christian if there is no change with you then you are the most pathetic one. The Holy Spirit lives within you and has nothing to do. He will not force you. You are stronger than he is. You remember with whom Jacob was wrestling? He was wrestling with God. Are you not wrestling with God many times? God told you not to do something but you still want to go and do it. Tell me, who won? Sometimes he won but who won most of the times? I hope as you grow in life you will say that he won! You have to be a person with a vision. On Jacob's side he had an advantage. There is a good point in him. He cared for the birthright. You also have to do this tonight. This has something to do with God's work of transformation on you. Esau's big problem was that he despised his birthright. He sold it off. Besides he sold it very cheaply for a bowl of red bean soup. I don't know how much it is worth here in Bangkok, maybe 10 bath (30cents). Think about it. Esau sold off his birthright that cheaply. We don't need to tell that story. You only need to know that he sold it. No matter what price you sold it for it always too cheap whether it is a red bean soup or a Mercedes. Because the birthright is priceless. It is something you cannot buy with money. What price are going to pay? If someone wants to sell it I will make a red soup tonight. If I don't know how to do it then I ask someone, like Jacob who asked his mother to do it. Don't sell the birthright because you want to get some kind of enjoyment for your flesh.

Hebrews mentioned two people. The first one is Reuben; he lost it because of the lusts of the flesh. The second is Esau; he was deceived by his younger brother. Although he got out of the womb first his birthright was taken by the younger brother. The blessing of the millennial kingdom, to be a co-king with Christ, to get the inheritance this is our birthright. Do you want this or do you look down on it? When the Lord comes back he wants us to reign with and enjoy the blessings of the millennial kingdom. That is a wedding feast of the lamb. You don't want your portion of it? You want to sell it off? Don't sell it. If you want it then you have to allow the Holy Spirit to do the work of transformation in you. Don't think that you will not lose it. You may not lose your salvation but your birthright for a little bit enjoyment of the flesh. For greed, to feel a little bit more comfortable like Esau when he came back from hunting and was tired. Would you die when you come back from hunting and are tired? How can you be so tired from hunting that you die? I don't believe that. He wanted that bowl of soup. He said, I am about to die what is the

birthright to me? So he sold it. There is no way for me to describe this but we are just like that. It is pathetic but that's how we are. All depends on whether or not you have the heavenly vision. The story is for you.

Jacobs dream is also quite amazing. He dreamed of a heavenly ladder. Besides this ladder reached from the earth to the heavens. He was lying on a piece of stone and dreamed of the heavenly ladder with angels ascending and descending. And up there is the throne of God. In John 1 this vision refers to our Lord Jesus. Besides this ladder is for the building of God's house. This is Jacobs dream. Read it for yourself. The brothers and sisters have read the bible several times so go home and read it. The Lord Jesus is this heavenly ladder which reaches the heaven. He brings God down and brings us up. Each day there is ascending and descending. What for? For the building of God's church. Speaking of the building of the church, many people like to talk about methods. How do you meet, how do you do the young people work, how do you arrange the chairs? Who is going to speak? There is a lot of talk but you do not have the fellowship with the heavens. There is no fellowship there and so there is no way. The building up of the church is fully depending on the fact whether or not you are person who has access to the heavens. How much traffic is there in between you and the heavens? You go up and down. The building of the church is like this. If you don't ascend nothing comes down. Can you ascend? How many times do you ascend in a day? Without ascending what can you bring down? Do not despise this. You need this vision. Jacob had this dream and the Lord Jesus said that this dream speaks of him.

John 1:51 "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man." Today we are in Christ besides we are also in the Spirit. You have to go up. Don't think that there is no way to do it. In Ephesians 2 Paul said that you are seated with Christ in the heavenly. Do you believe in this? Have you gone up there? You just believe but you have never been there. If you only believe but you have not get up there, that's no good. Ascend in the spirit because Christ is above. It is not possible that you are in Christ and not up there since he is up there. That is why you have to experience in your spirit the power of Christ seated on the throne. Why does the bible represent the Lord as the heavenly ladder? It is for you to go up! You say you can't get there. If you cannot get up there then you cannot build the church. Now let me ask you, you say that you cannot ascend but is there anything descending from above? Where does the message that you share from Sunday morning come from? From a book, the internet, your mind? And not from above. James said wisdom comes from above. Without such an experience of ascending and descending how are you going to build up the church? Our Lord Jesus is not only within you today but in the heavens and on the throne. Besides in Ephesians 1 Paul says that this immense power is in us. Not only in Christ Jesus. So why should we not have the same experience? You have to tell the Lord, "Lord I want to experience more how things come from

above and the glory that is above I want to see and the visions that come from heavens.” May the Lord have mercy on us.

Why do we say this? Where does this vision come from? Does it come from books? Is it not the heavenly vision? Many people who need to give a message on the Lords day they say, “ok let’s share from a brother’s certain book”. Which book should we use? The brother would take that book and prepare the message. Where does the vision come from? I know that many don’t like to hear such a word. John says that we should not read books. I don’t say that you should read books but if your vision, what you know and share is not from above what is it good for you? Does God not have anything new to you? You cannot ascend and you have nothing fresh to bring down for the churches. Either is the messenger in heaven too busy or you are too lazy. Oh this ladder is too long and I am too old. My legs are too weak, I cannot go up there. Just take a few steps, pick a book and this is good enough. If this is your spiritual condition then you cannot build the church nor receive the inheritance.

Eventually God gained an Israel. Not only Jacob but from him he gained his kingdom. In Abraham, Isaac and Jacob you see the heavenly vision more complete. Tomorrow we will continue.

### **Meeting 7**

Exod. 3:1-15, 25:1-9; Num. 12:7; Deut. 18:15; Acts 3:22-23, 7:37; Heb. 3:1-6

We don’t have enough time. We have to go faster. We won’t be completing this outline. Actually there are many visions recorded in the OT. There is no way for us to record all of them, and there is no such need. During the conference we only need to see what is the most important to us today. There are many points here and there is no way to share on all of them one by one. You yourself have to seek the Lord yourself. When you go home you have to read the outline slowly. Don’t think it is enough to hear it once. Enter into this when you go home in a good way. The messages cannot cover all the details. First, become we don’t have the eloquence, the time, and the ability, but you have the Holy Spirit in you. The word of God is living and God will enlighten us. I hope the saints can understand one point: The heavenly vision is progressive, it keeps improving. There is no way for God to tell you everything at once. In the age of Adam, God just used a few sentences to reveal His will. He didn’t tell Him: I will make you into a great nation. He cannot speak in this way because the time had not yet come. He knew that the old Adam will fail. In the age of Noah there is also no way for God to fully reveal His will. At the time of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob it became much better and clearer. God wants to gain a people. God didn’t tell Noah that, but with A, I, and J goes shows that He wants to gain a people. At the time of Joseph he had two dreams: His parents were bowing down to him – Joseph was to be king. He was a type of Christ. Christ will be king. Where is a people without a king and a king without a people. If you are a king, I will ask you: Where is your people and your country? If you’re a

kingdom, I will ask you: Who is your king? Is it you? No. Who is it? Is it him? No. It's our Lord Jesus Christ. He is our king. But at A, I, and J's time God did a work of preparation. God had already laid the foundation He also gained an Israel, it is still not easy. It is not easy to turn this deceitful man into a king. Out of A, I and J God gained 12 tribes. But then He had to wait for them to grow in Egypt. From one family of Jacob of 70 people, it became 1000s, and 10,000s. God was doing a preparation work. God is not so almighty that in one moment He can come out with a kingdom. God wants to gain a glorious church. Who is going to be His people? He wants to have a victorious people with Christ as king. Is that easy? Does that not need preparation? In the OT He wanted to gain a nation. How long did it take Him? 1 year, 10 years, 400 years? Can He accomplish it in 400 years? No, it turned into a big mess and they went to Babylon into captivity. There were disobedient and did idolatry. Tell me, are we better than they? We all have to admit, we are no better. Many times I complain to the Lord: You want to build the church and up to this day it was 2000 years. Do you still want to build? Where is it? Look at the OT age. How much time? From the time of David to the coming of the Lord Jesus, it was almost 1000 years. When the king came, the rejected Him, they nailed Him to the cross. We have no king, they said. Caesar is our king, they said. Now today, are we any better? Are we obedient? Do we want our Lord Jesus to be king? Everybody want to be king. You, me, and even sisters. Isn't that the case? I want to be king, but not today. You have to wait till the Lord comes back. Today is not your time to be king. We need to be a kingdom with a vision. Don't be so loose.

There is age before the flood, and an age after the flood. Now with Moses there begins a new age, the age of the Old Covenant. God is gaining a kingdom now. Initially the nation of Israel should have represented God's kingdom. We have to set aside Samuel first, sorry, we don't have time.

