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But We See Jesus (2)

The Ministry of Jesus

Bible Passages

Hebrews 3:1-6

*Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Jesus, who is faithful to him that has constituted him, as Moses also in all his house. For *he* has been counted worthy of greater glory than Moses, by how much he that has built it has more honour than the house. For every house is built by some one; but he who has built all things is God. And Moses indeed was faithful in all his house, as a ministering servant, for a testimony of the things to be spoken after; but Christ, as Son over his house, whose house are *we*, if indeed we hold fast the boldness and the boast of hope firm to the end.*

Hebrews 4:14-16

Having therefore a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast the confession. For we have not a high priest not able to sympathize with our infirmities, but tempted in all things in like manner, sin apart. Let us approach therefore with boldness to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and find grace for seasonable help.

Hebrews 5:7-10

Who in the days of his flesh, having offered up both supplications and entreaties to him who was able to save him out of death, with strong crying and tears; (and having been heard because of his piety;) though he were Son, he learned obedience from the things which he suffered; and having been perfected, became to all them that obey him, author of eternal salvation; addressed by God as high priest according to the order of Melchisedec.

Prayer

Lord, with worship, we put your word before you. We look up to your Holy Spirit to enliven your words in us, so that your word can become life and spirit in us. You open up the key to our hearts, so that we can know yourself through your word. In the name of our Lord Jesus, Amen.

He is the Son of God and the Son of Man

The theme of this conference is “But we see Jesus.” We feel that we have seen many things on this earth, but we see too little of our Lord. We can say that all our problems are generated here. If we can see less of men and things, and if we can see more of our Lord Jesus, and all our problems will be solved. Not only our personal problems, but also our corporate problems can be solved. So we truly look up to our Lord, so when we gather here together, that we can see more and more of our Lord Jesus.

And yesterday morning, we shared what we see the person Lord Jesus. And we see that our Lord is the Son of God. He is God Himself. And He is the one who declares God to us. All things are made of Him. And all things are given by the Father to Him. And He has saved us. And He is truly that honorable majestic Son of God. And we also see that He comes down on Earth to be a man. And He becomes the One in the heart of God. And because of the redemption that He has accomplished for us, He will bring us all into glory. So on one hand we see the glory of Him being the Son of God, on the other hand we see the glory of Him as son of man. He is the Lord who is worthy of our worship. He is worthy of our thanks.

This morning we want to share about the second thing. And we want to see the office of Jesus. We can also say that we want to see the ministry of Jesus.

Our confession – a two-fold understanding of the Lord

At the beginning of the third chapter of Hebrews, it says, “Therefore, holy brothers, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession.” In Chinese translation it says this, “as we consider.” And this “consider” is actually a noun. It’s confession, an acknowledgement. So we the believers we all have an acknowledgement, a confession. And this confession is our faith. It is our testimony. And every believer has this confession. In English, there are two different words. I do not know how to express it in Chinese. I have asked some brothers and we all are not able to [do it]. So I can only use English here. You know in English there are two words. One is “confession”, and one is

“profession.” And “confession” is different than “profession”. It’s “pro” and “con”. What is “profession?” And sometimes we say he is a “professional Christian.” He’s only a Christian by name, as if he also has some acknowledgment, but that acknowledgment is in name only. And this is only to acknowledge among people who have the same opinion. If he goes in between those who are against the Lord, then he does not confess. And this is profession. And some consider Christians as a profession. And this acknowledgment is not valuable before God. What is “confession”? “Confession” is to acknowledge before people who do not agree, before those who oppose. So this “confession” becomes our testimony.

