

# The Anointing

Welcome Dear Brothers and Sisters,

For the good of the Polish listeners during the Feast, we have decided to stop the direct translation into English as it made the whole listening process much longer, about which we had known, but also as you the listeners noticed and told us about, it distracted your attention in Polish. Therefore, next lectures which will be published in English on our website *Philadelphia* will have my wife's voice over.

And now, let us begin this very important message and please, focus your minds as you will be listening to it only in Polish. I also wanted to emphasize that I do not tell this message only to you who are gathered in this tent at this very moment but to all God's people, the spiritual Israel scattered all around the world; to the remnant whom God wants to gather and unite them in the power of His Word, in the power of the truth which is Christ. The true Christ who is the Son of the Living God, and not the one who has been uniting the whole Christian world in the rebellion against the Creator in the project called ecumenism. Let us dear Brothers and Sisters recognize the true Christ and His Spirit so we would not be deceived by the false Christ and his spirit in other words the spirit of anti-Christ.

Today's lecture is called The Anointing. Let us begin with God's word:

*"Let us [God] see miracles [extraordinary signs, BWP] as in the days when you left the land of Egypt!" (Mich. 7:15, BW).*

Shouldn't the present times we live in- let God act in a most spectacular way ever? Almost like at the days when the Israelites went out from Egypt?

Let us face the fact that God was able to act so spectacularly because God had a man called Moses who definitely was God's reliable performer of God's intended actions.

On the other hand God did not have pleasure in the majority of people whom He brought out from Egypt and so they died in the desert.

Only two of all those who had left Egypt entered the promised land. How symbolic and at the same time full of warning it is for us, who stand almost at the door of heavenly Canaan.

So that **any** of the spiritual matters could reach us, we must receive the anointing because without it we remain only in the chains or bonds of religion, religious letter, carnal sensuality which finds its realization or outcome in many religious acts or undertakings but is deprived from God's Spirit.

Unfortunately, most religious people are content only with these actions, and that's enough for the sensual man to be proud of. And that's how it goes round in this whole religious industry.

But let's leave it behind. Let's leave this whole religion with its fantasies, elusive charm, and focus on what actually gives life.

As it is written that *"It is the Spirit that gives life [only the spirit gives life, BWP] - the body is of no use" (John 6:63, EŚP).*

So how can we become owners of this life or spirit? How can we get rid of the body, i.e. the bodily, sensuality and human-like perception of the reality that surrounds us?

Theology or in other words faith dressed in philosophical and scientific terms on the basis of which dogmas, doctrines and even the so-called mystical hermeneutics was founded - **is based** on fleshly/carnal approach to the matters of Spirit.

The roots of theology as an attempt to name matters of faith in a Christian way - have their origins in Greek philosophy.

For the first time the term theology was used by no other than Plato whose philosophical thoughts significantly influenced the development of Christian, Islamic and Jewish philosophy and theology.

So the definition of what is true in today's world and what is not true comes from human philosophers, sophists who, for example, were the first to give scientific research a humanistic direction and created relativism which means the relativity of truth, and conventionalism which in turn means that moral principles are a matter of social agreement.

Even believers are not aware that in their subconscious minds they are programmed with mental contamination and believe that concepts such as truth, goodness, love, morality, honesty, justice are the result, or arise from them i.e. from their own judgment, evaluation, from their own free thinking.

Unfortunately, there is no such thing as freedom of thought in this world. Whether you like it or not your thinking and perception of reality comes from the force / power that controls your mind from the very beginning when you were conceived.

You have already received/inherited certain specific thought patterns from your parents who were also born in sin, and later you have also acquired false thought patterns through education in Babylon and from your environment even this church one.

How, then, can we break out of this Babylonian bondage of false perception of reality? *We read in the bible: "The words that I have spoken to you are the Spirit and the life..." (John 6:64, EŚP).*

Do the above quoted words refer to *my* words? Yes, they do! It is my words that are Spirit and Life! If it is not so, then you are wasting your time listening to what I am telling you. For both the prophecy sent by God and every teaching of God's Word never come from the will of man, that is, from the flesh, but from the Spirit. And here my person is irrelevant and meaningless, only this Word that God sends is meaningful.

Recognizing the origin of this Word is crucial, for if it comes from the flesh it is meaningless, but if it comes from God's spirit *and is disregarded*, then the consequences can be fatal and eternal. But unfortunately:

*"there are some among you who do not believe..." (John 6:64, EŚP).*

If, thanks to Christ, I put such trust in God, it is not because I believe that I am able to think something on my own, but I know that my ability comes from God.

He made it possible for me to become a servant of the New Covenant, *"which is no longer based on the letter, but on the Spirit: the letter kills and the Spirit gives life" (see: 2Cor. 4-6, EŚP).*

And the testimony of Jesus says this:

*"Christ taught the truth because He was the truth. His own thought, His character, His life-experience, were embodied in His teaching. So with His servants: those who would teach the word are to make it their own by a personal experience. They must know, what it is to have Christ made unto them wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption" (E. White, Christ's Object Lessons, p. 43).*

We are living in a very serious time in which we are to be anointed with the Spirit of God so we could be able to perform the task that God had entrusted to us.

Without this anointing, let us forget about any religious activity. The whole world is shrouded in various religious activities, from which nothing results but deception, cheating, apostasy and binding people with chains of lies, not the truth.

Heaven is presented to people in a false manner which unfortunately will lead them to hell i.e. to non-existence.

Therefore as we read in the testimonies: *"We (...) need to learn the foundation principles of the kingdom of God" (E. White, The Desire of Ages, p. 299)* in order to know where we come from, why we exist and where we are going.

*Let us read another fragment from the Testimonies: "Christ disappointed the hope of worldly greatness. In the Sermon on the Mount He sought to undo the work that had been wrought by false education, and to give His hearers a right conception of His kingdom and of His own character" (E. White, The Desire of Ages, p. 299).*

Well, since Christ wanted and had to present the correct conception of the kingdom of God, it meant that God's people at that time were also shrouded in a false conception of that kingdom.

And what about God's people today? Do **we** have the correct conception and understanding of Christ's kingdom today?

I don't think so, because if our hearts were renewed on the basis of this right concept of the kingdom of God, our relationships would look different. The unity of hearts, spirit, thoughts and opinions would envelop our community completely, which would make us this very community, or community of the elect, honored by the presence of Christ and anointed with His spirit.

Unfortunately, for the time being we are stigmatized with the mark of Judas, instead of the correct concept of God's Kingdom that would result in anointing.

There is still time when we can heal it, if we only understand what the mark of Judas is and by God's grace we will wipe it out of us - once and for all.

Perhaps you are surprised that I defined us as having the Judas' mark... as we probably do not see any tendency of betrayal in ourselves, and we would certainly never betray our Savior.

Well, Judas also never suspected himself that he would have betrayed the One he himself wanted to follow.

