

Message 1—Study Questions

1. What is the purpose of God in His creating of man, and what is the purpose of God in His dealing with His chosen people?
2. What is the great question in the book of Job, and what is the great answer?
3. How does Job 10:13, together with Ephesians 3:9, show us this great answer?
4. How can we say that our basic problem is that we are short of God?
5. Describe the intrinsic significance of Job 42:1-6.

Message 2—Study Questions

1. Why has God not yet executed His judgment on Satan?
2. Why did God allow Satan to reduce Job to nothing?
3. Describe the various aspects of Christ's victory over Satan.
4. What do you see regarding the God of peace crushing Satan "under your feet shortly" (Rom. 16:20)?
5. Why is the man-child in the context of Revelation 12:1-5, 7-11 of great importance to God?

Message 3—Study Questions

1. Describe how Job was perplexed by his sufferings, in spite of his perfection, uprightness, and integrity.
2. Explain how Job's experience of God's consuming and stripping in the Old Testament was far behind that of Paul in the New Testament.
3. Use 2 Corinthians 4:10-12 and 16 through 18 specifically to expound Paul's attitude toward and his spirit during his experience of God's consuming through his affliction.

Message 4—Study Questions

1. Explain how the two trees are an underlying thought in the entire book of Job, even though they are not specifically mentioned. Where can we see the tree of knowledge, and where can we see the tree of life?
2. Describe the process by which God can transfer a person from the line of the tree of knowledge to the line of the tree of life.
3. What does it mean to be dependent on the Lord, and how can we live a dependent life?
4. Using Romans 8:5-6, show how we are all a miniature garden of Eden.

Message 5—Study Questions

1. Describe how God's intention was that Job would be a God-man (and not a good man) to express God in His attributes.
2. Explain how the incarnation of Christ, the embodiment and expression of the Triune God, produced a God-man.
3. Delineate how through resurrection Christ, the God-man, was reproduced as the many God-men.
4. Expound how Christ's God-man living constituted Him to be a prototype so that He might be reproduced in us, the God-men.

Message 6—Study Questions

1. What was God's intention with Job, and how was Job's experience a step taken by God in His divine economy?
2. How does Hosea 11:4 express the transformations, the processes, through which the Triune God passed in order for His love to reach us?
3. How can we remain in the daily process of transformation by turning our heart to the Lord as the key to our growing in life?
4. How is the ministry produced, what are the three major aspects of the Lord's wonderful ministry, and how can we fully enter into these three aspects?

Message 7—Study Questions

1. Which Scripture in the Old Testament shows that God has a move with His people on earth? Use the footnote on that verse to discuss the various stages of God's move among His people.
2. According to the revelation of the move of God with men and among men in the Old Testament, what can we see concerning the respective needs of the created man, the fallen man, and the man called and chosen by God?
3. In the move of God in man revealed in the New Testament, what are the steps taken by the first God-man to accomplish God's heart's desire to have a relationship with man?
4. In the move of God in man revealed in the New Testament, what are the experiences needed for the believers in Christ to participate in God's relationship with man to the uttermost?
5. Based on the relationship that God wants to have with man as shown in His move with men and among men in the Old Testament and His move in man in the New Testament, what can we conclude regarding Job's shortage in his understanding of God's heart's desire?

Message 8—Study Questions

1. Define wisdom in two ways: (1) according to human understanding and (2) according to the New Testament.
2. Compose a short outline for a message on Colossians 2:3.
3. In our experience how does Christ become wisdom to us from God?
4. What will be the effect and the result of the multifarious wisdom of God being made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenlies?
5. Prove from the Bible that the New Jerusalem will be full of wisdom.

Message 9—Study Questions

1. Describe how what Proverbs is to us depends on what kind of persons we are and by what way we take the words of wisdom contained in the book.
2. Explain how the various nuggets and gems in Proverbs are not for us to build up our old man but to build up our new man to strengthen our pursuit of Christ for the fulfillment of God's economy.
3. State how Proverbs should not be used to cultivate and build up our old man but to cultivate and build up our regenerated inner man.

Message 10—Study Questions

1. Discuss why having a vision is crucial to the living of a godly life.
2. Discuss how being constituted with the truth is related to our living a godly life.
3. What does it mean to be absolute for the truth, especially for the present truth, and how can this be applied to our Christian life and church life today?
4. What does it mean for man's spirit to be a lamp of Jehovah? What is the best way for us to practice and experience this?
5. What are the four parts of our heart as revealed in the Scriptures? How do we guard our heart against all the complications and problems of the heart?
6. What does it mean to say that love covers all transgressions? How is the matter of covering other members related to our practice of shepherding?

Message 11—Study Questions

1. What does it mean to fear the Lord (see Roman numerals I., III., and IV.)?
2. How can the fear of the Lord be seen in the Lord's human living, and how can we be filled with the fear of the Lord?
3. What is the intrinsic significance of fearing God in the economy of God by trusting in Him according the picture presented in Jeremiah 17:7-8?
4. What does it mean to be in the fear of Christ, and why do we all need a proper fear of God?
5. How can we say that the holy fear of the Lord is for the carrying out of God's eternal economy?
6. What are the intrinsic significance and issue of having one heart and one way?
7. What are the two wonderful results of the forgiveness of our sins?
8. What are the two models of those who fear the Lord in Proverbs 31, and how do they apply to us?

Message 12—Study Questions

1. Why is it necessary for us to realize that life in the old creation is vanity and that, as fallen human beings, we are nothing?
2. "Although human life in the corrupted world is a vanity, a chasing after wind, we need to realize that God has put eternity in man's heart (Eccl. 3:11)." In what way is this statement related to preaching the gospel?
3. With Ephesians 4:17 and 21 as the basis, explain the contrast between the reality in Jesus and the vanity of the fallen human mind.
4. Trace the development from Ecclesiastes 1:2 and Psalm 39:4-6 through Ephesians 4:17 and 21 to Romans 8:19-22.
5. The creation is eagerly expecting and anxiously watching for God's kingdom to come; at the time of the revelation of the kingdom, the whole creation will be liberated, and the manifested sons of God will be delivered from vanity and "will shine forth like the sun in the kingdom of their Father" (Matt. 13:43a). What is the connection between the coming kingdom and Romans 8?