And we have mentioned before. Our brother mentioned it last night as well. In Matthew 16, when our Lord retreat to the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, “What did men say I am?” Then He asked His disciples, “Who do you say I am?” So here you see that Simon Peter has a confession. In this confession, he said, “You are Christ, the Son of the living God.” And the Lord said, “Simon Bar-jona, you are blessed, because the flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father has revealed this to you.” Now this becomes our confession, and this becomes our faith, and our testimony. And what does this confession include? Includes two things: 1. To say that You are Christ. You are the anointed One. You are the One sent by God. You are the One Who is to accomplish the will of God. And this one has to do with the ministry and office of our Lord Jesus. 2. You are the Son of the living God, and this has to do with the person of our Lord Jesus. Although He comes to Earth as a man, He is the Son of the living God. Dear brothers and sisters, what is our confession? What is our faith? What is our testimony? In summary, it is our knowledge of Him in these two aspects.

One must receive in the spirit the revelation of God

And because God has revealed this to us, from depth of our heart we have seen that Jesus is truly the Christ. He is truly the Son of the living God. And this confession then is our testimony. You remember our Lord Jesus has said, “If you confess me before man, then I will confess you before my heavenly Father. If you do not confess me before man, then I will not acknowledge you before God and the angels.” So this acknowledgment and confession is extremely important. But how can we have this powerful confession? We must have the revelation of God inside. Yesterday morning we mentioned. We could speak here about Jesus as the Son of God and He is the son of man. We can all hear it. Maybe in our brains we all have accepted. But that has not constituted our confession. We must have the revelation of God that we can see inside ourselves that Jesus is not an ordinary man, and He is not a man above other men. He is not Elijah. He is not John the Baptist. And He is that prophet. He is greater than all these. He is the only begotten Son of God. But we thank God that we also see from inside that He has emptied Himself this way. Dear brothers and sisters, he is in equality with God, and He does not consider that to be something to take. We can imagine

how majestic, how glorious and how abundant is in Him. But because He loves us, He has emptied Himself. He put on the form of a bondsman. He takes the likeness of man. He is wholeheartedly obedient unto death, even death on the cross. If in the depth of our spirit, we see Him as the son of man, that we cannot but confess Him, we cannot but thank Him.

One must keep considering the matters of the Lord

In the same principle, our revelation of His office and His ministry is the same. We can talk about His ministry. We can hear about His ministry. But if the Holy Spirit did not reveal this ministry of Lord Jesus in our hearts, even though He has done so many things for us, we have no part in what He did. The more we can see His ministry, the more we can experience the work that He has accomplished. Therefore, we have to experience our Lord Jesus. We have to see His ministry. Here it says, "Consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession." What is to "consider?" You remember Lord Jesus in Matthew 6. He says, "Do not worry about what your clothing and your food is." The Lord knows we worry about these things. Otherwise He would not have mentioned this. The Lord says, "You do not have to worry about these things." How can we not worry about these things. The more we look at ourselves, the more we think how important it is for us to eat and drink and clothe. So Lord Jesus tells us, "Do not just look at yourself. If you look at yourself, you cannot but worry. But you have to look outward. You have to look heaven-ward. You see the bird in the heaven. He does not sow. He does not reap. But your heavenly Father takes care of them. Aren't you more honorable than the birds?" The birds are lowly. If you spend one penny you can buy two, and with two cents you can buy five. The fifth is the additional one. And the Lord said that additional one, if it fell onto ground, your Father in the heaven knows. In the original language it's even stronger than this. In the original language it says, if this extra bird did fall onto ground, your heavenly Father fall onto ground with it, too. And that one which is worth less than half a penny, and totally worthless, and your heavenly Father took care of it in such manner. Aren't you more honorable than these birds? The Lord says you can also look at the ground. You can see this lily in the wilderness. In the land of Judah, the hills and valleys are full of lilies. And birds fly all over the place. And the lilies are all over the valley. It neither weaves nor spins. But your heavenly Father put clothes on it. It's more beautiful than Solomon at his most majestic time. And you have to consider the lily in the wilderness. What is to "consider"? To consider is to think about it. You have to consider this way or that way. As Mary who always put in her heart what she has seen and what she has heard of Lord Jesus. And she thinks this way or that way of Him. And maybe the first time you cannot understand. But if you think about it again and again, you have this revelation.

