GENERAL SUBJECT: THE NEED FOR A NEW REVIVAL

Message Four

Living the Life of a God-man

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Living in the Kingdom of God as the Realm of the Divine Species

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Scripture Reading: John 3:3, 5-6; 1:12-13; 2 Pet. 1:4; 1 John 3:1; 2:6

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John 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to become children of God, to those who believe into His name,

John 1:13 Who were begotten not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

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1 John 2:6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk even as He walked.

I. The kingdom of God is a realm, not only of the divine dominion but also of the divine species, in which are all the divine things—John 3:3, 5; 18:36:

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John 18:36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My attendants would be struggling so that I would not be delivered to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not from here.

A. In John 3 the kingdom of God refers more to the species of God than to the reign of God.

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B. God became man to enter into the human species, and man becomes God in life and nature but not in the Godhead to enter into His divine species—1:1, 12-14; 2 Pet. 1:4.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to become children of God, to those who believe into His name,

John 1:13 Who were begotten not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

2 Pet 1:4 Through which He has granted to us precious and exceedingly great promises that through these you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption which is in the world by lust.

C. In order to enter into the divine realm, the realm of the divine species, we need to be born of God to have the divine life and the divine nature—John 1:12-13; 3:3, 5-6, 15; 2 Pet. 1:4:

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John 3:15 That everyone who believes into Him may have eternal life.

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1. God created man, not after man's kind but in His image and according to His likeness to be God's kind, God's species—Gen. 1:26.

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

2. The believers, who are born of God by regeneration to be His children in His life and nature but not in His Godhead, are more in God's kind than Adam was—John 1:12-13:

John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to become children of God, to those who believe into His name,

John 1:13 Who were begotten not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

a. We, the believers in Christ and the children of God, have the reality of the divine life, and we are being transformed and conformed to the Lord's image in our entire being—2 Cor. 3:18; Rom. 12:2; 8:29.

2 Cor 3:18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

Rom 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.

Rom 8:29 Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers;

b. Our second birth, regeneration, caused us to enter into the kingdom of God to become the species of God—John 3:3, 5-6.

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D. To be merely a good man is far away from God's good pleasure; we need to realize that, as believers in Christ, we are God-men in the divine species, children of God possessing the life and nature of God—Eph. 1:5; 1 John 3:1; John 3:15; 2 Pet. 1:4.

Eph 1:5 Predestinating us unto sonship through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

1 John 3:1 Behold what manner of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and we are. Because of this the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

John 3:15 That everyone who believes into Him may have eternal life.

2 Pet 1:4 Through which He has granted to us precious and exceedingly great promises that through these you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption which is in the world by lust.

E. To realize that we are God-men, born of God and belonging to God's species, is the beginning of the God-man living—1 John 3:1; 2:6.

1 John 3:1 Behold what manner of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and we are. Because of this the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

1 John 2:6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk even as He walked.

II. God's intention with Job was that a good man would become a God-man—Job 1:1, 8; 42:1-6:

Job 1:1 There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job; and this man was perfect and upright, and he feared God and turned away from evil.
Job 1:8 And Jehovah said to Satan, Have you considered My servant Job? For there is none like him on the earth, a perfect and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil.
Job 42:1 Then Job answered Jehovah and said,
Job 42:2 I know that You can do all things / And that no purpose of Yours can be restrained.
Job 42:3 Who is this who hides counsel without knowledge? / Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, / Things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.
Job 42:4 Hear now, and I will speak; / I will ask of You, and You shall inform me.
Job 42:5 I had heard of You by the hearing of the ear, / But now my eye has seen You;
Job 42:6 Therefore I abhor myself, and I repent / In dust and ashes.

A. Job was a good man, expressing himself in his perfection, uprightness, and integrity—27:5; 31:6; 32:1:

Job 27:5 Far be it from me to declare you righteous! / Until I die, I will not put away my integrity from me.
Job 31:6 Let Him weigh me in a righteous balance, / And let God know my integrity -
Job 32:1 Then these three men ceased answering Job, for he was righteous in his own eyes.

1. Job feared God positively and turned away from evil negatively—1:1:

Job 1:1 There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job; and this man was perfect and upright, and he feared God and turned away from evil.

a. God did not create man merely to fear Him and to not do anything wrong; rather, God created man in His own image and according to His likeness that man may express God—Gen. 1:26.

b. To express God is higher than fearing God and turning away from evil.

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

2. Job did not have God within him; thus, God wanted Job to gain Him in order to express Him for the fulfillment of His purpose—Job 42:5-6.

Job 42:5 I had heard of You by the hearing of the ear, / But now my eye has seen You;
Job 42:6 Therefore I abhor myself, and I repent / In dust and ashes.