There is one trait, however, the key one which will ultimately prevail to our disadvantage, if it is not recognized in time, confessed and crucified with Christ - once and for all. And let's read:

First and foremost Judas was „...self-sufficient... and he hardened his heart when his defects were pointed out, and in pride and rebellion chose his own selfish ambitions” (E. White, *The Desire of Ages*, p. 295).

Pride is the mark of Judas. Are you proud? And when does pride gets the better or even the best of us?

At the very moment when we're being rebuked, reprovved, reprimended, warned, cautioned; when we are given advice, or we are being told about our bad habits, wrong behaviors, bad attitude.

Do you know how we react then? Just like Judas, we can't stand it.

We believe that if someone else had reprovved us, or had done it in a completely different way or if it had been an angel telling us these things, we would have accepted everything willingly and humbly.

But it is not true. As it is a deceitful voice of our sinful nature which cheats us at every step we make. As sinners, we are unable to receive admonition from another sinner, why?

Because pride does not allow us to do this, because instead of considering ourselves inferior to the person who admonishes or reproves us, we consider ourselves superior to him/her, so how can the one whom I consider inferior to me – tell me what I should do or should not do?

Meanwhile, God's Word tells us:

*“Be unanimous with each other [be united by common affection/love, BP]. Do not hold high opinion of yourself, but lean towards lowness [let what is humble draw you, BT; be modest BWP]. Do not consider yourself wise [do not be conceited]” (Rom. 12:16, UBG).*

But do we live with the Word? Yet, it is this Word that is the Spirit and the Life. However, by not living by the Word, and therefore not being doers of what Word says we are dead and without Spirit, without Life and without Hope. And we are left with empty, formal religion which we use to pursue religious fulfilment which in turn results in our false high self-esteem.

Whether you like it or not: *“for man must be the channel to communicate with man” (E. White, *The Desire of Ages*, p. 297).*

We need one other and we should humbly thank God that He has given us one another, that we can also serve one another with a word of attention, admonition, warning or advice.

But whenever this happens, the gates of indignation, offense and justifying ourselves, etc. are immediately opened.

My Dear Ones, are we for sure going to the same Heaven? How are we going to give the final testimony of our faith in God's power during the times when we will be scolded, ridiculed, persecuted, spat upon since we are unable to accept a simple admonition or any reproof in humility and peace?

Jesus Christ was face-spat, buffeted and smitten and many of us do not want to listen to a word about our misbehavior or bad attitude which is told us in order to help us so we could see the need for change;

Those reproofs and admonitions are not to condemn. For how can a sinner condemn another sinner? We can only help one another to see the need for change without which it is impossible to pass the verification of the judgment.

Unfortunately as we read further *„The proud heart strives to earn salvation” (E. White, *The Desire of Ages*, p. 299).*

Unfortunately, this is how it looks like, although certainly none of us will admit working for our own salvation.

*“but both our title to heaven and our fitness for it are found in the righteousness of Christ” (E. White, *The Desire of Ages*, p. 299).*

Only in Christ's righteousness, not in ours. And because we worship and indulge our own righteousness, we are outraged and we feel insulted and we harden our hearts when being reprovved - and this is the mark of Judas. Yet, as we read in the Bible:

*"the just shall live by faith" (Rom. 1:17, BW).* What does it mean? It means that I am nothing and Christ is everything!

Therefore I grab/ I stick with all my faith to His glory, credits, service, merits, His justice, His Word and Life because there is nothing in me - nothing valuable, everything is defiled, corrupted and condemned to death.

There is no value in me, so how can I be offended or outraged if someone is showing me or telling me about this?

*"Yes, brother, thank you for seeing faults in me. Because if I do not give them back to my Savior, I will not see Him in glory but I will be simply burned"* – This is what our answer should be to any kind of advice and admonition.

And even if we are unfairly reprimanded or wrongly reproved or treated unfairly, so what? Our value is determined by Christ's sacrifice, not by being something or somebody in our own eyes. So let us always respond humbly and in the spirit of gratitude to any reproof or admonition.

The Bible says: *"By the power of the grace that has been given to me, I say to each of you: Let no one think of himself higher than he should, but let him think soberly about himself [let him be modest, BWP] - according to the measure that God has assigned to everyone in faith" (Rom. 12: 3, BT).*

This is the order of the gospel.

But today we hardly experience such attitudes in our community because the usual reaction to the rebuke or reproof is an immediate counterattack because the reprimanded person perceives the admonition as an attack on him/her, and not as a manifestation of caring love.

And how can we speak of anointing, when the flesh comes out of us like the proverbial straw from shoes, as we say in Poland, meaning that someone wants to be perceived as a well mannered, wordly cosmopolitan but still acts like a clumsy country boy. And it is not about insulting people from the countryside, but the meaning of this old Polish proverb defines certain people as peasants/red-necks who do not know how to behave properly and their way of conduct is rather crude.

So we should first "shake the straw off our shoes", and get rid of boorish behavior in order to be able to deal with higher-priority matters.

Similarly, we should step down from the pedestal or throne of our own high self esteem embellished with self-sufficiency and pride and then perhaps the Word of Truth will reach us.

Let's read another fragment from testimonies:

*„Judas had the same opportunities as had the other disciples. He listened to the same precious lessons. But the practice of the truth, which Christ required, was at variance with the desires and purposes of Judas, **and he would not yield his ideas in order to receive wisdom from Heaven.** (...) but lesson after lesson fell unheeded (as if he did not hear) on the ears of Judas" (E. White, *The Desire of Ages*, p. 299).*

Well, my Dear Ones, I have an impression that among us there are many who listen to the same messages as everyone else, but they have a problem with transposing of all of these practical advice into practical, everyday life. And it turns out that this ability is what Christ requires from us.

So in some of us all these truths only flow through our ears without any echo in our practical lives, and only in a few of us the Word of Life makes drastic and tremendous changes in our lives. Unfortunately, this is how it is going to look like almost till the very end - when the seal of the fullness of Spirit will finally separate the tares from the wheat and the foolish virgins from the wise ones. Let's read on the testimonies:

*"Purity and steadfastness of purpose are the conditions of receiving light from God. He who desires to know the truth must be willing to accept all that it reveals. He can make no compromise with error. To be wavering and halfhearted in allegiance to truth is to choose the darkness of error and satanic delusion" (E. White, *The Desire of Ages*, p. 312).*

In these words, we see why people are unable to know the truth. Because they are not seeking it unconditionally, and therefore they are neither willing nor ready to fully accept the truth, no matter what it brings or what effects or consequences it evokes in our lives when we finally recognize it, accept it and implement it into our lives.

We also see what conditions have been set for us so that we could see and receive the light from Heaven – these are: purity and steadfastness.

There is no room here for uncontrolled impulses or momentary exultations but instead there is Word about constant, consistent and steady march towards the source of Light. At each step of this sacred walk we should let God purify us so we could go higher and higher.

At the beginning we read that our need is to learn basic principles of God's kingdom, but it is the mark of Judas in us that does not see such a need, so when such a person is reproved about the practical dimension of the gospel, his/her pride prevents him/her from accepting these precious words of admonition.

