

EXPERIENCING, ENJOYING, AND EXPRESSING CHRIST (1)

TRAINING OUTLINES

Message Two

Christ as the One with the Heavenly-ruled Deeds, Our Shepherd, Our Rest, and the Sower

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Scripture Reading: Matt. 9:20-22, 36; 11:28-30; 13:3, 18-23

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- Matt 9:22 And Jesus, turning and seeing her, said, Take courage, daughter; your faith has healed you. And the woman was healed from that hour.
- Matt 9:36 And seeing the crowds, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were harassed and cast away like sheep not having a shepherd.
- Matt 11:28 Come to Me all who toil and are burdened, and I will give you rest.
- Matt 11:29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
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- Matt 13:22 And the one sown in the thorns, this is he who hears the word, and the anxiety of the age and the deceitfulness of riches utterly choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.
- Matt 13:23 But the one sown on the good earth, this is he who hears the word and understands, who by all means bears fruit and produces, one a hundredfold, and one sixtyfold, and one thirtyfold.

I. Christ is revealed as the One with the heavenly-ruled deeds—the fringe of His garment—Matt. 9:20-22:

- Matt 9:20 And behold, a woman who had been suffering from a hemorrhage for twelve years approached from behind and touched the fringe of His garment,
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- Matt 9:22 And Jesus, turning and seeing her, said, Take courage, daughter; your faith has healed you. And the woman was healed from that hour.
- A. Christ's garment signifies His righteous deeds, and the fringe signifies the heavenly ruling: "Speak to the children of Israel and tell them to make for themselves fringes on the borders of their garments throughout their generations and to put on the fringe of each border a cord of blue. And it shall be a fringe for you, so that when you see it you will remember all the commandments of Jehovah and do them...and be holy to your God"—Num. 15:38-40:
1. A cord signifies binding, and blue signifies heavenly.
 2. Hence, a cord of blue signifies that, as children of God, our conduct and behavior should be beautiful and should be under the ruling, governing, and binding of the heavenly government, limitation, and regulation.
- B. Garments signify virtue in human behavior; the Lord's garments signify His perfect behavior in His humanity, His human virtuous perfection.
- C. In the human virtue of the Lord Jesus, there was healing power; therefore, when the sick woman touched the fringe of His garment, the power of His virtue went out to her, and she

- was healed.
- D. Out of Christ's heavenly-ruled deeds issues the virtue that becomes the healing power—Matt. 14:36.
 Matt 14:36 And they begged Him that they might only touch the fringe of His garment. And as many as touched were completely healed.
- E. To touch the Lord's garments was actually to touch Him in His humanity, in which God was embodied (Col. 2:9); by such a touch, His divine power was transfused, through the perfection of His humanity, into the one who had touched Him, and it became her healing (Luke 8:45-48; Heb. 12:2a).
 Col 2:9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,
 Luke 8:45 And Jesus said, Who is the one who touched Me? And when all denied it, Peter said, Master, the crowds are pressing and crushing You.
 Luke 8:46 But Jesus said, Someone touched Me, for I perceived that power had gone out from Me.
 Luke 8:47 And when the woman saw that she had not escaped notice, she came trembling and fell down before Him and declared before all the people the reason why she had touched Him and how she had been instantly healed.
 Luke 8:48 And He said to her, Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace.
 Heb 12:2a Looking away unto Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, ...
- F. The God who dwells in unapproachable light became touchable in the Slave-Savior through His humanity for her salvation and enjoyment.
- G. The pressing crowd did not receive anything from the Slave-Savior, but the one who touched Him did (see *Hymns*, #559, stanza 2 and chorus).
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| Touching Thee in faith, I take Thee | In Thy riches full and free; |
| All I am I open to Thee, | All Thou art Thou giv'st to me. |
| Touching Thee, new life is glowing | By Thy Spirit's burning flame; |
| Cleansing, purging, Spirit filling, | Glory to Thy Holy Name! |

