

WORKSHOP ON DIVING INTO HOLY WORD FOR MORNING REVIVAL

I. Preface on Holy Word for Morning Revival

This book is intended as an aid to believers in developing a daily time of morning revival with the Lord in His word. At the same time, it provides a limited review of the semi-annual training held July 3-8, 2017, in Anaheim, California, on the “Crystallization-study of Ezekiel.” Through intimate contact with the Lord in His word, the believers can be constituted with life and truth and thereby equipped to prophesy in the meetings of the church unto the building up of the Body of Christ.

II. Some points on pray-reading

- A. Pray-reading is to pray with the words of Scripture and over them, using the words of the Bible as our prayer to God.
- B. When we pray, we use our spirit. When we pray-read, our spirit touches the Spirit of the Bible, and thus we receive life.
- C. To pray-read is to eat, drink, and breathe the Spirit and life in the Word of God— Eph. 6:17; Jer. 15:16; 1 Pet. 2:2; cf. 2 Tim. 3:16.
- D. The exercise and practice of pray-reading the Lord’s Word:
 1. Hungering for the Lord.
 2. Praying with the spirit.
 3. Not relying on our mind.
 4. Daily, morning and evening.
 5. Four secrets of pray-reading corporately:
 - a) Quick: Follow quickly, connect quickly, and add to quickly.
 - b) Short: Short sentences pick up the spirit—masticating not swallowing.
 - c) Real: Release the spirit by forsaking the self. The feeling is real when it is expressed from deep within.
 - d) Fresh: Following the Spirit to express fresh feelings. Do not try to be funny.
- E. Practice on pray-reading:

Matt. 16:18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it

1 Cor. 14:4 He who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but he who prophesies builds up the church.

III. Some Point on reading

- A. In reading the lesson, we need to teach them **how to pay attention to the main points**. When we come to an important point, we can ask someone to read it again, or even three or four times. I hope we can all practice this. Do not practice this in a rigid or monotonous way; instead, do it in a living way. After each section has been read, the teacher should **highlight the subject and the main point**. This will give the saints a deeper impression and enable them to learn the truth and receive the supply. If the teachers can speak with an exercised spirit, lead the saints to practice **repeated reading, emphasized reading, reading that brings out the**

main points, and give a conclusion after each section, the saints will be able to taste the sweetness and riches of the messages. After each lesson, the saints will not only receive the knowledge of the truth but also the life supply released from the main points that were highlighted. This is a very profitable practice. (*Crucial work of Leadership in the Lord's Recovery, Book I, chapter 12*).

B. Practice on Reading

We must endeavor to have church meetings with many speaking and without speaking by only one person. Some of us, however, still like to be spectators in the meetings. All of us should get ourselves prepared to speak in any meeting that we attend... The practice of Christianity has annulled the functions of the members of the Body of Christ and has coked them. This practice has delayed the Lord's return... But we must realize that the truth overcomes. Nothing in this universe can do anything against the truth. We need to labor in the scriptural way with endurance... Eventually, what we have been speaking concerning the scriptural way of meeting and serving for the building up of the Body of Christ will be very prevailing on this earth. The Lord has to fulfill His word. He has to do something on this earth, not to build up Christianity as a kind of "church," an organization but to build up His Body as an organism. (*Speaking Christ for the Building Up of the Body of Christ, pp. 30-31*)

C. Further Reading: Speaking Christ for the Building Up of the Body of Christ, ch. 3; Prophesying in the Church Meetings for the Organic Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ (Outlines), otl. 1-3