The same is true of foolish virgins / tares who do not learn the principles of the Word, on which the principles of God's Kingdom are based, so they do not know how to live so that God would be glorified, because they have never allowed a new nature to be instilled in them.

*"The foolish virgins have only a superficial religion. (...) They do not consider what the word of God requires of them. They do not bring it face to face with all their habits of life, and yield themselves fully to its control. When the word of God points out some cherished sin, or requires self-denial or sacrifice, they feel offended. It would cost them too much effort to make a radical change in their life" (E. White, Christ's Object Lesson, pp. 46-47).*

And now speaking of the tares. Christ described these people as sons of evil whose end is to be burned. There are no sentiments about it, because *"if anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. Come, our Lord!" (1Cor. 16:22, UBG). "If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema. Maranatha (KJV).*

Surprising words, aren't they? *Let's continue:*

*"He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked [one]; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear" (Matt. 13: 37-43, KJV).*

There is no special treatment for anybody, no humanitarian approach to... to whom? To the people of this world??? Absolutely not!

The tares or the foolish virgins – these two terms apply to the same group of people who are the seed of Satan who sowed them **among God's people**.

Hence we are mixed up, but as a whole we are **God's people**, although among us there are both good seed sown by Christ and bad seed sown by Satan.

But the time is coming for the final verification, separation, and receiving of the final eternal seal on God's seed.

But let us remember the most important thing, none of us has the right to determine who is who, so it is not up to us to judge or verify who belongs to the wheat and who to the tares, who is a wise virgin and who is the foolish one.

It is Christ Himself who makes this final polarity, for as we read in the Bible:

*"...the foundation of God [founded by God, BP] stands firm, bearing this seal: The Lord knows those who belong to him ..." (2Tim. 2:19, UBG). Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his, (KJV). So only He knows who are His seed, sown by Him Himself.*

So it is impossible to receive God's anointing while cultivating pride that controls the mind. The vessel must be clean and emptied in order to be filled with the purity of God's presence.

In contrast as we read in the Testimonies:

*"Pride feels no need, and so it closes the heart against Christ and the infinite blessings He came to give. There is no room for Jesus in the heart of such a person" (E. White, Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing, p. 7).*

*„Though the LORD [be] high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off" (Ps. 138:6, KJV).*

He does not even come close to them, therefore *he:*

"mocks the mockers, but shows grace to the humble" (Prov. 3:34, BW), because "God opposes the proud [opposes, BT], and the humble [the lowly, NBG] grace gives" (James 4:6, BW).

Pride, haughtiness, mockery – these are qualities that so "beautifully" appear in religious correctness and therefore deceive so many. Let's continue reading the Testimonies:

"Those who reveal the meek and lowly spirit of Christ are tenderly regarded by God... he poor in spirit, who crave the presence of an abiding Christ, the humble in heart, whose highest ambition is to do God's will, - these will gain an abundant entrance" (E. White, *The Desire of Ages*, p. 301).

Do you notice this pass to God's fullness? Today I'm not going to talk about anything but the fullness. We no longer have time to be satisfied with anything less but fullness. Either all - or -nothing.

So what is this pass to gain full access to Heaven's treasures? We read that these are: Humility, meekness and the desire to recognize and do God's will. Such people exemplify what it means to be poor in Spirit and at the same time blessed because:

"Those whose hearts have been moved by the convicting Spirit of God see that there is nothing good in themselves. They see that all they have ever done is mingled with self and sin. Of the poor in spirit Jesus says, "Theirs is the kingdom of heaven... All who have a sense of their deep soul poverty, who feel that they have nothing good in themselves, may find righteousness and strength by looking unto Jesus" (E. White, *Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing*, p. 8).

Interestingly that **it is the ones** who are aware of their Spiritual poverty to whom the "kingdom of Heaven" (Matthew 5:3) belongs.

Moreover, **it is they** who receive the fullness of the Spirit or grow up to this fullness. **It is they** who find righteousness by faith, because they look to the One who has become their righteousness.

What is this righteousness? Let's read:

"Righteousness is holiness, likeness to God" (E. White, *Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing*, p. 18).

So:

"In one who is learning of Jesus, there will be manifested a growing distaste for careless manners, unseemly language, and coarse thought. When Christ abides in the heart, there will be purity and refinement of thought and manner" (E. White, *Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing*, p. 24).

How practical this all is!

Let us not be deceived that even if we do not show these virtues - Christ still dwells in us.

But:

„As we discern the perfection of our Saviour's character we shall desire to become wholly transformed and renewed in the image of His purity. The more we know of God, the higher will be our ideal of character and the **more earnest our longing to reflect His likeness**" (E. White, *Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing*, p. 19).

Do we really want this? And if so, why with such a poor result? Do you know what should become reality when our desires would become a fact? Let's read:

„Jesus Christ is „the truth". John 14:6. So logically, the Spirit of truth is Christ's very essence. **Having the Spirit, we have Christ and all that he possesses...**" (E. J. Waggoner, *Waggoner on the Gospel of John*, p. 97, publisher: TEACH Services, Inc). "Through the Spirit we become sons of God, members of His household, and the Father Himself is with us all the time... **The Spirit, however, can be received only by faith, and whoever believes endures as seeing the invisible...** Yet, faith enables men to see spiritual things... Without the Spirit, one really knows nothing... therefore without the Spirit we can not really know anything" (ibid, p. 98).

The just mentioned thoughts come from the pioneer of Adventism EJ Waggoner.

And one more fragment from the Testimonies:

"We discern the truth by becoming, ourselves, partakers of the divine nature (E. White, *Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing*, p. 26).

Dear Friends, do you really want to achieve this high-minded, exalted and noble goal? Or are you satisfied with the doctrinal religion that functions in the scope of your intellects, ...churches?

And this is just the beginning or the foundation for achieving the fullness of God's Spirit. Let's read:

"To Jesus, who emptied Himself for the salvation of lost humanity, the Holy Spirit was given **without measure**. So it will be given to every follower of Christ **when the whole heart** is surrendered for His indwelling." (E. White, *Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing*, p. 20).

It's hard to believe, isn't it? "So it will be given without measure to us"! But how? Let's repeat once again...without measure, without any limitations that means **fully!**

Will you say amen to these words? Will this "amen" turn into a practical dimension of these words?

*"If you would climb the path of spiritual life, you must constantly ascend; for it is an upward way. You must go with the few; for the multitude will choose the downward path" (E. White, MB 138.2).*

But well, this fullness of God's blessing has certain conditions, which, if they are met, the Word sent to us will become... Yes and Amen!

*"He spoke and it was made; he commanded and it arose [began to exist, BT]" (Ps. 33:9, UBG). "At his word, everything was made possible, everything he commanded, everything was fulfilled" (BWP). "For he said, and it was made ..." (BG).*

We will discuss these conditions in a moment, but let's follow other statements from the Bible.

