Guidelines for the Exercise of the Lord's Day Prophesying
Message Twelve : The Divine Trinity, the Spirit of Jesus, and the Kingdom of God

I. Overview:

The Triune God—the Father, the Son, and the Spirit—was fully involved with the Son's ascension and the pouring out of the Spirit. The Father, the Son, and the Spirit were all wrapped up with the outpouring of the Spirit as the consummation of the processed Triune God. As a vessel containing the Triune God, Paul was fully constituted of the Holy Spirit and of the Spirit of Jesus. In the Spirit of Jesus there is not only the divine element of God but also the human element of Jesus and the elements of His human living and His suffering of death as well. In his suffering Paul needed the Spirit of Jesus because in the Spirit of Jesus there is the suffering element and the suffering strength to withstand persecution. The fact that the resurrected Christ, in His appearing to the apostles through a period of forty days, spoke to them "the things concerning the kingdom of God". According to the New Testament, the kingdom of God is not a visible, material realm; actually, the kingdom of God is a person, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. The kingdom of God is the spreading of Christ as life into His believers to form a realm in which God rules in His life. The kingdom of God is actually the propagation of the resurrected Christ—a process that continues to be carried out through the believers today.

II. Truth and Enlightenment:

Day 1 —

A. Explain the Triune God being fully involved with the Son's ascension and the pouring out of the Spirit.

The Bible tells us that Christ ascended into heaven, but it also says that He was taken up and exalted by God. After God exalted Him, the Holy Spirit was poured out on the disciples. The Son ascended, the Father exalted Him, and the Spirit was poured out. The Triune God—the Father, the Son, and the Spirit—was fully involved with the Son's ascension and the pouring out of the Spirit. The exalted Christ actually was the Holy Spirit. Himself.

B. Expound in Acts 2:15 Peter speaking the prophet Joel's prophecy.

In Acts 2:15 Peter said, "These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is the third hour of the day." The third hour of the day was nine o'clock in the morning. Verses 16 through 18 continue: "This is what is spoken through the prophet Joel: 'And it shall be in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit upon My slaves, both men and women, and they shall prophesy.

Day 2 —

A. Explain in Acts 20:29, God using His own blood to acquire the church.

God is God; He is not a man or a creature. How, then, can God, the Creator, have blood? Prior to incarnation, God certainly did not have blood. But through incarnation our God, Jehovah, became mingled with man. As a result, He was no longer only God—He became a God-man. As the God-man, He surely had blood with which to obtain, acquire, the church.

B. Expound the eternal efficacy of His blood.

The blood that has redeemed fallen human beings is the blood of Jesus, the Son of God. As human beings, we need genuine human blood for our
redemption. Because the Lord Jesus was a man, He could fulfill this requirement. The Lord is also the Son of God, even God Himself. Therefore, with His blood there is the element of eternity, and this element insures the eternal efficacy of His blood.

Day 3 —

A. State the being used and meaning of the title, the Holy Spirit.

The title the Holy Spirit was used for the first time at the time of the conception of the Lord Jesus. when the time came to prepare the way for
Christ's coming and to prepare a human body for Him. This title, the Holy Spirit, is involved with the Lord's incarnation. Hence, according to the principle of first mention, the Holy Spirit is related to Christ's incarnation and birth.

B. Explain the Holy Spirit and the Spirit of Jesus.

In Acts 1, the move of the apostles in their evangelistic work was strictly the speaking not by the Spirit of God. Rather, it was by the Holy Spirit, who was involved with the Lord's incarnation and birth, and by the Spirit of

Jesus, who was involved with the Lord's humanity, human living, death, resurrection, and ascension. Paul's move in his evangelistic work was a new move in God's New Testament economy.

Day 4 —

A. Fellowship what kind of work we do depends on the kind of Spirit by whom we are guided.

The kind of work we do for the Lord depends on the kind of Spirit by whom we are guided, directed, instructed, and constituted. Paul was not
constituted of the Spirit of God or of the Spirit of Jehovah but of the Holy Spirit and the Spirit of Jesus. As a vessel containing the Triune God. Paul
was fully constituted of the Holy Spirit, and of the Spirit of Jesus. Paul was a person constituted of this all-inclusive Spirit.

B. Explain the meaning of the Spirit of Jesus and its application.

Just as the Spirit of Christ is the reality of Christ, so the Spirit of Jesus is the reality of Jesus. If we do not have the Spirit of Jesus, Jesus will not be real to us. But today Jesus is real to us because we have the Spirit of Jesus as the reality, the realization, of Jesus. Jesus was a man who continually suffered intense persecution while He was on earth.

Day 5 —

A. Expound the Lord's speaking concerning the Kingdom.

Although we are not told in Acts what the Lord spoke concerning the kingdom, we may infer what He said by considering other portions of the
Word. In the Gospels the Lord Jesus taught the disciples a lot concerning the kingdom. Therefore, I believe that the Lord Jesus repeated His teaching in the forty days between His resurrection and His ascension.

B. Explain knowing the kingdom of God requiring spiritual perception.

In John 20, the disciples received the wonderful person of the resurrected Christ into them as the life-giving Spirit. As a result, in Acts 1 they were very different because Christ, the life-giving Spirit, was now within them as their life and person. Because they had the life-giving Spirit within them, they were able to understand the Lord's speaking concerning the kingdom of God.

Day 6 —

A. Expound the entrance into the kingdom, the development of the kingdom, and the completion of the kingdom.

The entrance into the kingdom is regeneration, and the development of the kingdom is the believers' growth in the divine life. The kingdom of God is the church life today, in which the faithful believers live, and it will develop into the coming kingdom as an inheritance reward to the overcoming saints in the millennium. Eventually, it will consummate in the New Jerusalem as the eternal kingdom of God.

B. Explain the book of Acts being not actually ended.

Luke's writing of Acts both begins and ends with the kingdom of God. This book was not actually ended; rather, it was left open that more may
be added. The reason for this must have been that the work of the Holy Spirit in preaching Christ for His propagation, multiplication, and spread through the believers of Christ was not yet completed and needed to be continued for a long period of time.

III. Conclusion:

The Spirit of Jesus mentioned in Acts 16, is mainly related to the preaching and spreading of the gospel. We need the Spirit of Jesus to preach the gospel. This Spirit has the elements of God, humanity, human living, and His death. The Spirit of Jesus does not compete, nor does it have selfish ambition or be hostile. Our spirit is a jealous spirit. When we see others leading, we become jealous. Then we start to compete in the spirit of selfish ambition. Although our spirit is like this, the Spirit of Jesus is not. It is only in the Spirit of Jesus that we can be one spirit and one soul. Christians cannot be one soul because everyone wants to be the leader, and no one wants to be in the back. But with the Spirit of Jesus, we can be one soul, and then we will strike together along with the gospel.