

**Outline of
the Messages for the Conference in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex
January 23-24, 2021**

General Subject:

**PREPARING FOR THE LORD'S IMMINENT RETURN BY PERSEVERING UNTO
UNCEASING PRAYER AS SEEN IN THE BOOKS OF COLOSSIANS AND PHILIPPIANS
AND IN THE REALITY THAT IS IN JESUS**

Message One

**Persevering unto Unceasing Prayer for the Lord's Imminent Return
as Seen in the Book of Colossians**

- I. The book of Colossians presents what can be considered the highest, the Mount Zion, among the lofty peaks of the revelation of Christ contained in the Bible—*LS Colossians* (5): 46.
- II. Colossians reveals that in God's economy Christ is everything, that He is all-inclusive and that He is all-extensive; the revelation that He is all-inclusive and all-extensive implies that we are to experience Him all-inclusively and all-extensively—1 Cor. 2:9; *LS Colossians* (41): 350.
- III. To experience Him in His all-inclusiveness awaits our experience of His all-extensiveness; thus, the first among the many exceedingly rich and profound revelations that Paul presents in Colossians is that He is our portion, our good land, our sphere of living, in which we experience Him in an extensive, expanding and ever-more inclusive manner—Col. 1:12; Gal. 3:14.
- IV. The culminating revelation of Christ in His all-inclusiveness and all-extensiveness in Colossians is that of the One New Man, in whom He as the portion and good land of His lovers has become everything to them; at this point, they spontaneously are His prepared Bride, readied for the inception of His Parousia, the secret aspect of His coming—3:11; Rev. 19:7; 1 Thes. 5:2.
- V. The mention in Col. 3:11 of "Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man" implies that the greatest obstacle to His lovers' extensive and inclusive experience of Him is their culture; this confirms the Apostle's repeated warnings to this effect in chapter two—Col. 2:8, 18, 20-22; *LS Colossians* (41): 354-355; (45): 390.
- VI. For the displacement of culture as the ultimate obstacle to His lovers' expanding experience of Him in His all-inclusiveness and all-extensiveness, Paul commends to them a most crucial and strategic practical matter: that they give themselves to persevere unto unceasing prayer—4:2; *LS Colossians* (34): 279-280.
- VII. Both when commencing and when completing his ministry, the Apostle urged that we persevere unto unceasing prayer—1 Thes. 5:17; Eph. 6:18; Col. 4:2a; 2 Tim. 4:22.
- VIII. Colossians begins and concludes with "the will of God" and with "persevering prayer"—1:9; 4:12; 4:2a.
 - A. The will of God for us, that is, the experience of Christ in His all-inclusiveness and His all-extensiveness, is to be ours through the experience of persevering, even unceasing prayer—*LS Colossians* (33): 280; *Perfecting Training*: 172.
 - B. The fullness, the precision of our realization of the will of God is proportionate to the degree to which through unceasing prayer we have effaced the self with its culture—*Perfecting Training*: 79-80.
- IX. At present, the culture that we have inherited, learned, developed and appreciate largely displaces our experience and enjoyment of the Lord, thus interfering with our destiny, that is, that we would experience Him all-inclusively and all-extensively—*LS Colossians* (34): 279; (36): 312.

- X. To be prepared for His secret appearing this situation must be remedied, reversed; the only thing that can displace culture in our experience is our expanding experience of the Lord in His all-inclusiveness and all-extensiveness, and the provision for our doing so is our persevering unto unceasing prayer—*LS Colossians* (45): 391-392.**
- XI. To persevere unto unceasing prayer as presented in Colossians is for us to live Christ— Col. 1:10a, 12; 2:6; *LS Colossians* (39): 334-336.**
- A. For us to experience the Lord in His all-inclusiveness and all-extensiveness is to possess Him as our portion, the lot of our inheritance, our good land; this is to live Him and to live in Him.
- B. Because such enjoyment is ours uniquely when we persevere unto unceasing prayer, this book confirms that it is through such prayer that we live Christ—*LS Colossians* (34): 279.
- XII. Persevering unto unceasing prayer is the essential experiential complement to the revelation in Colossians not only that Christ is the reality of every positive thing, but that we are to experience Him as such— Col. 2:16-17.**
- XIII. It is only when we set our mind on the things which are above by persevering unto unceasing prayer that Christ is our life in the most subjective way— Col. 3:2, 4; cf. Rom. 8:6; *LS Colossians* (65): 583.**
- XIV. It is as we persevere unto unceasing prayer that we as constituents of the One New Man partake of His inward parts and live in the sensation of His present Parousia, doing everything in His name, His Person— Col. 3:12-14, 17.**
- XV. It is by preserving unto unceasing prayer that we fulfill the will of God as revealed in Colossians— Col. 1:9; 4:12; 1 Thes. 5:17-18.**
- A. We explore the dimensions of the enjoyment of the all-inclusive and all- extensive Christ, with the spontaneous displacement of our national, ethnic, church life-related and personal culture— Col. 2:10a; Eph. 3:18.
- B. We are ushered into the inception of the Lord's ultimate Parousia, the secret aspect of His coming, for His ultimate satisfaction, and for the fulfillment of our destiny, the all-inclusive and all- extensive enjoyment of Christ as our Bridegroom— Luke 21:26; Rev. 3:10-11a, and footnote 11-1.