*"He whom God has sent proclaims his word, for God gives him his Spirit **without limit**" (John 3:34, E&S).*

*"For the one whom God has sent communicates the words of God, and God from his **inexhaustible** riches gives him his Spirit [without measure, BW]" (BWP).*

So, as the inscription in the interlinear translation tells us, God gives His Spirit "without measuring", and thus fully grants Himself to us with all the richness of knowledge, truth, and even His mysteries. For as you remember from my previous lecture,

"The Spirit penetrates everything, even the very depths of God".

So life of such a man „is bound up.... with the life of God" (E. White, *Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing*, p. 24).

Now let us read the commentary from the Testimonies to these words about giving God's spirit without measure:

*„We can receive of heaven's light only as we are willing to be emptied of self. We cannot discern the character of God, or accept Christ by faith, unless we consent to the bringing into captivity of every thought to the obedience of Christ. To all who do this the Holy Spirit is given **without measure**. (E. White, *The Desire of Ages*, p. 181).*

AMEN! Let's praise the Lord!

Let us now sum up the special conditions God places on us so that we may receive this incomprehensible blessing.

- Emptying ourselves completely of our selves/of our ego
- Submitting each and every our thought to slavery in obedience to Christ
- surrendering our hearts completely so that Jesus can live in them
- Seeing/admiring the perfection of our Savior's character.
- craving for complete renewal and transformation into the image of His purity.
- showing an unquenchable need for reflecting His image.

And as we noted earlier, all this must be accompanied by humility, meekness and the desire to recognize and do God's will. So in this service *"Self-love, self-interest, must perish"* (E. White, *COL*, p. 86).

So do we meet these criteria? Rather not, since the same work that God the Father did in His Son and through His Son is not accomplished in us and through us, because:

*"The life of Christ has shown what humanity can do by being partaker of the divine nature. All that Christ received from God we too may have... Christ will lead you to the threshold of the Infinite" (E. White, *COL*, p. 149).*

Dear Friends, there is no time for anything less than fullness. Neither the Heaven nor God himself will be satisfied with anything less, because They want to pour out full blessings on us. Look around what is going on in the world and... **where are the people** whom God will be able to use in His matter? There is no other way for God's work to be completed.

Christ's kingdom is still in existence and it was established with Christ's victory over the powers of darkness, that is, over this world, the kingdom of darkness.

Let's read the Bible:

*"You will experience much tribulation in the world, but do not lose heart, for I have overcome the world" (John 16:33, BWP). "The world will oppress you, but trust [have courage, BT], I have conquered the world" (BP).*

*"I have come to open to you the kingdom of love and righteousness and peace. (E. White, Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing, p. 99).*

*"This kingdom is not, as Christ's hearers had hoped, a temporal and earthly dominion. Christ was opening to men the spiritual kingdom of His love, His grace, His righteousness" (E. White, Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing, p. 8).*

And now comes the process of our adaptation for the spiritual life in the kingdom of Christ. What is this process like?

*"Their hewing, squaring, and chiseling, their burnishing and polishing, is a painful process; it is hard to be pressed down to the grinding wheel. But the stone is brought forth prepared to fill its place in the heavenly temple. Upon no useless material does the Master bestow such careful, thorough work. Only His precious stones are polished after the similitude of a palace" (E. White, Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing, p. 10).*

So only precious stones are treated in this way, that is, only the sealed with the Spirit of God people, because only they allow this painful process to happen, being aware of the goal for which they have been called and chosen.

This adaptation is to make us to be able to move from the spiritual kingdom of Christ to the actual, physical kingdom of His Father.

In the explanation of what the tares are, Jesus did not fail to mention it to us. We have already read this passage from the Bible, but let us again read it and see what are Jesus' words about the two kingdoms.

*"...the good seed are the sons of the kingdom, and the tares are the sons of the evil one. And the enemy that sowed him is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the world, and the reapers are angels. As then the tares are harvested and burned with the fire, so it will be at the end of the world. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all offenses and those who commit unrighteousness, and throw them into the furnace of fire; there will be crying and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father" (Matthew 13:37-43, BW).*

So Jesus Christ will cleanse His spiritual Kingdom from all offenses, iniquities, so that the citizens of His Kingdom may shine with full splendor in the Kingdom of the Father.

*"But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in **my** Father's kingdom" (Matthew 26:29, BP).*

Then, as I mentioned in the previous lecture, *"the end will finally come. Then Christ will destroy all rule, authority and power, and he will hand over the kingdom to God the Father. For Christ must reign until he has put all his enemies at his feet. Death will be the last enemy to be destroyed, according to the words of Scripture: He has put down everything at his feet. Since the Scriptures state that everything is subjected to Him, they obviously do not mean the One who put everything under Him. And when all things are brought into submission to Him, then the Son Himself will submit Himself to God [the Son will be submitted to the One who gave Him authority over everything. In this way God will be all in all" (1Cor. 15:24-28, BP).*

This is the order of the gospel.

So it is only with the end of the seventh millennium that the recovery of the earth from the hands of the usurper is completed, all opponents of God are destroyed, and a whole new order is established on the new earth. In fact, it is the restoration of God's eternal order and the principles on which the rule and dominion of God the Father has been based. Evil is exposed once and for all, defeated and annihilated, and God's name justified.

*"the Lord of hosts will be exalted by his judgment. A holy God will reveal his holiness in righteousness" (Isaiah 5:16, BP).*

*And now: "All who choose Christ's kingdom of love and righteousness and peace, making its interest paramount to all other, are linked to the world above, and every blessing needed for this life is theirs" (E. White, The Desire of Ages, p. 313).*

Here is the seal of Christ's ambassadors. Every blessing is upon them so that they may properly, decently, gracefully and with dignity represent the kingdom of Christ and find all the citizens of that kingdom, to gather them together in unity.

The factor of obedience is here a special sieve; the sieve in which the sons of evil are eliminated or verified.



For the sons of the Kingdom, however, obedience is the essence of their existence both on this earth and in eternity.

Therefore, it is through the sons of evil that the matter of obedience was marginalized, and faith and love were raised up, but in their false understanding, because it is on the basis of true faith and love that true obedience and submission are born.

John the Baptist in very clear words expressed or showed us the importance of obedience, making us aware of what true faith in the Son of God is. Let's read:

*"...Everyone who believes in the Son has eternal life. On the other hand, whoever does not obey the Son [insubordinate PI] will have no part in this life [he shall not live, BP], but the wrath of God is upon him" (John 3:36, EŚP).*

Disobedience and lack of submission automatically result in God's wrath. Let's read another fragment from the Bible:

*"He will punish with the flame of fire those who do not know God and do not obey the Gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with eternal destruction - deprived of the sight of God and the splendor of His power" (2Thess. 1:8-9, EŚP).* Are we to obey the gospel? What is this obedience?

The gospel is good news about God's Kingdom and shows us the principles on which this kingdom is based.

Therefore, without knowing these principles, and then without living in accordance with these principles in obedience to the Word, we cannot be counted among the citizens of this Kingdom.