We have Moses here. From this man on God shows us His heavenly vision. Moses was a servant used much by God. God doesn't use a capable person. We people in Christianity we all appreciate talent and capable people. We look down on people without any gifts. I have seen too much in 40 years. Oh, the older ones are no good, let the young people do this in that. Oh you're not good enough, they are better. It's all like this. Is our Lord like that? In the end you're very capable but are you faithful to God? Men looks at the outward, but God looks at the heart. What God wants are faithful brothers and sisters. Paul also said: What is required of a servant? That he is faithful. Moses was a most faithful servant. Besides, he was the meekest person. You seldom see such a meek person. You want to be king. Brothers and sister, Moses was the most faithful.

God gave Him a very special vision. He saw a thorn bush. It was burning but it was not consumed. That was a miracle. Of your burn these flowers, they will all burn away. This thorn bush was burning but it was not burnt. Amazing. What

does this vision represent? What does this thorn bush represent? God shows Moses that this thorn bush represents us, the fallen cursed men. God for nothing, there is no way for God to use us. If you think you're very capable, people work in the world. The world will use you, but God will not use you. You are not of much use to God's work. In the eyes of God you're only a thorn bush, useless. That doesn't mean that God doesn't want you anymore. He still needs you but not your natural ability. God still needs you. God still needs the thorn bush. But the source of the living power does not come from the thorn bush itself, it comes from God. God had to wait till Moses was 80, until a time that Moses felt he cannot do it anymore. Then God sought him out. At a time you are no longer useful, then God will come to use you. If you think you're capable, God will set you a side. One day when you feel that you're totally useless, then God will come to seek you out. If not, it's all out of yourself, it is all done by your natural ability. Paul said: It is no longer I that live. If you can say, it's not I, that's very good. If it's not you, it is Christ in you. Paul said, I have worked more than all the apostles, yet not I, but the grace of God works in me. I heard a person who said: Without me, where would all the churches be? If you speak like that, everybody would applaud. Would God clap hands too? Then God will say: Ok, this work is yours. I give it you. It's yours. Today we want to build up God's house. Not only do the responsible saints need this vision. All the brothers and sisters need such a vision. This is a heavenly vision. If you have not seen this, what shall we do? Then God would have to wait. If the strength comes from the thorn bush, you will prick me and will prick you. When you get closer to me, I will prick you. We will start discuss and argue with each other. Is there no such thing? That is not the fire of the Holy Spirit. I will just blow up, it's my fire and your fire. When you fire up, you will burn up God's work. That's not burning in the spirit, but you're burning in the flesh. That's dreadful. Do you have such a vision? Without such a vision, God has to wait. If after 400 years God will still not find a Moses, God would have to wait 800 years. At the time of Moses, God also prepared a people whom he led out into the good land.

But God also wants to have a building. He wants do dwell among his people. This is also a heavenly vision. God's building is different from men's. What he saw on the mount were instructions from God, a heavenly pattern. That is a serious matter. I have no words to describe this. The building of the church today, with what do you want to build. There are so many kinds. In Singapore you have a mega church. Not micro, but mega church. Mega is popular. And it will be turning into Giga churches. Is that according to the heavenly vision? Now you say no. I agree. But how about your building? What pattern is it? Do you have the assurance to say: That's according to the heavenly pattern? Don't have knowledge only. I don't care for the interpretation if it's good or bad. In the person of Moses you see, that if he were not a faithful man, but presumptuous, would God would bring him up the mount to show him the heavenly pattern. After Moses looked at it and came down he would forget

about it. Oh we don't have this material, we switch it out, let me change the color. I don't like blue, I use green! This skin is no good, might as well use human skin. Then you will be killing people. If Moses were not faithful, would he have seen the heavenly vision? Would God have revealed it to him? If you're not faithful, would God reveal it to you? Moses was the most faithful one. God also said, Moses, my servant, I spoke to him face to face. That is because he was faithful. If you want God to speak to you, you have to be a faithful one. Besides it is not done according to your ability. You have to work according to the spirit in you. If people don't listen to you, you don't need to fight, because you're not doing your work. You're doing His work, you don't need to fight with others. God would fight on your behalf. You want to build God's church? When Moses was building the tabernacle, what kind of materials he used? Gold, silver, bronze, fine linen, acacia wood. There is blue, purple, don't add other colors. How are you going to build? How many levels are there? What are the dimensions? God would tell them all to you. If Moses were not faithful, could he have built it? No. We must be faithful with a vision. In this way, God can bring His people out. This people will become a nation of priests. At his time God's will became much clearer. The vision of God's building became clearer with time. It was not perfect yet. You cannot build the temple in the wilderness. God cannot give him the blueprint of the temple. It was a movable one, a temporary one. But even this had to be fully according to the pattern.

Let's come to David. Another 400 some years after they came into the good land, God waited and waited again. He is really patient. If it were up to me, I would be dying while waiting. God is still waiting there. Again He found a man David. He is a man after God's heart. He also was faithful. He is a man after God's heart. Firstly, he had a heart desire to build God's temple. He saw that the tabernacle was not good enough. Everybody thought the tabernacle is good enough. David said, it's not good enough. Through David, God conquered Jerusalem. It is a high mountain; it is very difficult to attack it. The Israelites could not make it. The people in Jerusalem were very proud: You cannot attack us. David said, the more you think we cannot conquer you, the more I will come up. The more you say the church cannot be build, the more you want to build. Our God is Almighty. He wants to build. You say, it's not possible? It's not possible for you. That's your problem. But what God wants is possible. The place that God wants is not easily conquered. If it's easy to get, God does not want it. If you can conquer it, you can have it. What God wants is difficult to get. Everybody said, forget it, let's not get it. Many people said: You can't build the church, it's no possible. But I want it. That's how David was. It cannot be conquered? David purposely wanted it: He who goes up there first, will get a reward. The Lord gained Zion. That's what God wanted. He conquered it. Do you have this desire, this vision? No? Then you just go do your own thing. Amen? Do you have the heart of David? Amen? Hallelujah! This city of David became Zion- the city of the great king. That's the city that God wanted, what He had chosen. You have to conquer this first. Otherwise where will you build

the temple? Jerusalem, that's too difficult. Let's go to Jericho? The name is almost the same. Can we build there? You want it but God doesn't. Do you have this vision? Today we need to be people with a vision.

Second, because David had such a desire to build god this temple, in Psalm 132 God swore and promised David that out of his womb will come an eternal king. Who is this one? Christ! That is why in Matt. 1, the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David. In the dream of Joseph you cannot see that yet. But at David you see him appearing. Where would this king come from? Now it is very clear. God is not loose. It must be out of David. Just like Isaac can only come of Abraham. It has to be the seed of David that could be king. That is Jesus Christ. The genealogy is set. Do we have a king today? Jesus Christ is our king. God set Him as head over all things. He is the head of the church today. We have to hear Him! If you don't listen to Him, whom do you listen to? We also see the location here. The church is Zion today. Heb. 12 tells us. Don't think Zion is not important. When the Lord comes back again, you will see. When the Lord comes back, will He come to Bangkok and be king here? Sorry, Bangkok is not qualified. How if it's not Bangkok, it's New York. Sorry. He will go back to mount Zion! Do you think God will keep changing? Today He likes this one, tomorrow He changes His mind: Oh, Bangkok is better. Sorry. How about Stuttgart? Sorry. What place? It is still Zion. God does not change. Man changes. I have seen men changing back and forth, but our God never changes. In David you see Zion coming forth, and the king and the temple came forth. Let's read 1 Chronicles 28:10-20 in the next session.

## **Meeting 8**

We have to look to the Lord to become faithful for Him and to build up His body. Our hearts have to be towards the Lord, so the Lord can be King in us. Many times we care only for life. But this is not enough. That doesn't mean that this life is no good. This life is kingly. He wants to reign in you. So we have to get to know David. He is a very important figure in the Bible. So we see that through David. He was able to get Jerusalem. Through David, Jerusalem was conquered. Mount Zion was the place that God has chosen. That is the ground for the building of the church. God does not want to build elsewhere. You have to understand God's heart. If you do not understand what is on his heart, then there is no way. That is why David was a man after God's heart. Now today it is not easy to find such a kind of people. That means you have to know what God's will is for God's sake. David was faithful. David was willing to drop everything and build up God's house. You have to treasure Psalm 132. This Psalm is too precious. Through David Jesus Christ appeared as King. If you say that He is the Christ, then you have to know what that means. The name Messiah means Christ. In the Old Testament age among the Jews Messiah refers to the King. In your mind the Messiah is only the savior, but in the Bible and in the understanding of the Jews within their heart, the Messiah was the King. So

when you say Jesus Christ, what is He to you? The Redeemer and Savior? That is not enough. Jesus is the Redeemer. But Christ is the King, the exalted King. So if you don't allow Him to reign, this is not enough. You say, "Christ is my life." It is easy to say that. But for you to say that He is your King is not so simple. For this you have to listen to him. Just to say He is your life is just to utilize him. For Christ in me to be my king, it must be true that He rules and reigns in me. It is not that simple. So if you do not have a clear vision, then you will not know why He is living in you. He is there in you to be your King. Thank the Lord!