The ministry of Lord Jesus

(1) To be an Apostle, on the Earth

So the Lord tells us here, we have to consider again and again this Lord Jesus of our confession. And we have to continue to examine our Lord Jesus. Who is He after all? What has He done for us after all? And what is His ministry? And here it says that He is the Apostle. In the Chinese translation it sounds like messenger. In the original language it means apostle. We know that when our Lord Jesus was on the Earth, He has picked 12 among His disciples. And He sent out these twelve, and gave them the authority to cast out demons and to heal and to proclaim the gospel. And these 12 sent ones became the apostles. So the meaning of apostle is one that is sent. How the Lord sent His apostles out to do what He commanded them to do, in the same way, our Lord Jesus was sent by His heavenly Father to come on this Earth. So our Lord Jesus is the first apostle. All other apostles came out of Him. He says, "How my Father has sent me, I also sent you the same way." Our Lord Jesus, He is the Apostle. This is His ministry. If we look into the gospel of John, (We cannot look over the whole gospel of John. We would not have time for that.) if you read the gospel of John yourself, you see that in the gospel of John, there are more than 20 times our Lord Jesus says, "I did not come here by Myself. It's the One that sent Me. My Father sent Me. When I speak today, it is not I who speak, but the Father who sent Me, He told Me to speak this way. And I hear what He said, then I speak according to what He said. And the Holy Spirit that God gives Him is unlimited." He said, "My food is to be obedient to the will of the One that sent Me. You do not know God, but I know Him, because I came from Him. He sent Me. Whoever receives Me receives the One who sent Me. I am not here alone. The One who sent me is with Me because I please Him all the time. And I testify for Myself, but the Father who sent Me He also testified for Me." So in the gospel of John, our Lord said again and again. He said, "I have been sent by God." He did not come by Himself. He is the apostle of God. And why He was sent by God?

(1) He is the perfect representation of God the Father

Here we see: 1. He is the Apostle of God. He is sent here to represent His Father, His God. As today, in the nations, we see that a nation has to send an ambassador to another nation. Why he has to send an ambassador to another country? We say that he will do things on behalf of his own country. And he will deal with things in another country for his own country. But this is only secondary. When ambassador goes out to the other country, the first job is to represent the country where he came from. So you see however he moves, he represent his country. Whether his own country can be respected by others depends on whether he can be respected. He does not go by himself. He

represents the whole country. We can say that the honor or the shame of the country hinges upon him. This is the primary mission of the ambassador.

Dear brothers and sisters, our God, in the ages past, He sent prophets to the Israelites. He even sent prophets to the nations. For example, Balaam was a prophet for the Gentiles. So you see that in ages past, God has sent many prophets. But these prophets were only men. Although these were holy men, so the Spirit of God moved them, and God could speak through them, their representation was not complete. That's why you can find faults in these prophets. Although their prophecies were accurate, their persons were not perfect. He was not adequate in representing God.

You know what offend God the most is to misrepresent God. And this sin is greater than other sins. Moses was an example. However the Israelites offended God, God kept forgiving them. But Moses was the servant of God. He represented God before the Israelites. But there was once, and it wasn't totally his fault, the Israelites provoked him. And then he said something he shouldn't have said. He said, "You the rebellious people, I will give you water." He took the staff and struck the rock twice. And God originally told him, "You just go. You take the staff which is before the Ark." And that staff was not the staff of Moses. It was not the staff that Moses opened the Red Sea. And it was not the staff which struck the rock the first time so that water could flow out. And this staff was the one that was in the tent before the Ark. And this was the staff of Aaron. You remember that story? The staff of Aaron budded and produced almond flowers. And this is the office of the priest. The ministry of a priest is according to the redemption work of Christ. So God said, "Pick up the staff. Take this and you do not have to strike. And you just speak to the rock, 'Water flows.' That would be adequate." But Moses at that time was provoked. So he took the staff and struck the rock twice. And when he did so, the almond flowers fell. Work was actually done. You do not have to strike. And Christ is to be struck only once. And then all you have to do is to speak according to faith. But just that once, Moses did something he should not have done. He misrepresented God. He gave the Israelites a feeling, "Oh, this is what God is. This is the god you can provoke him. And god is such an angry god." Dear brothers and sisters, because Moses misrepresented God, he was not permitted to enter into Canaan. So you have to see that representation is so important.