This is our preaching, *"that we may bring to the obedience of faith all the nations, among whom you are also called by Jesus Christ" (Romans 1:5-6, BW).*

It is precisely in this way that every servant of God should proclaim the truth *"... as commanded by eternal God, to arouse obedience to the faith [to make them submit to the faith, BWP]" (Rom. 16:26, BP).*

Only obedience and submission can result in true purification of our souls, purity of heart, and sincere love. As we read in the Bible:

*"In obedience to the truth, you purified your souls to achieve sincere brotherly love. Therefore, love one another with all your heart persistently/fervently!" (1Peter 1:22, EŚP).*

Receiving God's Spirit is also based on obedience and submission (see: Acts 5:32).

Obedience and submission is crucial and will always be the true key to being newly born in Christ.

And in the same way, Jesus Christ *"so perfected became the cause of eternal salvation to all who obey Him" (Hebr. 5: 9, EŚP).*

Only in obedience is there any hope, for only obedience is the fruit of true faith and love.

*"It is not enough, He says, for you to hear My words. By obedience you must make them the foundation of your character" (E. White, DA 314).*

*"The same elevation of character, the same fulness of Blessing - blessing on mind and soul and body, blessing on house and field, blessing for this life and for the life to come - is possible for us only through obedience" (E. White, COL 305.4).*

*"In the spiritual as in the natural world, obedience to the laws of God is the condition of fruit bearing" (E. White, COL 305).*

Mind; Soul; Body; House; Field; Life - present and future - all these spheres of our existence are blessed only **through obedience**. Let us remember this message, because obedience is the fruit of true faith.

Any preaching of the gospel or God's truth without talking about obedience is a false preaching and is based rather on creating a mutual admiration society than gathering God's body of the chosen ones or the community of the elect ones, whom God wants to seal with the fullness and power of His Spirit and use them in the time of the end of this world.

Christ said that *"whoever believes in me, as the scriptures say, from within him shall rivers of living water flow" (John 7:38, BW).*

So His Words, Life, Preaching - will bring life, won't they?

If from within him will flow rivers of living water, the one who believes in Christ as the scriptures say then He himself is the stream of the living water.

We are standing on the threshold of gaining such faith by which the gift of the power of the Spirit which gives life - will be realized, will come true.

It is the living water, so it enlivens what is dead, therefore "*streams of life-giving water will flow from within it*" (EŚP), as another Bible translation tells us. And Christ "*spoke this of the Spirit which those who believed in him were to receive*" (John 7:39, EŚP).

Faith in Christ according to the Word is also associated with receiving His Spirit, and if we do not receive it, it means that our faith is ineffective, **and therefore no** streams of life-giving water - flow from within us.

And what **does** flow? The dead letter.

And the end of God's work is to bring life to those who are put to death and are led to execution (see: Prov. 24:11). Otherwise we will not save anybody!

How can this be done when the religious letter has replaced the spirit and the religious forms have taken the lead, thus replacing true piety, fear of God and a life in holiness?

How to oppose global unity in terms of religion which is built on the foundation of devilish intrigue and aimed at the Truth, namely, at the One who is the Truth?

*"Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts" (Zech. 4:6, BT).*

The water of life must bring life to dead souls, and that water is God's Spirit. And now in these last years before the end of the time of grace for God's nominal people, God wants to show us the way He wants to give us His Spirit, fully and without measure.

God not only wants to show us the way, but also a certain order in which He will begin to give us His gift, starting from now on.

We may have thought so far that it would happen suddenly, as it was with the early rain, at the times when the work of preaching the good news of Christ's kingdom had begun.

Of course, we will receive the fullness of this gift at the Feast of Tabernacles in 2024, but to be fully grown up, we must first go through a certain process.

I'll put it in other words:

The early rain, i.e. the initial outpouring of the power of God's spirit began the work of proclaiming the Truth and we have been still living in the power of the early rain. And if the early rain which is Jesus's Spirit is not present in us, we have no chance to participate in the work of finishing the preaching of the good news about the returning Christ whose coming is the culmination, the crowning, the sealing of God's work, by means of which the lost Eden will be restored for us.

After the seventh millennium, that is, after the period of judgment on the wicked ones and their rebellion in the Kingdom of God, the era, the phase, the age of rebellion will be definitively finished. Everything will be exposed and the sons of evil will have to acknowledge their guilt and bow and even kneel in front of the Creator of Heaven and Earth as the only Righteous One.

Although, having an evil nature, they will yield to the persuasion of God's adversary and will try by storm not humility to get the coveted Kingdom.

So, as it is said, they will not give up without a fight and will want to obtain forcefully the blessings of God's Kingdom on their own terms.

If we understand the issue of the early rain correctly, we will also have a correct understanding of latter rain.

If we see "god - the holy spirit" and his power in the outpouring of Real God's Spirit, we will simply be deceived and we will join the army of the enemy. On the other hand, if we see Christ in the outpouring of the Spirit, who filled his disciples with his own Spirit and Life, and thus came to them as their Comforter, as He had promised them (see: John 14:18), then we will understand fully and completely what it means to grow to a measure of stature of the fulness.

What and whose measure?

The early rain made it possible and began the process of the construction of the temple or dwelling place for God the Father and His Son, so the sealed ones could have "*the shape identical to the image of His Son...*" (Rom. 8:29, PI)

If we now understand what was involved in building of the earthly pattern of this temple, the prototype of which is in Heaven, then we will know how to build, what to build it of and from in order to become God's spiritual temple, in which He wishes to reveal Himself fully in the time of the end - so all the nations could get to know the Infinite God.

So the early rain has given rise to this construction, and the latter rain is to complete this construction. Only then God will fully reveal Himself.

This is the third temple that will be shown to the whole world.

As an alternative God's adversary also builds his temple for his subordinates.

Study for yourselves carefully the archetype of this event that took place in the time of Jeroboam.

I will only draw your attention to the fact that the alternative place of worship for the ten separated tribes of Israel was founded on the foundation of rebellion.

Consequently, these ten tribes of Israel were conquered by Assyria, scattered and assimilated with the Gentiles, so they ceased to exist.

Two generations, thanks to King Hezekiah, reformed themselves and were therefore saved, and they received a special sign of deliverance. This sign was the jubilee (see: 2Kings 19:29-31).

All this, of course, is a very important message for us as those "*to whom the end of the world has come*" (1Cor. 10:11, BG).

We also need to understand that God's Spirit has always been present in lives of God's people.

Basically, without God's Spirit, man is merely a dead body with a sensual, carnal disposition focused only on satisfying his sinful nature.

So what is the difference between having Spirit and having Spirit? Well, I formulated this question in this way on purpose to show that there is no difference at all. In a reborn spiritually person having spirit means simply having Spirit. The only difference is the ownership: to what degree we have God's spirit. Did men of God like Joseph, Daniel, Elijah, and Elisha possess less of God's Spirit than the apostle Paul, Peter and others who received the early rain? Did they possess less of God's spirit? I do not think so.

