

### **Message 1—Study Questions**

1. Why does the fulfillment of God's economy need our cooperation, the principle of incarnation?
2. For what reason and for what purpose was there an urgent and desperate need for someone like Samuel?
3. Describe the Divine Trinity as revealed in 1 Samuel 1.
4. Why is it crucial for us to see that the Triune God is involved with us today?

### **Message 2—Study Questions**

1. What is the Lord's recovery today?
2. What point of great importance does the first book of Samuel show us in typology?
3. What is "the Hannah ministry"?
4. What is the intrinsic significance of Hannah pouring out her soul before the Lord in the midst of her bitterness in relation to the healing of the bitter waters in Exodus 15, and how does this apply to our personal experience?

### **Message 3—Study Questions**

1. Describe the Nazarite vow.
2. How was Samuel taught by Eli the way to minister to God?
3. Provide the reasons why Samuel could be considered the acting God on earth.
4. Explain the five statuses in which Samuel ministered as God's representative.

### **Message 4—Study Questions**

1. What are the five key words related to the Ark, and what is the spiritual significance of each one?
2. Why is having a proper humanity important in relation to the church being God's testimony?
3. Explain how in our experience the function and usefulness of the Ark are altogether dependent on the propitiatory cover (in your answer, include references to the "two cherubim of gold" and the "blood of sprinkling").
4. Explain how the history of the Ark and the tabernacle is a prefigure of church history, giving us a full portrait of the course and situation of the church from the very beginning to the present time (in your answer, include the five main aspects of this history).
5. How can we ensure that we would not be persons who usurp God but, rather, be persons, like Hannah and Samuel, according to God's heart and for His economy?

### **Message 5—Study Questions**

1. What are the three definitions of the flesh as used in the Bible? Cite the scriptural references.
2. Explain why the flesh is the greatest destroyer of the Christian life.
3. Show by the Scriptures how much Jehovah hates the flesh and the reasons for His hatred.
4. Present the way to deal with the flesh according to the record in Exodus 17:8-13.
5. Discuss the points related to Saul's failure as revealed in 1 Samuel 15 and its consequence.

### **Message 6—Study Questions**

1. What is the intrinsic significance of David's seeing God's sovereignty and his learning the lessons of the cross, and how does it apply to our personal experience?
2. How did David care for God's habitation on earth, the habitation of the Ark of God, and how does this apply to us?
3. What is the holy warning to us today concerning the account of David's great sin, of his falling under God's governmental hand, and of the Christian life being a life of learning God's government?

### **Message 7—Study Questions**

1. Use Matthew 12, Psalms 22, 109, and 110, and David's last words in 2 Samuel 23 to prove how David is a type of Christ.
2. How does David the king typify Christ the King?
3. Use the words of Nathan the prophet in 2 Samuel 7 and the prophecy in Amos 9:11-12 to show that the kingdom of David typifies the coming kingdom of Christ.

### **Message 8—Study Questions**

1. Why is the Lord's question in Matthew 22:41-45 the greatest question in the universe?
2. Explain how 2 Samuel 7:12a and 14a are fulfilled in Acts 13.
3. How and why is Christ both the only begotten Son of God and the firstborn Son of God?
4. Why do we need to connect Romans 1:3-4 and 8:29?

### **Message 9—Study Questions**

1. Explain the proper view of the building of the church, based on 2 Samuel 7:12-14a.
2. Based on the parable of the sower in Matthew 13, show how the divine element and the human element can be constituted together to produce an organic entity, the Body of Christ.
3. Show how the organic building up of the church as the Body of Christ through the process of spiritual metabolism is the fulfillment of the prophecy through typology in 2 Samuel 7:12-14a.
4. Explain the sequence of experiences necessary for the organic building up of the church as the Body of Christ, according to Paul's prayer in Ephesians 3:16-21.
5. Explain what are the spirit, attitude, prayer, and faith of Paul in Ephesians 3:16-21.

### **Message 10—Study Questions**

1. Show how David showed kindness to Mephibosheth in the story in 2 Samuel 9:1-13.
2. Explain how, as Mephibosheth received David's kindness, we received God's grace in kindness even though we have no ground to receive it.
3. Illustrate the definition "kindness is a benevolent goodness that issues out of the mercy and love of God" with the help of Ephesians 2:4 and 7, and Titus 3:4-5.