Because of the fact that David had such a heart to build God His temple, God gave him revelation. You cannot build in a loose way. Let us come and read 1 Chron. 28:10-21. Here David spoke to Solomon. Let us read it together. "Consider now, for the Lord has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary; be strong, and do it. Then David gave his son Solomon the plans for the vestibule, its houses, its treasuries, its upper chambers, its inner chambers, and the place of the mercy seat; and the plans for all that he had by the Spirit, of the courts of the house of the Lord, of all the chambers all around, of the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries for the dedicated things; also for the division of the priests and the Levites, for all the work of the service of the house of the Lord, and for all the articles of service in the house of the Lord. He gave gold by weight for things of gold, for all articles used in every kind of service, also silver..." Thank the Lord!

God had told David that he would not build the temple, but rather his son Solomon. But by the Spirit, God instructed David of all the measurements and materials needed to build the temple in every detail. It was the Holy Spirit that revealed that to him. Just like Moses on the mountain, who saw the heavenly pattern; here in the same way David received the revelation by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit instructed him and showed him all the plans. Tell me; today do we want to build up the temple? The church of God? Can we do it without revelation and build loosely? Today people are very loose. I want to do the work of God, so I will just start tomorrow. I can build by myself. I will open a seminary. I will invite a brother (Moo-Chang) to come and be a professor. I will run some ads and soon many people will come to register. So in this way I can start a work, right? I ask Tobi to run an ad for me. Tobi, will you do it for me? (Yes, he answered.) This is the way we are. We don't ask God, we just answer right away. He said okay right away, without the Lord's consent. We all need God's mercy. We need to be obedient to Him in all things. Everything in His temple has to be according to His will. Each and everything has to do with God. How we serve has to do with God. Don't forget that He is God! Tell me, who is this temple for? What did David say at the end? This temple is not for man, but for God! For whom do you build up the church? Who is it for in the end? It is very unfortunate, that many people do God's work today, but it is all for their own profit, for man. We here are all building. Who are you building for? Why

do you come to the church? Because of a certain brother? Because you want to gain a certain benefit? What are you here for? God's word says that it is only for the Lord. If it is for yourself you had better go somewhere else. Within God's house, his temple, you have to sanctify yourself and not try to gain some advantage, get some benefit out of it, or do your own work. Don't do my work either. In the house of God you have to be for God. Oh, Lord! David had such a desire in his heart that was after God's heart. That is why he prepared all the materials for God. He didn't quite believe that Solomon would prepare all the materials. So while David was still living, he truly did his best to prepare all the materials, so that everything was ready. I think, although the Bible has no record of it, David was a bit concerned. David mentions his getting old and dying soon. Perhaps he wondered if Solomon would do all things in building the temple according to God's will. Will the next generation continue to build up the temple with all their heart and with all their strength? Do we have such a next generation? We who are older in the church, are we raising up a second generation? Does the church in Bangkok have a second generation? Where is the second generation? Are you doing all according to all your strength and all your might to perfect the next generation? How are you doing this? David did it with all his heart. All the precious materials that the Lord wanted were prepared by him. Do you just let the young people do whatever they please? Whether they do a good job or not, you don't care. Are they growing? Do they have experiences? Are they coming in? Do you have such a heart for the next generation? "Oh, I hope that they will get rich. Receive the best degree and make a lot of money!" But how about their spiritual condition? Do they serve the Lord with all their heart? Do they know God's will fully? Have you passed on all you have seen to them? Have you passed on all you have experienced to them? Have you passed on all spiritual treasures so that they can go on with it? So that they can continue after we die? Otherwise all our serving was in vain. You will build and build and build, but as soon as you are gone, there is nothing left. There is no next generation. You young people, what is your future? Think about it. I'm not giving a sermon here. May the Holy Spirit work on you, work in you, so that a new generation may be raised up, whether sisters or brothers. Later on, when you get married, your fiancé needs to be brought up to see the church. To be a believer and seeing the church is not enough. She must submit to the will of God. It may be otherwise after the wedding the couple just disappears. Be a little wiser. Young people, be wiser. Don't be drawn away, but pull the others in. Lord Jesus! Amen! How did I get to this point to talk about this? It's not that I want to say this to you. Apparently the Lord wants to say this to you young people. It is very unfortunate that Solomon, David's son, started off being faithful, but in the end he had a change of heart. That is why I say this. The next generation, you folks should not just learn some teachings. I hope that the older generation, the elderly ones, can be a good example. We have to influence them in the Spirit in a good way, nurture them, and help them. Not to control them, but to help them. Not that if they make a mistake we send them away. I have never met a young person who has never done something wrong. Were you born

an old person, elderly brother? Were you not once a young person? We all have been there. Today we are a bit older, but if our Lord would cast me out because I did something wrong, because he doesn't want me to serve anymore, then what should we do? Brothers and sisters, I hope that God can raise up the young generation for them to rise up. Amen! A young generation in Vietnam! In Pakistan! A next generation in China! In Thailand! In Germany! In Singapore! In the Philippines! Forget about the past and press forward towards the goal! This is seeing the vision. God is very wise. He did not allow David to build the temple by himself. He wanted the next generation as well. So when building the church don't just think about your generation. You have to nurture the younger generation to make them also able to build up. Ask the young people in Germany. I love them. If I have life it is for them. I hope that they can even be better to accomplish God's work. We need to have such a heart. This is the heart of David. You have to see the vision. That is why, the word in the Bible is not that simple. You have to touch God's heart in the word. Brothers and sisters, God's building is not that simple. It is good enough, if you can just touch this point this morning. Amen!

### **Meeting 9**

Is. 6:1-8; Ez. 1:1; Dan. 7:9-10, 13-14

It's not enough just to read about the vision. Our God is a living and glorious God. When we read His word, we will recognize that our God is too great. He is almighty. He is the God that created heaven and earth. There is nothing that he cannot do. He is omnipresent and omniscient. He is almighty, glorious and holy. He is a God full of mercy. How shall we describe this glorious God? We should be people who know God. I hope that all young people get to know this God more and more. Otherwise, how shall we serve Him. Do you want to serve Him without knowing Him? That is not possible. Without knowing God and serving Him, then you are serving just as Paul served before he met the Lord. In the end you will end up persecuting the people of God, ignorant. You want to serve God, but you end up being a person who is against God. Right? Brothers and sisters, this Bible tells us that all people who serve God first need to know God, not just some doctrines. I hope that you will believe this word. It's not just that you gain some knowledge, study at a seminary, and then you can go serve God. It is not so. Abraham knew God. Isaac and Jacob knew God. Samuel, Moses, David and all the prophets knew this living God. Now today, do we also know this living God? We should know Him, because He dwells in us. We Christians have received the Holy Spirit and Christ lives in us. How can you not know Him? If so, then you are the most pitiful person. Thank and praise the Lord. We really need to have a vision; to be people who see the vision. May the Lord have mercy on us. I don't know where we should start sharing from, because there is too much and it is too glorious. We cannot remain in the first part too long. There is no time. But I think this is enough. Let's not talk too much about Moses, David and Solomon. Solomon definitely was a type of Christ; especially