The work of God has always been based on the power of God's Spirit, not on the power of human intellect or human methods of conduct. The only thing we can do is to make ourselves empty and become clean vessels which God will fill as He wishes and when He wishes and with what He wishes.

Both early rain and latter rain are determined by *appointed time*: These are the events related to time, and they carry the glorification of Christ, because, as Jesus said:

*"He will take what is mine and make it known to you [he will reveal it]" (John 16:14, BW).*

And this way: *"...I am glorified in them [in them I was glorified, BT; in them my glory appeared, BWP; I'm elevated in them, NBG; in them I was glorified, BP]" (John 17:10, BW),* Christ tells us.

I am using so many translations of the Bible purposefully to make us realize this amazing thing: Christ needs us so He could be glorified and exalted through us.

He wants us to be immersed in Him, so that He could, in turn, fully reveal Himself in us, because in this way He will be glorified. Not we, but HE! Therefore He sends his own Spirit.

*"I in them and you in me... that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us ..."* (John 17: 23,21, BW).

The Father, The Son and the redeemed people.

This union and being one is simply unbelievable: the Father, the Son and... each of us, if only... I am crucified with Christ, because only then my ego does not exist and there is no "us", only He and His Father .

*"If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our abode with him [we will live in him, BWP]" (John 14:23, NBG).*

Can you imagine this the Father and the Son in you! How is this done?

By keeping the Word, because then the Father and the Son, by virtue/by the power of this Word, which is the Spirit and Life, dwell in the one who believes, and if we believe, it means that we trust, and if we trust, it means that we obey the Word and keep it and if we are obedient, the Word does in us what it was sent with because the Word is Spirit and Life of the Son and the Father.

And the Spirit of God and the Life of God is most perfectly and fully revealed in Jesus Christ.

And now the same must be manifested fully in us, if only we allow *God to live in us and act through us*, giving up the old forever and accepting the new, only the new, without even a shadow of the old.

Death is death, a tomb is a tomb, crucifixion is crucifixion...

*"Behold, I make all things new ..."* (Rev. 21: 5, BW).

*"Because if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old has passed away, behold, all the new has arisen [all has become new, BW]" (2Cor. 5:17, NBG).*

"All", "everything" - but despite such emphatic words, many of God's nominal people do not mind believing that, "all" and "everything" does not have to mean „all" and „everything", so... this is how the appearance of piety is born - out of unbelief.

So why do we need an outpouring of the Spirit since in each of those in whom the Father and the Son live through their Spirit, already have/possess this Spirit.

Why do we need this whole performance in which the Spirit descends on Jesus when He is baptised since **He was already born of the same Spirit?**

So did He need even more of the Spirit?

Did He have too little of the Spirit so He needed more even though He was conceived of God's Spirit?

Both the early rain and the latter rain define the time and assign / separate to a specific ministry and tasks, for *"the time is fulfilled ..."* (Mark 1:15, BW).

In God's entire plan of putting down this rebellion, everything takes place at a certain time which must be fulfilled so the next stages of this plan could be carried out.

At none of these stages anything happens randomly, spontaneously, but everything even the smallest event in this whole plan is done by the power of God's Word, in which the Creator has foretold every stage, every event, time, action, implementation, the beginning and the end so that His people knew that their lives are in God's hands, so that they know that time is also in God's hands, that every event in this world is also controlled by Him and that every stage in God's plan which is to be carried out to restore justice in His Kingdom is revealed and unveiled at the time precisely appointed by Him.

And *"...all this happened so that the Prophetic Scriptures might be fulfilled. Then all his disciples forsook him and fled"* (Matthew 26:56, BW).

*"Then it was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah..."* (Matthew 27:9, BW).

*"... hat the word of the prophet Isaiah (John 12:38, BW) may be fulfilled."*

And for it to be fulfilled, they... *"did not believe in him."*

What a sad and tragic fulfillment of the Word!

Elsewhere in God's Word we read,

*"The scripture was fulfilled..."* (Mark 15:28, BW).

*"so that the word of Jesus may be fulfilled..."* (John 18:32, BW).

*"...God has now fulfilled..."* (Acts 13:33, BW).

So, as we can see, everything is based on a specific time which has just been fulfilled and on an event that this time has brought with it.

The early and the latter rain outpourings are determined by the appointed time and they symbolize or mean the beginning and the end.

The early rain was very carefully and precisely planned, and at a specific time it initiated the proclamation of the Kingdom of Christ, which has been lasting until today, up to this moment, i.e. this year's Feast of Tabernacles 2020.

From this year on, nothing will remain the same, as we will see it later in this message.

*"Convert and return to Him, that He may take away your sins. Or perhaps God will make a time of comfort come and send you the promised Christ, which is Jesus [that there may come a time of refreshment from the Lord, BW]. He is now in heaven until all things are restored, as God has long foretold through the holy prophets"* (Acts 3:19-21, EŚP).

And the time will come when Christ will say, *"Behold, I make all things new..."* (Rev. 21:5, BW).

We could devote at least a day to analyze **only the above mentioned words** - in order to understand them thoroughly and correctly.

But this is what each of you must do on your own, now I will only shed a beam of light on these words that will allow us to see some important points.

Now, what is the comfort time or the time of refreshment? The Comforter is a symbol of the Spirit, because Jesus as our Comforter comes to us and sends us His Spirit. The time of refreshment means exactly the same.

What do you have in mind when you think of a refreshment on a very hot day? Or what comes to your mind when you think of some period of time in which the earth is getting dried and the vegetation worsens, fruit cannot ripen in such a way that it can be picked for consumption?

The time of refreshment means coming of rain. Yes, rain.

It is at this point that the apostle Peter prophesies of the latter rain, of the cooling season, of sending us Jesus, the One who takes away or wipes out our sins.

Do you remember from the first lecture that He comes to us as the early rain and the latter rain, as we read in the Hosea prophesy;

And now we see again that it is related with time, both with the cooling time (the latter rain) and the renewal time of all things. So this time must be fulfilled.

Starting with this year's Feast of Tabernacles this time has already begun to fulfill. Until now, God has sent us almost pleading messages so He could prepare us for this very time.

Many had been left behind who then suddenly started to accelerate so they could catch up with the whole peloton and unite with it in this race for life - for eternal life. But most have gone their own way... will they still turn back and make it?

*"So be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits patiently for the precious crop of the land until the early and late rains fall [until he receives the early and late rains, NBG] (James 5:7, UBG).*

There is a certain definite order, the early rain starts the harvest and the late rain finishes it and makes it possible to collect the final crop, the remnants.

It could be said that in this way the late rain completes the construction of the last temple in which the Father and the Son will fully reveal themselves.

It is The final collection of the remnant. It is preparing of the retinue consisting of the wise brides who have groomed their lamps to meet the Bridegroom and Bride in order to be witnesses at their wedding.