B. God's intention was that Job would become a God-man, expressing God in His attributes—22:24-25; 38:1-3:

Job 22:24 And place your gold nuggets in the dust / And your gold of Ophir in the stones of the brooks,
Job 22:25 Then the Almighty will be your gold nuggets / And precious silver to you.
Job 38:1 Then Jehovah answered Job out of the whirlwind and said,
Job 38:2 Who is this who darkens counsel / By words without knowledge?
Job 38:3 Gird up now your loins like a mighty man; / For I will ask of you, and you shall inform Me.

1. God ushered Job into another realm, the realm of God, that Job might gain God instead of his attainments in his perfection, righteousness, and integrity—42:5-6.

Job 42:5 I had heard of You by the hearing of the ear, / But now my eye has seen You;
Job 42:6 Therefore I abhor myself, and I repent / In dust and ashes.

2. God's intention with Job was to consume him and to strip him of his attainments, his achievements, in the highest standard of ethics in perfection and uprightness—31:6.

Job 31:6 Let Him weigh me in a righteous balance, / And let God know my integrity -

3. God's intention was to make Job a man of God, filled with Christ, the embodiment of God, to be the fullness of God for the expression of God in Christ—1 Tim. 6:11; 2 Tim. 3:17.

1 Tim 6:11 But you, O man of God, flee these things, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, meekness.
2 Tim 3:17 That the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work.

4. God's consuming was exercised over Job to tear him down that God might have a base and a way to rebuild him with God Himself, causing Job to become a God-man expressing God—Eph. 3:16-21.

Eph 3:16 That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man,
Eph 3:17 That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
Eph 3:18 May be full of strength to apprehend with all the saints what the breadth and length and height and depth are
Eph 3:19 And to know the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ, that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God.
Eph 3:20 But to Him who is able to do superabundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power which operates in us,
Eph 3:21 To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all the generations forever and ever. Amen.

III. In Christ God has been constituted into man, man has been constituted into God, and God and man have been mingled together to be one entity, which is called the God-man—Matt. 1:21, 23; Luke 1:35; Titus 2:13; 1 Tim. 2:5:

Matt 1:21 And she will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins.
Matt 1:23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel" (which is translated, God with us).
Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said to her, The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore also the holy thing which is born will be called the Son of God.
Titus 2:13 Awaiting the blessed hope, even the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,
1 Tim 2:5 For there is one God and one Mediator of God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

A. Initially, the Bible speaks of the God-man; today this God-man has been reproduced to become the God-men—John 12:24; Rom. 1:3-4; 8:29.

John 12:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.
Rom 1:3 Concerning His Son, who came out of the seed of David according to the flesh,
Rom 1:4 Who was designated the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness out of the resurrection of the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord;
Rom 8:29 Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers;

B. The God-men, the sons of God, are the duplication and continuation of Christ, the first God-man—John 12:24; Heb. 2:10; Rom. 8:29.

John 12:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.
Heb 2:10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and through whom are all things, in leading many sons into glory, to make the Author of their salvation perfect through sufferings.
Rom 8:29 Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers;

C. A God-man is one who has been born of God and partakes of God's life and nature, becoming one with God in His life and nature and thereby expressing Him—John 1:12-13; 3:15; 2 Pet. 1:4; 1 Cor. 6:17.

John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to become children of God, to those who believe into His name,
John 1:13 Who were begotten not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.
John 3:15 That everyone who believes into Him may have eternal life.
2 Pet 1:4 Through which He has granted to us precious and exceedingly great promises that through these you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the

corruption which is in the world by lust.

1 Cor 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.

D. A God-man is constituted with God, having God as his life and his everything; a God-man is man yet God and is God yet man—Eph. 3:16-17a.

Eph 3:16 That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man,

Eph 3:17a That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, …

E. Christ's human living was man living God to express the attributes of God in the human virtues, which were filled, mingled, and saturated with the divine attributes—Luke 1:26-35; 7:11-17; 10:25-37; 19:1-10.

Luke 1:26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,

Luke 1:27 To a virgin engaged to a man named Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

Luke 1:28 And he came to her and said, Rejoice, you who have been graced! The Lord is with you.

Luke 1:29 And she was greatly troubled at this saying and began reasoning what kind of greeting this might be.

Luke 1:30 And the angel said to her, Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found grace with God.

Luke 1:31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus.

Luke 1:32 He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to Him the throne of David His father,

Luke 1:33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.

Luke 1:34 But Mary said to the angel, How will this be, since I have not known a man?

Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said to her, The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore also the holy thing which is born will be called the Son of God.

Luke 7:11 And soon afterward He went into a city called Nain, and His disciples went with Him, as well as a large crowd.

Luke 7:12 And as He came near the gate of the city, behold, one who had died was being carried out, an only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a considerable crowd from the city was with her.