Our Lord Jesus is the Apostle of God. His representation of God is perfect. You remember Lord Jesus gave this parable. So one who had a vineyard rented it to the gardeners. And when time is ripe, he sent his servants to pick up the fruits. But the gardeners beat up the servant and sent him away. And when the master sent more servants, these gardeners not only beat them, but some of them even beat them to death. So finally the master says, "I have an only begotten son. I want to send him, and they should respect him. Because he is me. He goes as I go." But unexpectedly, those evil and vicious gardeners says, "This is the inheritor. And if we beat him to death, then we can have the property."

Isn't that what the Jews at that time did to our Lord? They not only have rejected the prophets of God, and they also crucified this Son who completely represented God.

Our Lord Jesus is the Apostle of God. He said, "When you see me, you see the Father." You know that the disciples have been with the Lord for 3 years. When the Lord was about to be crucified, that night the Lord said, "I am leaving." You know what Philip said? He said, "Lord, show us the Father and we will be satisfied." The Lord is so sad. He said, "I have been with you for so long and you are still asking this question. When you see me, you see the Father." Dear brothers and sisters, no one represents God as our Lord Jesus. He is the only begotten son in the bosom of God. He completely declares the Father. This is the meaning of the Apostle. Our Lord Jesus is a faithful Apostle. So today, all the servants of God has to take heed, because what you have done is not qualified as what you have represented. What you have said is less than what you are. Because the first meaning of apostle is to represent. We thank our Lord. He is the Apostle of God. When we see Him, we see God. On Him we the holiness of God. We see the love of God. We see the righteousness of God. We see the grace of God. In Him, we see this invisible God. He is the Apostle of God.

(2) He was sent to fulfill the greatest mission – to save the descendants of Abraham

The second meaning of the apostle is being sent. He is sent to accomplish a mission. What is this mission? You know the mission of our Lord Jesus as apostle. He is sent to accomplish the biggest mission. In the past there were many prophets that were sent. They all have missions. His mission is the one that only He can accomplish in the whole universe. Because between God and man there's only one mediator, that is the Jesus who came down to be a man. And he has become a propitiation for thousands. Dear brothers and sisters, our Lord Jesus came to the Earth not for a tour. He did not come here for sightseeing. He is not coming here just to teach the people on the Earth, though He also taught us. He did not come to this Earth to chase out the demons and to heal, though He did many wonders and miracles. He came to this Earth for only one purpose. The mission is to save the descendants of Abraham. Who are the descendants of Abraham? Those who believe are the descendants of Abraham. He came to this Earth to accomplish salvation. And He was born for this. And He grew up for this. When He grew up and He started to preach, His face was towards Jerusalem. Although He knew that death was waiting for Him in Jerusalem, He walk facing Jerusalem. Although the enemies tempted Him with various ways, and even to tell Him that you can gain the whole world, you do not have to go on the cross, and if only you worship me, but our Lord Jesus was willing to give up the whole world, He wants to be obedient the will of His Father, because only God is worthy of worship, only God is worthy of service.