But more about it in the next lectures of this year's message. And now... let's get acquainted with the order in which our God sends us

*"the promised Christ, which is Jesus, so that the time of refreshment may come from the Lord."*

This time has just come so one could say: *"the time is fulfilled..." (Mark 1:15, BW)*, so that the rain of refreshment from God's countenance would gather our souls and breathe God's life into them, so that the *"streams of water would flow from our interior" giving life" (John 7:38, E&P)*. Not the dead letter which we use so often.

*"If we fix our minds on Christ, He will come to us" as an early rain... and as a latter rain, saturating the earth" (E. White, Christ's Object Lessons, p. 66).*

They are exactly the same comings because they concern the same Christ. He is our beginning and end, the author and the finisher of our faith (see: Hebrews 12:2).

*"I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end" (Rev. 22:13, BW).*

He began this work in us in the power of the early rain, and He will finish this work in us in the power of the latter rain.

Living water flows from the Temple, our Savior is there and does not waste any time, every moment of His service is focused on completing His Father's work.

And finally this longed-for time has come, the last seven years, which fasten the past, the present and the future in the symbolism of the number seven which symbolizes the fullness of a closed period of time, the prophetic order in which the Lord God has revealed to us the plan of redemption/salvation, the plan of our return to our Heavenly home or in other words of our evacuation from this world before its destruction.

He also reveals to us the events linked with this time, as well as the time that is also associated with these events.

This is the first unveiling lecture of our anointing with the Spirit.

I will now refer to the prophet Ezekiel, but in his eschatological message, without now addressing this situation of the Jews in that period of history.

So the prophet Ezekiel in chapters 40-48 tells us about the new Temple which is actually the last Temple.

Therefore, the important feature of Ezekiel's vision in chapters 40-48 is the need to unite God's people, who remain scattered and live in Babylonian captivity.

So he sends us the message of hope and bright future.

He emphasizes the need to separate the Temple from what dishonors it, for only then will God's glory be able to fill the Temple with His presence, from which all the earth will shine with the splendor of this glory (see: Ezek. 42:20; 43:2; Rev. 18:1).

He also mentions the law that applies to this Temple that both the mountain on which the Temple is to be seated and its entire territory and boundaries remain sacred. Let's read:

*"This is the law of the temple: All its territory [the whole border, PI] on top of the mountain around it is to be holiness over the holies [it is most holy, BG; holy saints, NBG] - this is the law of the temple" (Ezek. 43:12, BW).*

Therefore, any preaching should focus on teaching God's people about *"...the difference between the holy and the common [unholy, BT; daily, NBG; secular, EŚP], and between the unclean and the clean" (Ezek. 44:23, BW).*

And if we do not allow to reprove or give advice to one another then we will not learn the difference.

In chapter 47 the prophet describes us the prophetic vision of pouring out latter rain on God's people who have completed the construction of the temple and have become the model of the heavenly sanctuary and thus have become clean vessels which now can be filled with the presence of God the Father and His Son by sending us their Spirit in power which this world has not seen yet.

Therefore even the king of the north - this great Babylon, will be frightened by *"the news from the east and the north, therefore he will go out in great anger [with great anger, UBG] to destroy and exterminate [annihilate and murder, EŚP] many" (Dan. 11:44, BW).*

This news will *"fill him with horror, BT; it will bother him more and more, BWP"*, so he will not stay inactive and will react as he will see that because of the preaching of the remnant of God's people in the power of the Spirit, more and more people will begin to leave Babylon. He will feel threatened.

In Ezekiel's prophetic vision we see that the flowing water from under the threshold of the Temple flowed downward eastward, and Ezekiel was led out through the north gate (see: Ezekiel 47:1-2).

This vision symbolizes people who will receive the authority from Heaven to proclaim to the world the last message of warning before the return of Jesus, as for many this will mean the destruction of this world and its ungodly mankind.

Let us notice that this is a gradually growing process, so if anyone is lagging behind or is late they will be left behind/omitted by this very meticulous and growing flow of water which is actually God's spirit pouring out of the Temple in Heaven.

*"And when the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the waters [were] to the ankles" (KJV) (Ezek. 47:3, BWP).*

Let us notice what starts to happen the very moment when the water begins to flow out of/from the Temple.

The measurement is being done by a Man who is holding a measuring reed or a line in his hand, as Bible translations say. And do you know what that reed or line is?

It is the word of God! So if you do not live with every Word that comes from His mouth, you have been weighed lightly.

*"The word that I preached will judge him on the last day" (John 12:48, BW),* Christ said.

God's people who are praying in this temple are being measured. The measurement's result is checked whether it corresponds to the pattern of the heavenly temple which is the holiness of God the Father. If it does then the water which symbolizes the power of the Spirit flows out (see: 1Peter 1:15-16) - on faithful God's people. First, the flush of the filling water is incomplete and the water reaches only their ankles.

*"Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod, and it was said, Get up and measure the temple of God and the altar and those who worship God in it" (Rev. 11: 1, BWP).*

In next lectures you will see how this message from the book of Revelation will beautifully balance with Daniel's and Ezechiel's message.

So joining, uniting the Temple / holiness with those who staying in it through faith worship God because they are the same as He is, They are one with Him, which had been proved by the judgment, i.e. weighing them, measuring them.

*"Love reaches its full perfection in us by trustingly waiting for the day of judgment [so that we have openness on the day of judgment, NBG], because our life here on earth is like His life in heaven [because what He is, such and we are, BW]" (1John 4:17, BWP).*

This is the complete reconciliation.

The same Man who has the measuring reed has also the writing instruments, and is one of the six men who also came out of the north gate, but with instruments of destruction (see: Ezek. 9: 1-2).

As a result of measuring and - checking the measuring results- in other words as a result of judgement comes the sealing with the TAW mark by the man dressed in the linen robe. I guess I don't need to remind you of what happens to those who are left behind and omitted and are not going to be sealed as we have studied this subject many times. Let's read only one verse:

*"Have pity on no one, spare no one! Kill the old and the young, virgins, babies, women and everyone, one to one. But you mustn't even touch any of those who have Taw mark written on their forehead. Begin with my sanctuary. So they began with the elders who stood before the temple" (Ezek. 9:6, BWP).*

So on those who have passed the verification of the judgment, water is poured out from the Temple, which symbolizes the seal of God's Spirit that confirms compliance with the Original.

Thus, the mystery of God is accomplished, as the fullness of time has come, in which, according to God's will, in Christ He has united *"all things in heaven and those things on earth he has united in Christ as Head"* (Eph. 1:10, BWP).

This time makes the final polarization among God's people, separates the tares from the wheat, the foolish virgins from the wise ones, the sons of the kingdom from the sons of evil. When will this time come?

We will talk about it in next lectures of this year's message.

Everything that God does, He does in a specific time, which He reveals to His people because He has promised not to do anything unless He reveals it to His people first (see: Amos 3: 7).

So the first result of the first outpouring of God's spirit affects our ankles. It strengthens us to follow the path we have been assigned.

But the Man of God measures another thousand cubits, and now the water is up to the prophet's knees, and then follows another measuring and the water begins to reach his hips.