II. The Lord Jesus is our Shepherd, and we are His sheep—Matt. 9:36; Isa. 40:11; 53:6; Ezek. 34:1-5, 11-15:

- Matt 9:36 And seeing the crowds, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were harassed and cast away like sheep not having a shepherd.
- Isa 40:11 He will feed His flock as a Shepherd; / In His arm He will gather the lambs; / In His bosom He will carry them. / He will lead those who are nursing the young.
- Isa 53:6 We all like sheep have gone astray; / Each of us has turned to his own way, / And Jehovah has caused the iniquity of us all / To fall on Him.
- Ezek 34:1 Then the word of Jehovah came to me, saying,
 Ezek 34:2 Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy and say to them, to the shepherds, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the sheep?
- Ezek 34:3 You eat the fat, and you clothe yourselves with the wool; you slaughter the fatlings, but you do not feed the sheep.
- Ezek 34:4 The weak you have not strengthened, and the sick one you have not healed, and the broken one you have not bound up, and the one that was driven away you have not brought back, and the lost one you have not sought; but with strength and rigor you have ruled over them.
- Ezek 34:5 And they were scattered without a shepherd, and they became food to all the beasts of the field and were scattered.
- Ezek 34:11 For thus says the Lord Jehovah, I Myself, even I, will search for My sheep and seek them out.
- Ezek 34:12 As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day when he is among his sheep which are scattered, so I will seek out My sheep; and I will deliver them from all the places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.
- Ezek 34:13 And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the streams and in all the inhabited places of the land.

- Ezek 34:14 I will feed them with good pasture, and their dwelling place will be upon the mountains of the heights of Israel; there they will lie down in a good dwelling place, and on rich pasture they will feed upon the mountains of Israel.
- Ezek 34:15 I Myself will shepherd My flock, and I will cause them to lie down, declares the Lord Jehovah.
- A. He shepherds us in the initial stage of the enjoyment of Christ as the green pastures and of the Spirit as the waters of rest—Psa. 23:1-2; 1 Tim. 1:4; Phil. 1:19b; John 21:15; 1 Thes. 2:7; 1 Cor. 12:13b.
- Psa 23:1 Jehovah is my Shepherd; I will lack nothing.
- Psa 23:2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; / He leads me beside waters of rest.
- 1 Tim 1:4 Nor to give heed to myths and unending genealogies, which produce questionings rather than God's economy, which is in faith.
- Phil 1:19b ... this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,
- John 21:15 Then when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these? He said to Him, Yes, Lord, You know that I love You. He said to him, Feed My lambs.
- 1 Thes 2:7 But we were gentle in your midst, as a nursing mother would cherish her own children.
- 1 Cor 12:13b ... whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and were all given to drink one Spirit.
- B. He shepherds us in the second stage of the revival and transformation on the paths of righteousness—Psa. 23:3; Rom. 12:2; John 7:38; Rom. 8:4.
- Psa 23:3 He restores my soul; He guides me on the paths of righteousness / For His name's sake.
- 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.
- John 7:38 He who believes into Me, as the Scripture said, out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.
- Rom 8:4 That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit.
- C. He shepherds us in the third stage of the experience of the presence of the resurrected pneumatic Christ while walking through the valley of the shadow of death—Psa. 23:4; 2 Tim. 4:22; 2 Cor. 12:7-10.
- Psa 23:4 Even though I walk / Through the valley of the shadow of death, / I do not fear evil, / For You are with me; / Your rod and Your staff, / They comfort me.
- 2 Tim 4:22 The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.
- 2 Cor 12:7 And because of the transcendence of the revelations, in order that I might not be exceedingly lifted up, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, that he might buffet me, in order that I might not be exceedingly lifted up.
- 2 Cor 12:8 Concerning this I entreated the Lord three times that it might depart from me.
- 2 Cor 12:9 And He has said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness. Most gladly therefore I will rather boast in my weaknesses that the power of Christ might tabernacle over me.
- 2 Cor 12:10 Therefore I am well pleased in weaknesses, in insults, in necessities, in persecutions and distresses, on behalf of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am powerful.
- D. He shepherds us in the fourth stage of the deeper and higher enjoyment of the resurrected Christ—Psa. 23:5:
- Psa 23:5 You spread a table before me / In the presence of my adversaries; / You anoint my head with oil; / My cup runs over.
1. The Lord spreads a table before us in the presence of our adversaries—v. 5a; cf. 2 Sam. 4:4; 9:7, 13; Gen. 14:18-20; Neh. 4:17.
- Psa 23:5a You spread a table before me / In the presence of my adversaries; ...
- 2 Sam 4:4 Now Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son who had crippled feet. He was five years old when the news came of Saul and Jonathan out of Jezreel. And his nurse took him up and fled. And as she hurried to flee, he fell and was made lame. And his name was Mephibosheth.
- 2 Sam 9:7 And David said to him, Do not be afraid, for I will surely show kindness to you for