concerning his wisdom. In building the church you not only need all the materials prepared. David had prepared all the materials and also all the blueprints. But if you are without wisdom you can keep looking at them, but you won't understand them. Is that not right? God gave us this Bible. Don't think that with man's wisdom we can understand the Bible. We need heavenly wisdom. We need the Holy Spirit within us to teach us. Right? Man's wisdom is not enough. So don't think that we are very smart. Regarding worldly things we are very intelligent. Perhaps you are smarter than Isaiah. I don't know. Paul, rather Saul, thought he used to be very smart. But when he met the Lord, he prostrated himself. Without the Holy Spirit and the heavenly wisdom no one can understand God's will. If man does not humble himself it does not work. Do not forget, God resists the proud. Right? And he is gracious, gives mercy, to the humble. This is right. Thank and praise the Lord. So when God appeared to Solomon, God asked, "What do you want? Ask of me and I will give it to you." Solomon asked for the right thing. He did not ask for riches. He did not ask for other things. He asked for wisdom. Wisdom is important. That's why, when he asked in this way, he really pleased God. So God gave him wisdom. So Solomon became the wisest person in the world. Now this wisdom is actually for the building of God's temple. So in this aspect, Solomon was a type of our Lord Jesus, because he was a true wise one. His wisdom is far above the wisdom of all the people in the world. Because He is God Himself. He even knows what you are thinking about. Before you utter a word he already knows what you are going to say. Do you have such wisdom? He knows the thoughts in your mind. What the Pharisees wanted to do, wanted to say, the Lord Jesus knew them all. There is no way to hide what you want to do from Him. His wisdom is too wonderful. That's why we say our God is omniscient, he knows all things. That is why our Lord Jesus is the true Solomon. Just like Adam was just a figure, but the real Adam, the last Adam, is our Lord Jesus. David was also just a vision. The real King is our Lord Jesus. His authority and His power is unto eternity. Thank and praise the Lord. Moses was so faithful. But there is one who is more faithful than he. That is the son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ. So when you read the Bible, who do you have to see? You have to see our Lord Jesus. Don't see other things. If you see other things, you have not seen anything. Our Lord is too wonderful. That is why only he is qualified to build the church. Man can only build up denominations, build up a certain association. But truly, in order to build up the church of God, God's house, God's habitation – have you not read the Bible, that God does not dwell in a house made of man's hands. Now, I am in trouble. I only have man's hands. Do you have other hands? What are your hands made of? Your hands are human hands, and so are mine. Are German's hands not man's hands? They are German people's hands. If you are finished with the building and ask God to come live in it, he will say, "I'm sorry. It is built with man's hands." But we still don't believe that. We still build God's house with man's hands. Tell me, are we wise? We are not too wise. Rather we are foolish. Oh, Lord, have mercy on us. May the Lord have mercy on us. That is why man should not be proud.

Now we come to take a look at the prophets in the Old Testament age. What they saw was the heavenly vision. Many people, when they talk about the prophets, they like to talk about the prophecies. This prophet said this, the other said that. Whether they are right or wrong, it is not of much use. But what the prophets saw was the heavenly vision, the heaven opened. What did they see? They saw this glorious God. You may see all things, but if you do not see this glorious God, what's the use of it? Young people, what do you want to see? I don't want to see anything. But I want to see what Isaiah saw. What did Isaiah see? "I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up." He saw this holy and glorious God. It's too glorious. I don't know if you appreciate this. He was able to see this. Can't you see this? Don't you see this? You have to tell the Lord, "Lord, I also want to get to know this glorious Christ." Isaiah also saw the seraphim. These kinds of angels are there for God's holiness, because God is a holy God. The cherubim are there for God's glory. Just like above the Ark of the Covenant we see the cherubim for the glory of God, protecting God's glory. That's why God is a holy God. A person who serves God, but doesn't know this holy God, should not dare to serve. Moses saw the thorn bush, the vision of the burning thorn bush. When he approached God told him, "Don't come near. Take off your sandals for the place you are standing is holy." The first lesson to learn if you are serving God is to be holy and sanctified person. You have so much knowledge. But God does not look if you have much knowledge, but rather whether you are holy. My hands are dirty and I want to touch the holy things. Do you think God would accept that? Even though I may wash my hands over and over again, I think they are very clean, when God looks at these hands, He sees the fallen germs cannot be washed away. Do you believe that? Without the Lord cleansing us, can you serve? That is why the more we serve, the more problems we have. That is why the seraphim cry out day and night, "Holy, holy, holy." Not "Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!" It is easy to shout out hallelujah, but I seldom hear Christians crying out, "Holy, holy, holy!" What would you rather shout: hallelujah or holy, holy, holy? You may shout 10 hallelujahs and the more you shout the louder you become. But when you shout holy, holy, holy the more you should the softer your voice becomes. That's how it is, because we know that in many aspects we are not holy. Isaiah saw that. What did he say? Oh, Lord Jesus! The angels say, "Holy". Isaiah said, "Woe is me." Is it holy or woe? The more the angels cry out holy, the more I would say, "Woe is me." Isn't it so? But unfortunately, because you have not seen that He is a holy God, you do not know how fallen you are. You only see the mistakes and wrongdoings of the others. Everyone else makes mistakes, and you do not see that you are in the wrong. You criticize others. If others are wrong, that's their business. There is no need to talk about it. What's the use of talking about it? Does it help them? Does it help the others? But if you meet this holy God and you receive the heavenly vision, you look at yourself and say, "Woe is me, because I am undone. I am a man of unclean lips." Especially our lips are unclean. We are loose in our talking. We say good things and bad things. We talk about everything. Especially when talking about other people we talk a whole lot. We have sweet

talk, sour talk. We talk about all things, whatever comes to our mind, we talk about it. Oh, Lord Jesus. Can God use such a person? May God have mercy on us. Isaiah saw this holy, glorious God. So he felt in himself that he is undone, unclean. Without seeing this glorious God you will not have this sense about yourself. If you know God you will realize, "Woe unto me. I am undone. I am a man of unclean lips. I am filthy." Why did he mention the lips here? Because whatever your heart is full of, it overflows out of your mouth. Therefore it is better to speak less. Otherwise, once you start talking, everything starts to come out. It is better not to open your mouth. Once you open it a lot of filth will come out. Oh, Lord Jesus. May the Lord have mercy on us. Today we are here to serve Him. We want to build what God wants. God has to sanctify us and separate us. He has to use the burning coal from the altar to touch our lips. Only then can we be clean. Otherwise we are all unclean. Right? You have to tell the Lord, "Lord, come cleanse me." God is very willing to come cleanse you. Unfortunately you do not know that you are an unclean and unholy person. That is why we have to see. We need to be people with a vision. And then the Lord will speak. Then God will ask, "Whom shall I send?" Tell me, whom can the Lord send? Many so-called workers, were they sent by God? Or did they just go to work on their own? I can guarantee you that a person set by God must be a holy person, a sanctified person. Without sanctification, in the end you will destroy God's work. May the Lord have mercy on us. We cannot stay on this point too long. But brothers and sisters, we need to have a deep impression that the God we serve is holy. The one who serves Him has also to be holy.

Let's go on to Ezekiel. Ezekiel saw the cherubim, the visions of God's glory. You have to read Chapter 1 100 times. By reading once you will not see it. 20 times is not enough. After 50 times you may begin to see something. You need to read it 100 times. Have you read it 100 times? No? Then let us just skip over this point. It is enough for us just to read verse 1, the first verse. Oh, Lord. Ezekiel saw the heavens opened, and he saw visions of God. This vision is too glorious. It is truly too glorious. It is not of much use if we talk about it. Go home and read it 100 times. After you read it 100 times you can see this vision. Right? It is too glorious. Lightening, fire, gold, the four creatures, how they move, wheels, wheels with eyes, how the wheels move. Don't think the glorious God is just sitting there with nothing to do. Right? He saw this glorious God. Today here in the church we also need to see how our glorious God is. You need to see how his movements are, his motions, His expression. You have to see the power of this glorious God, how His wisdom is. It is too wonderful. Without seeing this, I'm sorry, but then your work is without glory and without power. The more you work the worse it gets. After 10 years, after 50 years it is still the same. It is without power, light, lightening. Are there any wheels? Heavenly wheels? How many wheels are there? Often times you want to do the Lord's work, but we are so slow, like turtles. The Lord asks you 100 times and still you do not more. Some are a little faster, but how are our eyes? They run in all directions but don't know where they are going. They work a lot, there is a lot of motion, but what are they doing exactly? It's a mystery. God's glory is not like

that. It's hard to describe, but once you see this vision you'll understand how our glorious God is. He is too wonderful, too precious. He is really intelligent. Every work that our God does is full of glory. It expresses His strength, His power. If it is His movement, then it will always come with His glory. Otherwise you and I may do work, but it is quite dead. It seems like it cannot stand. It seems like it is without any power. It is just kind of floppy. No energy, no strength. Besides that it is only one-directional. It is one-sided. So brothers and sisters don't think that everything that you do is right and everybody has to do the way you do. It is one-sided. You have the four creatures going up and down, forwards and backwards. God's movements are very amazing; they are very different from out individual movements. That's why, brothers and sisters, we need to see God's glory, and we have to know God. You know how to go straight forward, but you don't know how to go backwards. You only know one direction. When you walk, you only know one direction. If you want to go over there, you have to turn and go in that direction. If you want to go backwards, to you walk backwards? No, because you are one-sided. People who follow you have problems. But our glorious God is not like us. Much less are we like Him. The church needs God's movements, not man's movements. No matter where the four creatures went their movements were according to the Holy Spirit. They were fully coordinated with each other. No matter in what direction they went, upwards, forwards, downwards, backwards, north, south, east, west. It is wonderful. Is your church life like that? The four brothers, are they like four living creatures? We need to see the vision, God's vision, God's glory. That is why I say, read it 100 times. After you read it 100 times, then we can take a look at it next year. It is ok to read it slowly. Don't read it with your mind. It is good enough to read it with your eyes so that you can see. Don't interpret, so that you can see. Read it once each day.