Dear brothers and sisters, when we think of our Lord Jesus on Earth, how He accomplished the commission of God? Many prophets in the past, they came and went, but they did not accomplish their mission, and they did not bring men back to God. But when God sent His Son to be the Apostle, He accomplished what man cannot accomplish. (When) He was crucified (on the cross). Although people mocked at Him, although these bulls of Bashan surrounded Him and attacked, speaking of the power of the evil ones surrounded Him trying to attack Him, although He was crucified on the cross, (as far as the body is concerned he was painful to death, as far as psychology, and he was abused from various directions and He was oppressed by all powers of darkness), the first word our Lord said on the cross was, "Father, forgive them, because they do not know what they have done." Why can He pray this way? Why was this prayer answered by God? Because He Himself was the substitute. So you see that God has heard His prayer, and He said to the thieves on His side. The thief said, "Lord, when you have your kingdom, remember me." And the Lord said, "Today, you will be with me in the paradise." All the sins of this man was forgiven before God because the prayer of the Lord is heard by God. Today, you and I can be forgiven, no matter how great is our sin, the Lord has prayed for you and God has heard His prayer. It is not your prayer is effective, but His prayer is answered by God. At the 12th hour, the heaven and earth was all dark. From the 12th hour to the 3rd hour, that was the time our Lord became a sacrifice for us. It was not that man have rejected Him. It was not that the enemies attacked Him. But He was bruised by the Father who loved Him. Why? He said, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken Me? I have been with you my whole life, and even from eternal past I was with you. I was pleasing to you. Why do you forsake Me?" Do you know why? It's for you and for me. He has tasted death for us. He has experienced the pain of hell. What is the pain of hell? The greatest pain of hell is the separation from this living God forever. This is the greatest suffering of the hell, but our Lord has tasted for us. We thank and praise our Lord. In His last hour, He cried out loud, "It is accomplished!" Whatever the Father has sent me to do is done! This mission is accomplished. Redemption is accomplished. Then He bowed down His head and gave up His spirit. He has restored the fellowship with His Father.

Dear brothers and sisters, He is the Apostle of God. He has accomplished His commission for God. Today, we thank God because He has accomplished His mission, today we have received grace. Today, we do not have to do anything. All we have to do is to believe, because all things are accomplished. We thank and praise our God.

(3) To be the pioneer and the chief to lead us into the veil

There's a third meaning of Apostle. The third meaning is that He is our commander. He is our pioneer, and He is the one who opens up the way for us. You know that there is one Greek word which has been translated in 4 different

ways in Chinese, but in the original language they're all the same word. Twice in the Book of Acts, and also another two times in the Book of Hebrews. And in Hebrews it says that He is the Captain who brings many sons into glory. And this is also what is said in Hebrews 12, and we look up to the One who is the "Author." And actually it's the same word. That is to say that He is the one who initiated the whole thing, our originator. And He is our source. And He has accomplished for us, and also He has opened up a way for us. He entered Himself, and He's going to bring us into it. So what is an apostle? Apostle not only has accomplished what He is supposed to do, but He has opened up for us a new and living way, and He brings us on this way to walk even to enter the veil and to enter into glory. This is the meaning of the Apostle.

An apostle is not only here just to preach and to give some messages, even the messages are correct. But if he cannot bring people into this message, and it is not an apostle. So you see our Lord is an apostle. He not only has accomplished the redemption, and because of His death on the cross, the veil in the Temple has split into two and He entered into the veil, and now He sits at the right hand of the most high, and is crowned with majesty and honor, and He is going to bring all of us into this way. Dear brothers and sisters, therefore, today, we have to walk on this way of the cross. He has opened up for us a new and living way. He has separated/dedicated for us His way. And this is His way. Nobody else has walked on it. Nobody was able to walk on it. But He walked through the cross to enter before God to receive honor and majesty. And today this new and living way that He has opened up for us, He wants us to follow Him. He is before us and we are after Him. And by His strength we walk on the way of the cross. We walk through the cross and enter into glory. We thank God. This is our Lord. He is our apostle. So brothers and sisters, have we seen how great a salvation our Lord has accomplished for us? When we have such a great salvation, how can we neglect it? If we neglect it, how can we avoid punishment? So we have to diligently listen to the word of God. When we hear His word today, we cannot harden our hearts, lest we have a heart of unbelief and we lose that rest. And this is the first aspect of the ministry and office of our Lord.