- the sake of Jonathan your father; and I will restore to you all the land of your father Saul, and you will eat food at my table continually.
- 2 Sam 9:13 And Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem because he ate at the king's table continually. And he was crippled in both his feet.
- Gen 14:18 And Melchizedek the king of Salem brought out bread and wine. Now he was priest of God the Most High.
- Gen 14:19 And he blessed him and said, Blessed be Abram of God the Most High, / Possessor of heaven and earth;
- Gen 14:20 And blessed be God the Most High, / Who has delivered your enemies into your hand. And Abram gave him a tenth of all.
- Neh 4:17 Those who built the wall and those who carried burdens took the loads with one hand doing the work and with the other holding a weapon.
2. The Lord anoints our head with oil, and our cup runs over—Psa. 23:5b; Heb. 1:9; 1 Cor. 10:16a, 21.
- Psa 23:5b ... You anoint my head with oil; / My cup runs over.
- Heb 1:9 You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of exultant joy above Your partners";
- 1 Cor 10:16a The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the fellowship of the blood of Christ? ...
- 1 Cor 10:21 You cannot drink the Lord's cup and the demons' cup; you cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the demons' table.
3. In Psalm 23:5 we have the Triune God—the Son as the feast, the Spirit as the anointing oil, and the Father as the source of blessing.
- Psa 23:5 You spread a table before me / In the presence of my adversaries; / You anoint my head with oil; / My cup runs over.
- E. He shepherds us in the fifth stage of the lifelong enjoyment of the divine goodness and lovingkindness in the house of Jehovah—v. 6:
- Psa 23:6 Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me / All the days of my life, / And I will dwell in the house of Jehovah / For the length of my days.
1. Under the organic shepherding of the pneumatic Christ, goodness and lovingkindness will follow us all the days of our life, and we will dwell in the house of Jehovah for the length of our days—v. 6:
- Psa 23:6 Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me / All the days of my life, / And I will dwell in the house of Jehovah / For the length of my days.
- a. *Goodness* refers to the grace of Christ, *lovingkindness* refers to the love of the Father, and *follow* implies the fellowship of the Spirit; thus, the grace of the Son, the love of the Father, and the fellowship of the Spirit are with us—2 Cor. 13:14.
- 2 Cor 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- b. The enjoyment of the processed and consummated Triune God ushers us into the enjoyment of God in the house of God (Christ, the church, our spirit, and the New Jerusalem—John 1:14; 2:21; 1 Tim. 3:15-16; Eph. 2:22; Rev. 21:2-3, 22) where we will dwell for the length of our days (in the present age, in the coming age, and in eternity).
- 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.
- John 2:21 But He spoke of the temple of His body.
- 1 Tim 3:15 But if I delay, I write that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth.
- 1 Tim 3:16 And confessedly, great is the mystery of godliness: He who was manifested in the flesh, / Justified in the Spirit, / Seen by angels, / Preached among the nations, / Believed on in the world, / Taken up in glory.
- Eph 2:22 In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.