Now let's look at Daniel Chapter 7. You see, the prophets saw things very clearly. It is too wonderful. The verses we read in Daniel show us that Daniel saw a lot. Especially when he saw the beast, the Anti-Christ. If you only see the beast it is no good. Many people want to know who this beast is going to be, who he is. Few ask concerning the Ancient of Days seated there in glory. It is strange. Everybody wants to know who the beast is. Daniel 7:9 – Daniel watched. Praise the Lord. That's good. Just watch, don't analyze. You need to be spiritual person just to watch. Paul said the Father should enlighten the eyes of our heart that we may see. What did Daniel see? He saw that thrones were put in place until the Ancient of Days was seated. His garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, its wheels a burning fire; a fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him.” Have you seen that the throne has wheels? No? Maybe you will see it today? You have read Chapter 7 before, right? Have you read that the throne has wheels? No? That shows that you did not watch carefully. You didn't see it, no matter how many times you have read it. That is how we are. We do not read and see in detail. You have to see or better watch this in a good way. Our God is the Ancient of Days. What

did God tell Moses His name was? He was an ever-existing God. No one has existed so long. He is the ever-existing and eternal God. Do you know this eternal God? Have you seen a Buddha that is ancient, self-existing? No, it is always made by man's hands. But our God truly is ever-existing. He is the unique elder. He is the Ancient of Days. He is old and ancient. He is the wisest one. You know, in the book of Revelation was the same as Daniel saw here. It also similar to what Ezekiel and Isaiah saw. It seemed as if what all three of them saw was joined together. But when we read the Bible, we read it back and forth and still do not see. You are people who want to serve God, yet you do not see anything, neither do you want to see anything. You look and you don't understand. Oh, my Lord. We need God's mercy. May the Lord open our eyes from now on. We need to see the heavenly vision. If you don't want to see this, what do you want to see? What is worthwhile of your seeing? If you read the scripture but you don't see this glorious God, what is more worthwhile to see? What is more worthy to see? Thank and praise the Lord. Daniel saw this Ancient of Days, that He was seated on the throne. He is holy. He is glorious. When Daniel saw Him, he had no problems with everything else, whether it be the beast of the horns. What beast? It doesn't matter anymore. Once he saw the Ancient of Days, all the problems were solved. Without seeing Him you have a lot of problems. Everything becomes a problem. That is why everyday all you have on your mind are the problems, because you have not seen this glorious Christ to verse 13. "I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heavens! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him." This vision is fully as John saw. As he saw the throne in heaven, God was there. Just like in Verse 9 & 10 He is ready to pass judgment. He is ready to judge the world. We need to know that judgment is coming soon. We need to remember the days of Noah as the days of judgment. You need to see God the judge, ready to judge. But you only see the beast. You only see this problem and that. You only see those, yet you have not seen the Ancient of Days, how the glorious and holy God is getting ready to judge. Although He is full of patience, full of grace, hoping that all the people of the world would turn to repent, He hasn't started yet. But even though He hasn't started yet, doesn't mean He is just sitting there. He throne is fired up, His wheels are getting ready to go. "A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him, and thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousands stood before Him. The court was seated, and the books were opened." Have you seen this? Or do you think that our God is sitting there listening to the angels singing. As if everything is ok, nothing is the matter. God just says, "Keep singing! Keep singing!" We here on earth act as if nothing is happening. Why is it like this? Because the heavens are not opened you. You have not seen that God is getting mad up there. The books have already been opened and He is seated there. He is getting ready to judge. On the other hand you need to see that the Son of Man is Christ. You must see that the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, had already existed in the eternity past. Daniel had already seen Him before He came. Tell me, isn't that wonderful? Later on, when you meet Daniel,

you have to tell him, “Daniel, you are really blessed. I thought only John the Baptist saw the Lord Jesus. I didn’t know that you saw Him a long time ago.” Tell me, isn’t that glorious? It is too glorious. He saw the Son of Man coming with the clouds of heaven. And He was brought near before the Ancient of Days, and to Him was given glory and dominion and kingdom that all peoples and languages and nations should serve him.” Daniel already saw what is going to happen when the Lord comes back again. All peoples, languages and nations are to serve Him. His dominion is everlasting and His kingdom is one that is not to be destroyed. Daniel is really to great here. He saw everything that is to come in the future. Yet we live in the present day. Are you waiting for this? Right? This evening we spent this time. I hope that the brothers and sisters will go dream this evening, so that you may see this vision in your dream. When you lie down to sleep and you cannot fall asleep, don’t daydream. You have to think of Daniel Chapter 7. Amen! That’s good enough. Tomorrow is the last day. The time really flies.

### **Meeting 10**

Zech. 4:1-6; Ezek. 40:1-4; 43:1-7, 10-12; Rev. 21:10-11,15

May God have mercy on us. Many times we read the word of the Lord we do not allow it to enter into us. We just read it on a level of knowledge and a curious mind. We want to know what does this mean and try to get references on other books. We are just turning in our head but God’s Word has no effect upon you and it cannot change you and heal your inner being. It seems like that you take some medication but it has no effect upon you. You heard the word but it did not get into you. You saw but you did not see, you heard as if you had not heard. So hard is our heart. That is why the Lord has no way to write is word upon our hearts. It is like God’s people that has not heard it. Just like at Mt. Sinai where they said that they will do it. But within a very short period of time they went back to worship the idols. I hope that we are not like that. We have to open our hearts to the Lord in a good way. I don’t have quite the faith to say that you have heard and you will change. After the conference you close the bible and it is forgotten. You do this and that and decades and centuries of traditional methods come right back in. You have not taken in the Word of God. I know that. God has waited for 2000 years and why? Because we are all the same. We heard and said fine that was very good, not bad. And after the conference you go home and the old behavior shows up again. You discuss to go back to the former things again. In the book of Isaiah did not God tell through the prophet to forget the past, “Behold I am doing a new work before your eyes.” But you cannot forget the past. Paul was willing to forget the past. If you were to have lived at the time of Abraham what would you have done? I think we should go and build the ark because Noah built the ark also. You will tell Isaac let’s build the ark. That was for the age of Noah but you still want to build the ark today. God told Moses to build the tabernacle and did he not tell God: shall we not go and build the ark first since it is the bases. And later we build the ark. Isn’t that scriptural?

God said in Gen. 6 let's build the ark so let's build it first and the tabernacle later. Isn't that good too? What's wrong with that? I do not dare to say to build the ark. If you want to go to build the ark I let you go to do it. If David were go to build the ark again, is that the case? Brothers and sisters God's work is always progressing and there is no way for you to repeat that situation that happened in Jerusalem 2000 years ago. Today we stand on their shoulders. Today in Singapore are you going to first ride the horse, then a horse carriage, then T-Ford and then a Japanese car? Then you really have good bases to go on. Have you ever ridden on a horse? If you never rode on a horse how can you drive? But do you have first to speak in tongues then do the healing, then prophecy and then you would start to grow? This is man's doctrinal concept. I don't know how to explain it. We are living in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We are in a spiritual 21<sup>st</sup> century. I hope that all of you can see this. May the Lord have mercy on us! We have to keep going on. We have to keep progressing. Without going forward it does not work. But whatever you want to do you decide before the Lord. Why don't you go and ask the Lord? You have to go and ask him.