2. To be the High Priest, in the Heaven

But His office and ministry is not only this. And it says "consider the Apostle and High Priest, Jesus." When our Lord was on Earth, He was sent. He was the Apostle. But after He accomplished His work, He went back to God and sit on the right hand of God. Is He just sitting there dozing because He has accomplished everything? No. Now He is raised up high in the heaven and is sitting on the right hand of God, and He is the High Priest for us. Dear brothers and sisters, today our Lord Jesus in the heaven is our High Priest. I remember a story. There was an old sister in the past. She was rather illiterate, but she was very pious. She asked to be baptized. So some of the responsible brothers asked her questions to examine her faith. One question was that what is our

Lord Jesus doing in the heaven. She said Lord Jesus today is standing in the heaven. His eyes are searching all over on the Earth. He is looking at me to see if there's anything wrong with me, and this is what our Lord is doing in heaven. Of course she did not pass. Dear brothers and sisters, do you know what our Lord Jesus is doing in heaven? I think many Christians do not know. We all know what our Lord Jesus has done on Earth for us. We do not know what our Lord Jesus is doing in heaven for us. For this reason, no wonder we do not live like a Christian. Although we received grace, we have received the salvation of the cross, our life as a Christian totally depend upon Him as our High Priest.

And talking about Lord Jesus as our High Priest, I think it is not clear among our brothers and sisters. The reasons we are not clear is probably because we are confused by the priesthood in the Old Testament time. In the Old Testament time, God saved Israelites. The purpose of God is for them to be a kingdom of priests. Every Israelite has to be a priest, and every Israelite can serve God and should serve God. And this is the will of God. But because Israelites worshipped the golden calf, they disqualified themselves. So they were not able to serve God. The result is that God chose the tribe Levi and the house of Aaron to be priests, and established among men this class of clergy, just as the difference between clergy and laity. So every time as we think about our Lord Jesus as High Priest, our concepts are confused. In reality, every believer is a priest. 1 Peter 2:5 says, You came to the Lord as living stones, and you will be built together as a spiritual house, and a spiritual priesthood, and through Jesus offer up a spiritual sacrifice. And it also says so in the Book of Revelations, that He loves us, He has washed us clean with His blood, and He redeemed us so that we can be a nation of priests. So we see every believer is a priest, and everyone has a responsibility to serve our God. But why can't we do our duty? Because we do not know our High Priest. You know the priests at that time what they did in the Temple were under the direction of the High Priest. Without the High Priest, these many priests they would not know what to do. They would do what they should not and they would not do what they should. And I do what you should do and I don't do what I should do. So there disorder in all services. It is because we do not know our High Priest. Therefor we [must] see that Lord Jesus being our High Priest.

(1) Daily intercession for us before God

(For the matter of time, I can only hurry.) The first, and that has a lot to do with our lives as Christians. Didn't Bible say that our Lord is living forever interceding for us? Whoever comes to God through Him, He can save them to the uttermost. And those of us who have come before God through Him, He can save us to the uttermost. Why? Because He is our High Priest, and He intercedes for us constantly in the right hand of God. Because His prayer is heard and answered by God, now we can be saved out of many temptations and we can be restored out of falling conditions and out of weakness. You remember our Lord said to Peter, "Before the cock crows, you will deny Me three times." Peter

thought he loved the Lord and more than other disciples. And everybody else can leave you, and I will die for you. But the Lord said, "Before the cock crows, you will deny Me three times. Satan is going to sift you, but I have prayed for you. When you are restored, strengthen your brothers." Dear brothers and sisters, three times Peter denied the Lord. Can this kind of person be restored? The Lord has prayed for him. Today, when we fell, when we fail, the Lord has prayed for us. The Lord is going to restore us. We can be restored out of failure not by our own strength, not by the encouragement of men, but because He has prayed for us. His prayer was heard and answered by God. Dear brothers and sisters, today our prayers can be answered. It's because His prayer is mixed with our prayers. Often times I feel, "Lord, my prayer is so weak, but you add your prayer, and God hears your prayer." Dear brothers and sisters, when we live on earth daily, where is the grace from? It is because of the effectiveness of our Lord Jesus being the High Priest.