*"He measured another thousand cubits and made me pass through the water again, this time up to my knees. Then again he measured a thousand cubits, again he made me pass through the water that was already up to my hips" (Ezek. 47:4, BWP).*

We can see here a gradually growing outpouring of God's Spirit.

So, whoever does not experience this living water at the very beginning of its outpour - will not be soaked with the latter rain at its fullness - at all. Time is of enormous importance here, because we will not turn back time. The initiated process of pouring out water does not stop to wait for the lingering ones, for the undecided ones, for those who are still lagging behind.

And now, the last climax...

*"When he measured another thousand cubits, I found myself in front of a stream so deep that I could no longer pass over to the other side. There was so much water that you felt a real depth and a great river that was impossible to cross" (Ezek. 47:5, BWP).*

And then what started to happen? What will begin to happen when from within us:

*"rivers of life-giving water - will start to flow, and Christ said this [yet] of the Spirit that believers in Him were to receive" (John 7:38-39, EŚP)?*

The Word of God is Spirit and Life, and by the proclamation of that Word, everything will come to life ... and will become the "true depth" of God's Spirit.

*"Then he said to me: Son of man, have you seen it all? And he led me back down the river [stream, BW]. On my way back, I noticed a lot of trees on both sides of the river. Then he said to me: This river flows eastward, descends towards the deserts/plains and heads towards the sea, making the sea water usable. Wherever this river flows, all beings there come alive again. There will be a lot of fish, because wherever the waters of this*

river flow, everything will come alive. Fishermen will come to the river and stretch their nets from Engadd to En-Eglaim. There will be a lot of fish there, like those of the Great Sea. But the coastal backwaters and swamps of this river will not be drained, and it will still be full of salt. By the river, on both sides of the river, all kinds of fruit trees will grow, the leaves of which will never wilt and the fruit never be lacking. They will bear fruit every month because they will grow over the water flowing from the tabernacle. The fruits of these trees will serve as food and the leaves as medicine" (Ezek. 47:6-12, BWP).

This is the work of the latter rain. Trees and fish are all symbols of God's people. Let's read:

"He will be like a tree planted by the streams of water, bearing its fruit **in due season**" (Psalm 1:3, BW).

"He is like a tree planted by the water, which puts its roots down by a stream, and he/it is not afraid when the heat comes, but its leaf remains green, and in the year of drought it does not worry, and it does not stop bearing fruit" (Jer. 17:8, BW).

This rushing stream/river flows into the sea - into great water which symbolizes peoples, crowds, multilingual nations over which the apocalyptic harlot i.e. the papacy has settled.

This loud call is directed to the nations. It is the call shouted by God's people to make them leave Babylon and not become partakers of the plagues that will fall on this system and the whole world.

Fish also symbolize people, God's people - fishermen who anointed with God's Spirit cast their nets to catch people from all these nations and multitudes showing them the way to evacuate before the destruction of this sinful world.

God's people become heralds of Christ's second coming in the power of His Spirit in which He came to them at the beginning in the early rain. And so He will come now in the latter rain, completing the gospel work which is the good news of God's Kingdom.

Ankles, knees, hips, all immersed in a rushing and deep stream.

The seed, the stalk, the ear, the whole grain in the ear - this is the correct growth in sanctification, which begins when all the connection with sin ceases; when the death of the old man comes through co-crucifixion with Christ. The temple will renew all God's people. Thanks to this, a new community will be created, the gathering of the chosen ones. This divine breath will become a life-giving effect.

The cleansing nature of this water must be emphasized here. It has the ability to heal and finally blot out our sins.

The Prophet Ezekiel proclaims the pouring out of waters as an act of new creation - as a history-changing event.

It refers to the relationship with Yahweh that took place in the Garden of Eden, from which the river flowed, then dividing into four branches, thus irrigating the entire earth (see: Genesis 2: 8-15).

The Word of God has power because it is His Spirit and at the same time God's life, and if we do not believe it and start living with it, we will remain outside or beyond the end-time events on pseudo religious sandbank/shoal/shallows. Let's read a fragment from the testimonies:

*"His word, that called the dead to life, is no less efficacious now than when spoken (p. 319)... That power is not diminished by the lapse of years (p. 319)... That word is eternal life (p. 320)... so that word, "Arise from the dead," is life to the soul that receives it. God "hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son" Colossians 1:13. It is all offered us in His word. If we receive the word, we have the deliverance" (E. White, DA 320.2).*

Remember that we have been living in the age of the *early rain*, and this Word has the same power that the ones the apostles spoke. This Word has the same power that the reformers spoke. This Word has the same power as the Adventist pioneers spoke.

Only that today's nominal people of God are not faithful to this Word, and therefore they perish in the desert of life, failing to achieve their goal, content with the dead letter. Let's read beautiful words:

*"Let his waters rattle and roar, let even the mountains tremble with his storms - the Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our fortress. The currents of the river bring a **wedding** to the City of God, the holy Tabernacle of the Most High. God is in the middle of it - he will remain unmoved; God will help him as soon as morning dawns. Nations are raging, kingdoms are shaking; His voice thunders - and the earth crumbles. Yahweh armies are with us, the God of Jacob stands ours" (Ps. 46:4-8, BP).*



This is the power of the Spirit, of the water of God's life ...There is **no other option** but to fill us gradually with God's Spirit to His fullness for we would not be able to receive this fullness straight away.

We need to realize the difference between the beginning and the end, between starting something and finishing something, between the time of the beginning of building of this house and finishing it.

Please note the fact that the apostle Paul very clearly states that the body of Christ has not achieved, yet full conformity/likeness and union with the Head, therefore Christ throughout the ages has established His instruments or agents as messengers, heralds, prophets, teachers, evangelists, elders, so that thanks to their ministry, the body of Christ could be built up.

This process must last till full unity in faith will be achieved by all the members of God's people. In order to achieve this unity of the body with the Head - God's people must fully get to know the Son of God.

They need *"to achieve perfect humanity and greatness corresponding to the Fullness of Christ [so that we would also reach true spiritual maturity, to the size of that perfection which is the Fullness of Christ, BWP]" (Ephes. 4:13, BP).*

The body of Christ must also be complete therefore every member of this body counts and is counted, and only then Christ's body will be complete when the last member is incorporated into this body, into this unity with the Head.

The temple must be completed and fully set up as God's tabernacle among His people. Therefore, in order to be able to accept the final power of God's work, God must dose it to us and at every stage of this dosing - again measure us, check, examine, test and judge whether this vessel will withstand when it is flooded with the fullness of God's glory.

Of course, all this is set at a certain time, but we will talk about this in the next lecture, because we need to know how much time we have left and whether we have any time at all.

Service in the power of God's spirit, in the power of the living water that pours towards us from the Temple in Heaven, begins the final stage of the history of our earth, but as we read - this service will never end, therefore this water of life, eternal life, turns into infinity, reaches Heaven and the New Earth, bringing to all eternity an inexhaustible source of our Father and His Son's blessings as the fruit of their sacrifice. Amen

*In blessed hope  
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