I really don't want to bother with the outline. It is not of much profit for you to know the whole outline but you have to see the heavenly vision. God is living and you want to know what he is doing today? If you don't know it will be difficult. Last year I already said that today we live in the age of maturity. Don't think that maturity means that from the first day of beginning to be a Christian up until today. No the age began from the time of the Lord Jesus till upon today. This is the age of maturity. Why do we have such a church life today? Because we have passed through a history of 2000 years and now we are where we are today. You have to this kind of understanding and perspective. Otherwise we will have many difficulties. I don't know whether you have read the book of Ezekiel. And especially the glorious building in the future. You know that in this bible there are many buildings in different ages. First Noah was building the ark. Do you want to stay in the ark every day? You don't live in a house but in the boat. Is everybody living on a boat here? They are fisherman or they want to have? You can sleep better in the night when you rock back and forth. God never said that the ark is my habitation forever. The ark was for the salvation for Noah and his entire family and God's creation. But God never said that this is his eternal resting place. So actually today we are not building the ark. And at the time of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob God started to prepare for his building. In Jacob's dream you can see the Son of Man ascending and descending. God started to prepare of his building. At the time of Moses God wants to live among his people. But the tabernacle in the wilderness was not sufficient. It was different than the ark. For the ark you had to wait 40 days to go and then it was over. Where did the ark land? In today's Turkey or in Jerusalem? Does God want to live in today's Turkey? That was a temporary solution for 40 year the tabernacle. Then it entered into the good land. Then there comes a time when the ark left the tabernacle and went out. But at the time of David the temple was a solid structure, immovable. The Lord said that Mt. Zion is the place of my

choice and I will dwell there forever. It was larger, more solid and very glorious. I don't know how many more times the glory was then the tabernacle. The Lord couldn't move much in the tabernacle. But the temple Solomon built was very beautiful. What are you building today? It all depends in which you are living in. If you live in Noah's time you will build the ark, Moses the tabernacle and in David the Temple. Was that glorious enough? You should read Ezekiel. There is much more glory.

What are we building today? Are still riding a horse or driving a Nissan. Today you get on an airplane. You have to be a person with a vision. When you go back to Germany and make a chart. The ark, how it is built? Very simple and not complicated. Then for Moses how he built the tabernacle that was much more complicated. There is silver, gold bronze, precious stones. Is there gold in the ark? How about the horses and all the animals, do they live in a house of gold? I am not wasting your time but I want to remind you that God is not a stupid God but that tabernacle was different. Do make a chart. The chart is already in the bible. But the materials that David prepared were much more than in the tabernacle. And the volume was greater. It is too amazing. The dimensions were very big. You cannot compare the tabernacle to the temple. Or can you? Whether it will be the ark, the tabernacle or the temple they are all to be done fully according to God's instructions. And at the time of Ezekiel this building was even more. I kept reading and reading and I don't know how it was. How many times have you read? Many times so you should explain it. Because I am not able to express it. There are so many rooms and doors and who can enter through which door. I got a big head. God's building is so glorious. There is a Son of Man measuring there with a fine linen thread. It is very accurate. And there is a rod there. It is very standard and all people in construction will tell you that in order to build a house you have to have exact measurement. But when you are building up the church there is no measurement and besides everybody has his own measuring stick. One brother's stick is quite short and the others is longer. Everybody will measure it according to his own measurement. Go back and read another hundred times. Then you will not say that brother John said this but it is what God told Ezekiel. IT all depends on how you want to build. The church belongs to God and I am not joking here. I am afraid and fearful that I will use my own measuring stick. If my meter is only 6 inches short it will be terrible. How long is your meter? But Tobi has long arms. So his arm is much longer and it will be different again, then what? What measurement should we go by. Which denomination do you belong to? Each demonization has its measurements. This denomination has its own measurement and every group a different one. Is this good? What does God's Word say?

Let's read chapter 40. No matter what the outline says and what the time is forget about that. We have to see the heavenly vision. We need the spirit of the Lord to see. It is not by your mind but by the Spirit of the Lord. If today we do not have the Spirit of the Lord we will not understand. In revelation it was also

because of the Spirit and he was in the spirit that he was led up the mountain. Ezekiel and Daniel were no exception. Without God's appearing we have no way. The Spirit of the Lord came upon me and brought me to the land of Israel. Because God's temple is not build everywhere. You have the spirit but you still have to be brought to right place. But don't use this to tell other people you are at the wrong place. Don't go and bother other people. You may admonish other people. Don't go and scold them or criticize them. May the Lord open our eyes. In the visions of God he took me in the land of Israel. Don't force people. God does not force people. If you refuse to go don't get angry. There are many people in the world who do not want to people but God did not kill them. Did he chop off their head? If God would do so there were nobody left on this earth. If you are like this you don't know God. Don't do that. God respects man because man was created by him and in his image. If he doesn't pay attention to man it means that he doesn't care for himself. Be careful not to look down on man because he was created in God's image and likeness.

Don't learn doctrines. You have to learn Christ. He set me on a very high mountain and on toward the south was something like the structure of a city. God's building is not in the valley but on a high mountain. He who has an ear let him hear. He took me there and behold there was man whose appearance was like the appearance of bronze. Bronze signifies judgment which does not necessarily mean here to judge bad things. As a person you need to have some discernment. If you know how to discern you can judge what is right and wrong, legal and illegal. If there is only gold and no bronze that doesn't work today. Why? Because in this world today there is a lot of unrighteousness, fornication, evil and all kinds of things. The church where you are at – is there any bronze. We like to say gold, silver and precious stones but is there bronze in the Church in Bangkok. Today I am not asking you about gold, silver and precious stones. Don't think that Paul forgot about the bronze. 1 Cor. 3 has gold, silver and precious stones but in chapter 5 and 6 he casted the adulterous brother. Of course there was not much gold either. But they did not even have bronze. If the appearance of this person is not like bronze he is not qualified to take the fine linen. And he is also not qualified to take up the measuring rod. Why? Because he will start measuring and say – oh this is too short. Then he will say – oh this is too long and later he will say that you will pass. I don't know in what color this man should appear. IF you are a thief you will measure and say that's good enough, I will take it. Let me ask you all, how do you measure in the church? Oh that's my uncle and if I measure him with this stick he will get angry so I better not measure him. I don't see anything. Your color is not like bronze, you are not qualified to measure. You don't believe me especially in South-East Asia. In Thailand it is one big family, how are you going to measure. If I start measuring I have to disown all my relatives. The chines are very polite to each other. What should be done? No one is smiling now. Indeed you have to remember that in the house of God it is just like what Paul said, "from this time forth I don't know any brother or sister according to the flesh." If not according to the flesh then

you have to know people by the spirit of Christ and not according to the flesh. If in the house of God you only know the brothers and sister according to the flesh you are done with. Then this church will be your house and not God's house. You will say that brother John is too cold, like a piece of ice. It is possible, I don't know. But in God's house it has to be measured fully according to God's measurement. And while you measure you have to measure according to the man of bronze. We cannot even finish off with this point.

Paul's color was like bronze. He did not have it every day. But when he was going to measure his appearance will change. He will lay down the gold and silver for a moment like a judge who puts off his daily clothes and put on the white hair. Only then he is qualified to be a judge. Otherwise who will be afraid of him. Otherwise when he sees his nephew he will go down and greet him. Once he sees him there he does not recognize him as his own nephew. Don't tell the judge that you have no love. You will say that they will have no love. I have never seen a criminal who said to the judge – you have no love. Did you not read 1 Cor 13. A judge will not care about 1 Cor 13 or 14. A pastor yes but a judge no. When the Lord comes back before his judgment seat you will read 1 Cor 13 to him. You may try it to do it. If you don't see the vision how are you going to build the church? If you don't see the vision and I give you another 10 years things will still be the same or worse.

And the man said to me: Son of man look with your ears and hear with your ears and fix your mind on everything I show you. Don't see it and forget about it. Goes in one ear and goes out the other. You have to pay attention and fix in your heart and mind. Oftentimes we do not have a God fearing heart. It doesn't mean to say that you have to be very fierce. A trial judge doesn't have to be fierce but he has to be proper. Have you seen a judge scold the defender in a bad way. He will scold him in such a way that he will not even look up to him. O this trial judge is so fierce. So what if you are fierce. Wrong is wrong and right is right you don't have to be fierce. It doesn't say that the man was a man of bronze and looked very fierce. You have to be faithful and righteous and not to be very fierce. Am I very fierce. Perhaps sometimes. The Lord Jesus did not tell him to be fierce.

“But look with your eyes, hear with your ears and fix your mind on everything I will show you; for you were brought here so that I may show them to you. Declare to the house of Israel everything you see.” (Ezekiel 40:4) Do not skip one point because God's building is very serious and you cannot be loose. But if people don't want it don't scold them. It is your relationship between you and God not me and you. The one who is going to judge is not me but God. God's judgment is serious. Times up so go and read by yourself. There is too much to see. If the brothers and sisters will have a deep sense within them to see, “Lord, I want to do things according to what you say.” That is good enough. The Spirit will then instruct you.

## Meeting 11

Time is really too short. There is no way for me to fellowship on the entire outline. It's only a help. If we see the central points, that's good enough. Let's take a look at the Lord's second coming. From the sharing these days we all know that God's heavenly vision is in the words of the prophets. It's all revealed in the Old Testament already. You need to read it well. Everything is very clear. In the New Testament, what the apostles have written has already been revealed in the Old Testament. It's just that we don't see. I hope that we would treasure God's word. And much more we shall enter the reality of the word.