Because He is the High Priest, and He prays for us before God, so the Holy Spirit which He sent works in us. Sometimes He convicts us. Sometimes He encourages us. When we need grace, He gives us grace. When we need comfort, the Holy Spirit comforts us. Do you know the work of Holy Spirit in us is totally related to the High Priest? Our Lord represents us before God. The Holy Spirit represents the Lord in us. And because of these two mediators, two parakletos, two comforters, we see that we can live by Him daily on this earth. Without Him being the High Priest, we cannot be a Christian for one single minute. So as far as our living is concerned, we need Him to be our High Priest. And by Him we can come to the Father to receive grace, to find grace as our seasonal help.

(2) Leading us to serve as priests

Not only so. Second, He is our High Priest, so we can do the duty of priests. How can we be a servant of God? Because He is our High Priest. If today we hold fast to our Head, He is going to direct us, He is going to bring us, so that on our own positions, we may do our duties that we can serve God, and serve brothers and sisters, so that the body can be built up in love.

(3) Letting us experience the grace of the New Covenant

Third, He being our High Priest, is that He is the mediator of the New Covenant. Dear brothers and sisters, because of the blood of Jesus which He shed on the cross, and God has a new covenant with you and me. What is the new covenant? And this is what Hebrews 8 says. Maybe we have a chance to speak about it again. Brothers and sisters, today we can enjoy the grace of the New Covenant because He is our mediator and He's going to give us the New Covenant grace. He is going to serve us. Our High Priest is going to minister to

us using New Covenant, so that we can experience all the grace of this New Covenant.

(4) Establishing the Church

Fourth, (the proclamation that) the Lord being our High Priest, not only speaks to everyone of us that He is my High Priest, He is your High Priest. More importantly, where does He serve? The Book of Hebrews says that He did not enter into the Tabernacle which is built by the hands of men, and He serves in the true Tent, which is pitched by God. Now what is this true Tent? The true Tent is the Church. So you see the first 3 chapters of Revelations, our Lord Jesus is walking among the 7 golden lampstands, and His garment is the garment of the High Priest, and He is there to train, restore and equip the church until the church becomes a glorious church. And this true Tent becomes New Jerusalem. And who is doing this work? Not by man. Just like my brother said last night, the Lord said, "I will build My Church." The Lord Himself is doing it. And this rock is the confession of Peter. And now the Lord is in heaven. He is building. He builds you and me onto Himself. When He walks among the golden lampstands, He is building. Will He fail? He will not fail. You and I will fail and for sure will fail. Even before we do it, we fail. But our Lord shall not fail. He is the Apostle who never failed. He has set the foundation. He is the High Priest, and He will not fail. And He will build His Church. And He will gain a glorious Church to be His bride. Dear brothers and sisters, this is such a glorious thing. We thank and praise our Lord. Our Lord is our High Priest.

He is the Apostle, and we have to have faith in Him. We trust all that He has done. He is the High Priest, and we have to be obedient to Him. If we are obedient to Him, then He can accomplish in us the work of the High Priest. Let us bow down and pray.

Prayer

Our Lord, we look up to you. We believe that your Holy Spirit is working here. We ask that you take all these fragmented words and add your own speaking, so that we can see from the depth of our hearts. You are our Apostle. You are our High Priest. When we have you, there is nothing to fear. And having you, we lack nothing. We have to cry out loud, "You are sufficient." We thank and praise our Lord. In the name of Jesus, Amen.