- Rev 21:2 And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
- Rev 21:3 And I heard a loud voice out of the throne, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will tabernacle with them, and they will be His peoples, and God Himself will be with them and be their God.
- Rev 21:22 And I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.
2. We need to seek to dwell in the house of God all the days of our life—Psa. 27:4-8:
- Psa 27:4 One thing I have asked from Jehovah; / That do I seek: / To dwell in the house of Jehovah / All the days of my life, / To behold the beauty of Jehovah, / And to inquire in His temple.
- Psa 27:5 For He will conceal me in His shelter / In the day of trouble; / He will hide me in the hiding place of His tent; / He will raise me up upon a rock.
- Psa 27:6 And now my head is lifted up / Above my enemies who surround me. / And I will offer in His tent / Sacrifices of shouts of joy: / I will sing and psalm to Jehovah.
- Psa 27:7 Hear, O Jehovah, when I call with my voice, / And be gracious to me and answer me.
- Psa 27:8 When You say, Seek My face, / To You my heart says, Your face, O Jehovah, will I seek.
- a. To behold the beauty (loveliness, pleasantness, delightfulness) of God—vv. 4a, 8; 2 Cor. 3:18.
- Psa 27:4a One thing I have asked from Jehovah; / That do I seek: / To dwell in the house of Jehovah / All the days of my life, / To behold the beauty of Jehovah, ...
- Psa 27:8 When You say, Seek My face, / To You my heart says, Your face, O Jehovah, will I seek.
- 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.
- b. To inquire of God, checking with Him about everything in our daily life—Psa. 27:4b; cf. Josh. 9:14.
- Psa 27:4b ... To dwell in the house of Jehovah / All the days of my life, / To behold the beauty of Jehovah, / And to inquire in His temple.
- Josh 9:14 And the men took some of their provisions, but they did not ask for the counsel of Jehovah.
- c. To be concealed in God's shelter and to hide ourselves in the hiding place of God's tent—Psa. 27:5a; 31:20.
- Psa 27:5a For He will conceal me in His shelter / In the day of trouble; / He will hide me in the hiding place of His tent; ...
- Psa 31:20 You hide them in the hiding place of Your presence / Apart from the conspiracies of men; / You lay them away secretly in a shelter / Apart from the contention of tongues.
- d. To be raised up and have our head lifted up by God—27:5b-6a.
- Psa 27:5b ...He will hide me in the hiding place of His tent; / He will raise me up upon a rock.
- Psa 27:6a And now my head is lifted up / Above my enemies who surround me. ...
- e. To offer sacrifices of shouts of joy with singing and psalming to God for the glory of God—v. 6b; Heb. 13:15; Phil. 2:11.
- Psa 27:6b ... And I will offer in His tent / Sacrifices of shouts of joy: / I will sing and psalm to Jehovah.
- Heb 13:15 Through Him then let us offer up a sacrifice of praise continually to God, that is, the fruit of lips confessing His name.
- Phil 2:11 And every tongue should openly confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

III. The Lord Jesus is our rest—Matt. 11:28-30:

Matt 11:28 Come to Me all who toil and are burdened, and I will give you rest.

Matt 11:29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Matt 11:30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

A. “Come to Me all who toil and are burdened, and I will give you rest”—v. 28:

1. The toil mentioned here refers not only to the toil of striving to keep the commandments of the law and religious regulations but also to the toil of struggling to be successful in any work; whoever toils thus is always heavily burdened.
2. Rest refers not only to being set free from the toil and burden under the law or religion or under any work or responsibility, but also to perfect peace and full satisfaction.

B. “Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light”—vv. 29-30:

1. To take the Lord’s yoke is to take the will of the Father; it is not to be regulated or controlled by any work, but to be constrained by the will of the Father.
2. The Lord lived such a life, caring for nothing but the will of His Father (John 4:34; 5:30; 6:38); He submitted Himself fully to the Father’s will (Matt. 26:39, 42); hence, He asks us to learn from Him.

John 4:34 Jesus said to them, My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish His work.

John 5:30 I can do nothing from Myself; as I hear, I judge, and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will but the will of Him who sent Me.

John 6:38 For I have come down from heaven not to do My own will but the will of Him who sent Me.

Matt 26:39 And going forward a little, He fell on His face and prayed, saying, My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will.

Matt 26:42 Again, going away a second time, He prayed, saying, My Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it, Your will be done.

3. To learn from Him is not to imitate Him outwardly but to copy the Lord in our spirit by taking His yoke—God’s will; God’s will has to yoke us, and we have to put our neck into this yoke to become His duplication—1 Pet. 2:21.

1 Pet 2:21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered on your behalf, leaving you a model so that you may follow in His steps;

4. The rest that we find by taking the Lord’s yoke and learning from Him is for our souls; it is an inward rest and not anything merely outward in nature.
5. The Lord’s yoke is the Father’s will, and His burden is the work of carrying out the Father’s will; such a yoke is easy (good, kind, mild, gentle, pleasant—in contrast to hard, harsh, sharp, bitter), and such a burden is light, not heavy.

IV. The Sower is the wonderful person of the Lord Jesus, and the seed sown is also the Lord Himself as the embodiment of the Triune God—Matt. 13:3, 18-23:

Matt 13:3 And He spoke many things to them in parables, saying, Behold, the sower went out to sow.

Matt 13:18 You therefore hear the parable of the one who sowed.

Matt 13:19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand, the evil one comes and snatches away that which has been sown in his heart. This is the one sown beside the way.