Surely the Lord is coming again. He will set up His kingdom for 1000 years on this earth. Many people want to go to heaven. I don't want to break up your sweet dreams, but you have to understand: God doesn't want to bring you to heaven. The Lord Jesus came to this earth. When He ascended the angel told His disciples, "Why do you keep looking up towards the sky? The son of man will come again the same way He ascended." He has ascended into the heavens from Mount Olive. In the last days He will come again, and His feet will land on the Mount of Olives. What the angel said was already determined a long time ago in the Bible. If the Lord takes you up to heaven, and He comes back and is on this earth, what's the use of your being in heaven? Now you are here and He is in heaven, in the future you're in heaven and He is here! What's the use? Don't have such a concept. The Lord is coming again. When He comes back He will be on this earth to build up His kingdom. Besides, the overcoming saints will reign with Him on earth over the nations. This is what the word of God tells us. Today we have to prepare to receive our king to come to this earth. When He comes, He will be the King of kings. He will be here to be King. If we are faithful and mature in life, then you will be qualified to be a co-king with Him. This is the glory of your birthright. What would you gain by the birthright? Does not the Bible tell us that all the believers will be co-kings in the New Jerusalem? Will they all receive the inheritance in that time? That's right. Why do we still need the birthright? It is an additional portion. Others get one portion, those with the birthright get a double portion. What do you want? A single or a double portion? You have to be a little bit greedy concerning the heavenly things. Don't be greedy for the worldly riches. Tell the Lord: I want a double portion. I don't want to lose my birthright. Be a little wiser. When will this portion be given to you? At the millennial kingdom. If you sell off the birthright today, you don't believe in it, when the Lord comes back, you will not have the birthright. Many Christians don't know about this. You have to see very clearly. Let's read Hebrews 12. Paul said it very clearly. Chapter 12 talks about God's chastening today. He has to chasten us. Verse 5: "As you have forgotten the exhortation that speaks to you as sons. My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; For whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives." Whom the Lord loves, He chastens. If you're wrong and He doesn't correct you, if you express your flesh,

and He doesn't chasten you, then you are like an illegitimate son. We need spiritual chastening. Why is everyone so divided and they fight with each other? The denominations fight with each other, people in the world fight, but so do we. Sometimes even worse. They do fornication, and so do you. Do you not need some chastening? We read verse Hebr. 12:8-9. "But if you are without chastening, of which you all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?" Do you want to be a spiritual bastard or a son? If you don't accept the chastening and don't do according to God's instructions, are you a son? Brothers and sisters, discipline your own children. The children should respect the parents. Hebr. 12:10 "For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness." If you're not disciplined, you have no part in His holiness. Don't think it is easy to be holy. Hebr. 12:11 "Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it." If we are not being chastened in God's house and we can fight and sin, does that work? Won't our Father chasten you? You don't want Him to chasten you? What will you lose? You will not lose your eternal salvation. But you will lose your birthright. I guarantee you. That's why we have to receive His chastening. Hebr. 12:15-16 "looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled; lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright." Falling short of grace. That is not for salvation. The grace of God disciplines us. That is what Paul said to Titus. Many become defiled; then there will be fornication. If there is fornication in the church, this is a shame. Adultery and fornication will not do. Those who repeat these acts and do not feel bad, they will not receive the kingdom of God. That's not what God's word says. You cannot inherit the kingdom of God in this way. Today the kingdom is the church, later it will be the Millennial kingdom, then it will be the New Jerusalem. So we have to repent thoroughly. Don't just say, "Oh, I am back, hallelujah!" Repent thoroughly. There is a "Holy, Holy, Holy." Don't despise God's word. It is never spoken in vain. Profane person – like Esau who for one bowl of red bean soup sold his birthright. He sold it. Heb. 12:17, "For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears." The blessing was gone. He sought it diligently with tears. Did he get it again? No. There was no place for repentance. Don't you know the story of Jacob and Esau? Your salvation is eternal, you won't lose it. Your salvation is by grace. It's not because you were good, but the Lord Jesus died for you on the cross. He bore your sins and your judgment. This grace is freely given to you, saved by grace. Your salvation is by grace and not by works. If this is the case, you won't lose your salvation because of your works. It is an eternal salvation. But you can lose your birthright in Christ Jesus. Don't say you didn't hear it. If at the judgment

seat you say that you never heard about this, I will be your witness. I will say, "In the last meeting in the Bangkok conference I did mention it." Don't say you never heard about it. I tried my best to share about it in a simple and clear way. Have you understood it? Yes. But if you want to be loose and live in the flesh, and do fornication, loving the world, like Esau and Reuben, you will lose your birthright. Reuben was not even mentioned because it was too shameful. He did the same as was done in 1 Cor. 5, and he lost his birthright. Your extra portion will be added to you in the millennial kingdom. The birthright is also to be a king. If the king has 10 children, who will be the king? Each one for 1 year? Is that how it goes? Who is going to be king? The firstborn will be king, because he will have the birthright. In the age of the New Jerusalem, we will all rule over God's universe with the Lord. But in the millennial kingdom, not all the saints will be kings there. The Bible did not say that. If you say it in this way, you're wrong. Today you're a Christian, but you live like a bastard, not chastened, living out your flesh. Be careful. Why do I emphasize this? The day of the Lord's coming is near. Those who are martyred will be co-kings with Christ for 1000 years. How about the last 2000 years? Not everyone was a martyr. Are all Christians so brave? You're brave in sinning. You're not afraid to go back to your sin. It's not so hard to understand. But I have to constantly remind you over and over again. I hope that we all, me included, would be watchful and we could all change. That we all would be willing to accept the chastening of the God of all spirits to be holy and bear fruits of righteousness and become righteous. Not only do righteous deeds but to become His righteousness. Then we will praise the Lord when He comes back. You will have part in the blessing of the birthright. Do you believe it?

Now let's go quickly to take a look at what the prophets say about the Lord's coming. We don't need all the verses on the board any more. I hope your hearts are not like this white board here now, completely empty. Once it's erased it's all gone. When you go back home don't erase everything, forget everything. It is so easy to be erased. Lord Jesus! Let's take a look at what the book of Daniel says. Daniel shows us the image of a man. (Said to a brother: Please draw a man.) Daniel saw the image of a man, and this man was divided into four parts: the head, the shoulders, the torso and the legs. The fourth section is very particular. There are two feet at the end of the fourth section each with 5 toes. It is very simple. It is very simple. The first portion, the head, is of gold and refers to Babylon and King Nebuchadnezzar. Before we go on I have to mention why God wants to show this to us. Actually, before this time God wanted to build up His kingdom with the nation of Israel and also conquer all the other nations through the nation of Israel. When David was king, he conquered all the other countries. This typifies the Lord Jesus. As our King, when He comes to be King, He will reign over all the other nations in the millennial kingdom. But the people of Israel didn't want to be disciplined. They mingled themselves with the many Gentile nations and they entered into idolatry with the other nations. They did not repent. They did not listen. They disobeyed. They became more

idolatrous than all the other Gentiles themselves. To make it brief, God had no other way but to judge, so He allowed King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon to destroy the Holy City of Jerusalem and burn the temple. Many of the Jews and Israelites were killed and the remainder of them was taken into captivity. God was not able to setup His Kingdom through the nation of Israel, so His Kingdom was temporarily put on hold. Besides that, at the time of Samuel, the people of Israel didn't want God to be their king. They wanted to choose a man from among themselves to be their king, just like the other nations. The other nations had their own kings, so Israel also wanted their own king. In the end, if you continue to read, you can read in Chronicles and in the Kings and in Samuel about the history of Samuel concerning all the kings. With the exception of just a few they were all bad kings. How can fallen man be a good king? Right? So in the end God had no other way but to take back His Kingdom. But after He took back His kingdom, who will rule over the world? The world was just left to the nations to manage it. About 600 B.C. the captivity began. The Bible calls it the "Time of the Gentiles", the "Time of the Nations". That is why this image came forth. So I hope that you can understand history in a simple and clear way. God had no other way. God didn't want the Jews anymore because they rejected Him as King. And when Jesus came the first time they rejected Him again, saying that they wanted Caesar as their King, not the Lord. Oh, dear, they said such a thing. So today, who is your king?