Luke 7:13 And when the Lord saw her, He was moved with compassion for her and said to her, Do not weep.

Luke 7:14 And He came near and touched the bier, and those carrying it stood still. And He said, Young man, to you I say, Arise.

Luke 7:15 And the dead man sat up and began to speak. And He gave him to his mother.

Luke 7:16 And fear took hold of all, and they glorified God, saying, A great prophet has been raised up among us, and, God has visited His people!

Luke 7:17 And this report concerning Him went out in the whole of Judea and in all the surrounding region.

Luke 10:25 And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?

Luke 10:26 And He said to him, What is written in the law? How do you read it?

Luke 10:27 And he answered and said, "You shall love the Lord your God from your whole heart and with your whole soul and with your whole strength and with your whole mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

Luke 10:28 And He said to him, You have answered correctly; do this, and you shall have life.

Luke 10:29 But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, And who is my neighbor?

Luke 10:30 Jesus, taking up the question, said, A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who having both stripped him and beat him, went away, leaving him half dead.

Luke 10:31 And by coincidence a certain priest was going down on that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side.

Luke 10:32 And likewise also a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the opposite side.

Luke 10:33 But a certain Samaritan, who was journeying, came upon him; and when he saw him, he was moved with compassion;
Luke 10:34 And he came to him and bound up his wounds and poured oil and wine on them. And placing him on his own beast, he brought him to an inn and took care of him.
Luke 10:35 And on the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, Take care of him; and whatever you spend in addition to this, when I return, I will repay you.
Luke 10:36 Which of these three, does it seem to you, has become a neighbor to him who fell into the hands of the robbers?
Luke 10:37 And he said, The one who showed mercy to him. And Jesus said to him, Go, and you do likewise.
Luke 19:1 And He entered and was passing through Jericho.
Luke 19:2 And behold, there was a man whose name was called Zaccheus; and he was a chief tax collector, and he was rich.
Luke 19:3 And he was seeking to see Jesus, who He was, and could not because of the crowd, for he was small in stature.
Luke 19:4 And he ran on ahead and climbed up in a sycamore tree in order to see Him, for He was about to pass through that way.
Luke 19:5 And as He came to the place, Jesus looked up and said to him, Zaccheus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay in your house.
Luke 19:6 And he hurried and came down, and received Him, rejoicing.
Luke 19:7 And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, He has gone in to lodge with a sinful man.
Luke 19:8 And Zaccheus stood and said to the Lord, Behold, the half of my possessions, Lord, I give to the poor, and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore four times as much.
Luke 19:9 And Jesus said to him, Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham.
Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which is lost.

F. As the reproduction and duplication of the first God-man, we should live the same kind of life that He lived—1 John 2:6:

1 John 2:6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk even as He walked.

1. The Lord's God-man living set up a model for our God-man living—being crucified to live God so that God might be expressed in humanity—Gal. 2:20.

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

2. We must deny ourselves, be conformed to Christ's death, and magnify Him by the bountiful supply of His Spirit—Matt. 16:24; Phil. 3:10; 1:10-21a.

Matt 16:24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.
Phil 3:10 To know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,
Phil 1:10 So that you may approve by testing the things which differ and are more excellent, that you may be pure and without offense unto the day of Christ,
Phil 1:11 Being filled with the fruit of righteousness, which is through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.
Phil 1:12 Now I want you to know, brothers, that the things concerning me have turned out rather to the advancement of the gospel,
Phil 1:13 So that my bonds have become manifest as being in Christ among the whole Praetorian guard and to all the rest.
Phil 1:14 And most of the brothers, being confident in the Lord because of my bonds, are more exceedingly bold to speak the word of God without fear.
Phil 1:15 Some preach Christ even because of envy and strife, and some also because of good will,
Phil 1:16 These out of love, knowing that I am set for the defense of the gospel.
Phil 1:17 But the others announce Christ out of selfish ambition, not purely, thinking to raise up affliction in my bonds.

Phil 1:18 What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truthfulness, Christ is announced; and in this I rejoice; yes, and I will rejoice;
Phil 1:19 For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,
Phil 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death.
Phil 1:21a For to me, to live is Christ …

3. The One who lives the life of a God-man is now the Spirit living in us and through us; we must reject self-cultivation and the building up of our natural man and allow nothing other than this One to fill us and occupy us so that we may live Him and express Him personally and corporately in the church, which is His Body—Eph. 3:16-19; 1:22-23.

Eph 3:16 That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man,
Eph 3:17 That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
Eph 3:18 May be full of strength to apprehend with all the saints what the breadth and length and height and depth are
Eph 3:19 And to know the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ, that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God.
Eph 1:22 And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church,
Eph 1:23 Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.