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A. We need to see the vision of Christ, the Sower, sowing Himself as the seed of life into human beings; this vision is the very heart of the Lord’s recovery, for it is related to the desire of the

- Lord's heart.
- B. He desires to come into us, His chosen people, to be our life in the way of mingling in order to make Himself our element and to make us His expression.
- C. The believers, who have been regenerated in Christ with God's life, are God's cultivated land, a farm in God's new creation to grow Christ so that precious materials maybe produced for God's building—1 Cor. 3:9, 12a.
 1 Cor 3:9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's cultivated land, God's building.
 1 Cor 3:12a But if anyone builds upon the foundation gold, silver, precious stones, ...
- D. According to the Bible, growth equals building; this takes place by the growth of the divine seed of life within us—1 John 3:9; Col. 2:19; Eph. 4:15-16.
 1 John 3:9 Everyone who has been begotten of God does not practice sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been begotten of God.
 Col 2:19 And not holding the Head, out from whom all the Body, being richly supplied and knit together by means of the joints and sinews, grows with the growth of God.
 Eph 4:15 But holding to truth in love, we may grow up into Him in all things, who is the Head, Christ,
 Eph 4:16 Out from whom all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and through the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love.
- E. Ephesians 3:17 reveals that the Triune God has come into us to do a building work with Himself as the element and also with something from us as the material; this is illustrated by the parable of the sower in Matthew 13:
 Eph 3:17 That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
 Matt 13 be omitted.
1. The Lord sows Himself as the seed of life into men's hearts, the soil, that He might grow and live in them and be expressed from within them—v. 3.
 Matt 13:3 And He spoke many things to them in parables, saying, Behold, the sower went out to sow.
 2. The seed is sown into the soil to grow with the nutrients of the soil; as a result, the produce is a composition of elements from both the seed and the soil—v. 23.
 Matt 13:23 But the one sown on the good earth, this is he who hears the word and understands, who by all means bears fruit and produces, one a hundredfold, and one sixtyfold, and one thirtyfold.
 3. We have within us certain nutrients created by God as a preparation for His coming into us to grow in us; God has created the human spirit with the human nutrients along with the human heart as the soil for the divine seed—1 Pet. 3:4.
 1 Pet 3:4 But the hidden man of the heart in the incorruptible adornment of a meek and quiet spirit, which is very costly in the sight of God.
 4. The rate at which we grow in life depends not on the divine seed but on how many nutrients we afford this seed; the more nutrients we supply, the faster the seed will grow and the more it will flourish—Matt. 5:3, 8.
 Matt 5:3 Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of the heavens.
 Matt 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
 5. If we remain in our soul, in our natural man, there will not be any nutrients for the growth of the divine seed, but if we are strengthened into our inner man and if we pay attention to our spirit and exercise our spirit, the nutrients will be supplied and Christ will make His home in our hearts—Eph. 3:16-17; Rom. 8:6; 1 Tim. 4:7; cf. Jude 19.
 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,
 Rom 8:6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.
 1 Tim 4:7 But the profane and old-womanish myths refuse, and exercise yourself unto

- godliness.
- Jude 19 These are those who make divisions, soulish, having no spirit.
6. If we are going to have the Lord as the seed of life grow within us to be our full enjoyment, we have to open to the Lord absolutely and cooperate with Him to deal thoroughly with our heart—Matt. 13:3-9, 18-23.
- Matt 13:3 And He spoke many things to them in parables, saying, Behold, the sower went out to sow.
- Matt 13:4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell beside the way, and the birds came and devoured them.
- Matt 13:5 And others fell on the rocky places, where they did not have much earth, and immediately they sprang up because they had no depth of earth.
- Matt 13:6 But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered.
- Matt 13:7 And others fell on the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked them.
- Matt 13:8 But others fell on the good earth and yielded fruit, one a hundredfold, and one sixtyfold, and one thirtyfold.
- Matt 13:9 He who has ears to hear, let him hear.
- Matt 13:18 You therefore hear the parable of the one who sowed.
- Matt 13:19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand, the evil one comes and snatches away that which has been sown in his heart. This is the one sown beside the way.
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7. On the one hand, God strengthens us with Himself as the element, and on the other hand, we afford the nutrients; through these two, God in Christ carries out His intrinsic building—the building of His home—in our entire being.