So Babylon began, and then came the kingdom of Persia followed by the Greeks moving on to the Roman Empire. From that time until today it's been almost 2600 years, a long time of the world being ruled by the nations. History tells us about this development up until today. So now I want to ask you, when was the time of the Gentiles, the time of the nations fulfilled? We can see it in Luke 21:24 – in June of 1967 the times of the Gentiles were fulfilled. That also means to say that the time of the Lord's coming is near. It is going to start soon. Thank and praise the Lord. Now that time has already passed, we don't have to bother with the history. You can go and read it on your own. It is important for us to pay attention to these feet, these stinky feet. Really so. They are stinky feet. Let us make a close-up drawing of the foot on the board. You know, this foot is not only made of iron but of iron mixed with clay. The Bible tells us that clay represents man, since man was made of the dust of the earth, of clay. Now politically speaking, King Nebuchadnezzar was like God. The head of the statue in Daniel 2 is of gold. He had total authority. Whatever he said, goes. God gave him total authority. Throughout the ages there is no one equivalent with King Nebuchadnezzar. And through the ages there was a development of the political systems all the way to democracy at the feet, actually beginning with the Greek empire to the Roman Empire. By the time the age of the feet began, you could say it is an age of democracy. So tell me, when did the age of the feet start? Today we say it very simply, so that the brothers and sisters would have some feeling within. History tells us that the beginning of democracy was in France and in the United States. The date of the declaration of American independence

for democracy in the US was in 1776. The French Revolution happened in 1789. Have you not studied European history at home or at the university? History tells us that especially during the time of the French Revolution the democratic system began. So let us take it from 1800 until today. And today, through two World Wars, everything is even more democratic. Things keep changing up until today. How many years have gone by until today since 1800? 210 years. Is that a long time? Quite long. Today basically the whole world is democratized. There is no country in the world more democratic than the US, because the other countries don't fulfill the prerequisites. But we need to know, the very last age is at the stinky toes. They are the most stinky, 10 toes for 2 feet. 10 toes are 10 nations. In Daniel Chapter 7 a fourth empire is mentioned, a beast with 10 horns. In Chinese the words for toes and horns sound alike. So the ten horns are the ten toes of the feet. Let's take a look at Rev. 17:12-14. We don't have much time. "The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as of yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast." Very quickly. "These are of one mind and they will give their power and authority to the beast. These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is the Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and..." What? Have faith? No. They are "faithful." In the last age just to have faith or to believe is not enough, but you have to be faithful. To have faith is not enough, for you may believe wrongly. Whatever people say you believe, even if God did not say it. You believe in everything, but not necessarily in what God says. But you are not faithful. Faithful is directed towards the living God and His Word. Right? Let's go back to the book of Daniel in Chapter 7. Let's take a look at Daniel 7:7-8 where the beast appears. Out of the ten horns a little horn came out. Let's skip to verse 17-18. "Those great beasts, which are four, are four kings which arise out of the earth." Verse 18 is very important, "But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever." Thank the Lord, for if you have part in the millennial kingdom, you will have part in the new heaven and new earth. Let's go on to verses 20-22. "and the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn that came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words." Oh that's a terrible figure. Verse 21, "I was watching." This is very important. "and the same horn was making war against the saints and prevailing against them." Who are these saints here? That means to say, when the 3.5 years begin, when the Great Tribulation begins, there will be some defeated Christians, those who are not faithful, who will go through this tribulation. There will be many Christians who will go through this time. When going through the Great Tribulation you will have to fight against the horn. Those who have been raptured to the throne in heaven will not have to fight with this beast. That's why at that time, if you have sold your birthright then you will have to go through the Great Tribulation. But if you are faithful, then you will be raptured to the throne first and then you will come down again with the Lamb to fight the last battle. Let us draw a timeline to help the young people understand. If this is the last 3.5 years of the Great

Tribulation, then now all the faithful Christians will be raptured to the heaven. It all depends upon whether or not you are qualified. The defeated, unfaithful Christians will have to go through the 3.5 years. Most will have to go through it. The beast will be there. I don't know how to draw the beast. The beast will be there fighting with these Christians, not with the saints who are in heaven. There is no way for him to do that. So it all depends upon where you are at. Here in Dan. 7:21-22 it says, "I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them." The beast prevailed. "until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom." Amen. So you see, at the time when the Lord comes back, would you be qualified to possess the kingdom? In verse 27 it also says, "Then the kingdom and the dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him." Thank the Lord. Daniel told us a long time ago that the saints will inherit the kingdom. This is referring to the millennial kingdom. Let's go back to Revelation Chapter 13 to prove that when this beast appears he will fight with the saints. Chapter 13 speaks of the beast. When the beast appears, beginning with verse 6, "then [this beast] opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven." Verse 7, "It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them." Wow! What is said here is identical to what Daniel said. Now tell me, which group of saints is the beast at war with? If you have already been raptured to the throne, will Satan overcome you? He won't even be able to see you. He will not be able to jump up to the heavens during these last 3.5 years, for he will be limited to this earth. So if you are raptured before the throne, how will the beast be at war with you? But if you sold your birthright, are not raptured and remain on this earth, if you were not faithful and your spiritual life has not grown, you will remain in this place, and the beast will wage war against you and you will not prevail. Tell me is that a good thing? Lord Jesus. May the Lord have mercy on us. We don't have the time to point out everything out clearly, but you need to know that it is very possible that we are living at the time of the toes. It won't be long until the 3.5 years will come. I don't know when it will be, but I know that it won't be long. When? Daniel Chapter 9 tells us that once the peace treaty is signed in the Middle East, the last seven years will begin. So today I don't know when the peace treaty will be signed, but once it's signed I guarantee you that the last seven years will begin. If you don't believe it, just you wait. Just wait. You will only have 7 years left. Now in the middle of the 7 years, in the second half, after 3.5 years, the Great Tribulation will begin and the ten toes will appear together with the beast. Do you have the assurance that at that time you will be raptured? It all depends upon you and me, whether we are willing to allow the Holy Spirit to chasten us and transform us, to be faithful people. Don't think that it is good enough just to be in the church today. No! To be in the church and in God's house is the best environment to help you to grow. But there is no guarantee that

within the church, if you are in the church, that you will be raptured. It still depends upon whether or not you are willing, whether you are willing to be built up or not, to allow the Holy Spirit to do the work of transformation in you so that your spiritual life can mature. This all depends on you, whether or not you're willing. No one can decide for you. It will be of no use to scold you. It will also be of no use to control you. God can't even control you. Who can control you? Even the Lord Jesus cannot control you. Who else could do it? Right? But if it is too much for you, I'm sorry, you won't even have part in the church today. Otherwise you can go live your life and be loose and you come back and sin and come back. I can do that, everybody can be like that. If brother Sandi can do it, then I can do it too. He can do it too. How come you can do it and I can't? He went away, did that and then came back. Why can't I? Let's just go together to do these things. Who would then fear? Brothers and sisters, it is not that simple. Our God is living. So the book of Hebrews tells us that it is dreadful to fall into the hands of the living God. It is a terrible thing to fall into the hands of the living God, because our God is also a consuming fire. God is not only love, God is also a consuming fire. The Lord Jesus said that He came to baptize us not only with the Holy Spirit but also by what? By fire. You know that there is a Holy Spirit, yet you don't know that there is fire. Right? The Holy Spirit is there to baptize you into the Lord Jesus Christ. So what is the fire there for? To burn away all the filth and all the sin. That is why today, even the entire Old Testament speaks clearly regarding our Lord Jesus Christ. Let's take a look at Zechariah Chapter 14. In that day, that is the end of the 3.5 years, "For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; the city shall be taken, the hoes rifled, and the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, but the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city." Dreadful! It will be a terrible time in Jerusalem at the time. This is the same as Revelation Chapter 16. You can read it on your own. We don't need to read it right now. Then "The Lord will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle, and in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east." This is very clear, right? So you see, long ago Zechariah knew it all. You can read it on your own. On that day God will destroy all the armies of the world. Zechariah also tells us how God is going to destroy them. Their flesh will all melt away; and their eyes will all fall out. It will be dreadful. It was never seen before. And the Lord Jesus only needed to say a word out of the sword out of His mouth and then it is done. You may read it for yourself. Verse 8 "in that day, it shall be that living waters shall flow from Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and half of them toward the western sea; in both summer and winter it shall occur." Verse 9, "and the Lord shall be King over all the earth." Our Lord shall be King over all the earth. "In that day it shall be – 'The Lord is one,' and His name one." How about Jerusalem? Jerusalem shall become the city of the Great King, the center of this world. Thank and praise the Lord. Hallelujah! And I forgot, in Zech. 14:5 it also says that "thus the Lord my God will come, and all the saints with You." Here it says all the saints, all the holy ones. Not just all the saints but all the holy ones. Darby translation says "all

*The Heavenly Vision*

---

the holy ones". Would you be qualified to go up with Him? After 3.5 years you will be coming down with him. Thank the Lord. Time is up. This is the entire heavenly vision. Amen. Hallelujah! It is not yet completely finished, but we will come back and continue to see the heavenly vision in the New Testament. If the Lord wills, we will see you next year.