

Message Five (b)
Being One with the Triune God
in the Move of the Great Wheel of His Economy

"And as I watched the living creatures, I saw a wheel upon the earth beside the living creatures, for each of their four faces. The appearance of the wheels and their workmanship were like the sight of beryl. And the four of them had one likeness; that is, their appearance and their workmanship were as it were a wheel within a wheel. Whenever they went, they went in their four directions; they did not turn as they went. As for their rims, they were high and they were awesome; and the rims of the four of them were full of eyes all around. And whenever the living creatures went, the wheels went beside them; and whenever the living creatures were lifted up above the earth, the wheels were lifted up also. Wherever the Spirit was to go, they went — wherever the Spirit was to go. And the wheels were lifted up alongside them, for the Spirit of the living creature was in the wheels. Whenever those went, these went; and whenever those stood still, these stood still; and whenever those were lifted up above the earth, the wheels were lifted up alongside them; for the Spirit of the living creature was in the wheels." (Ezekiel 1:15-21) Recovery Version

IV. The move of God to carry out His economy is by the move of the high and awesome wheels portrayed in Ezekiel 1:15-21:

- A. The move of the wheels is the special, extraordinary move of the Lord for His eternal purpose by Him as our strength, power, and supply—cf. vv. 5-8, 19-20:

"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 Timothy 3:15) Recovery Version

"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." (Matthew 16:18) Recovery Version

"And I saw in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures and in the midst of the elders a Lamb standing as having just been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth." (Revelation 5:6) Recovery Version

1. Our God is living (1 Tim. 3:15; Heb. 3:12), our Lord is moving (Matt. 16:18), and the Spirit is working (Rev. 5:6b) to carry out God's eternal economy.

"Now there were in Antioch, in the local church, prophets and teachers: Barnabas and Simeon, who was called Niger, and Lucius the Cyrenian, and Manaen, the foster brother of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. And as they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, Set apart for Me now Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them. Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. They then, having been sent out by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia; and from there they sailed away to Cyprus." (Acts 13:1) Recovery Version

2. Every local church and every individual believer should have a high and awesome wheel with them—cf. Acts 13:1-4.

"Your kingdom come; Your will be done, as in heaven, so also on earth." (Matthew 6:10) Recovery Version

B. The high and awesome wheels being upon the earth shows that God needs a move on the earth—Ezek. 1:15; Matt. 6:10:

1. The wheels having the appearance of beryl indicates that wherever the wheel goes, it brings the appearance of the Lord—Ezek. 1:16a; Dan. 10:6.

"For you, brothers, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus, for you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, even as they also from the Jews," (1 Thessalonians 2:14) Recovery Version

2. The wheels having the same appearance indicates that the move of the Lord has the same likeness and appearance in every church—Ezek. 1:16b; cf. Rev. 1:12; 1 Thes. 2:14.
3. The wheels going in four directions and not turning as they went indicates a move in coordination—Ezek. 1:17.

"That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the full knowledge of Him," (Ephesians 1:17) Recovery Version

4. The high and awesome rims of the wheels being full of eyes indicates that if we are one with the Lord in His move, we will have His insight and revelation; the more we participate in the Lord's move, the more we will be enlightened and the more we will be able to see—v. 18; Eph. 1:17.
5. The greatest revelation in Ezekiel 1 is the wheel within the wheel; the wheel within the wheel shows the Lord's move in our move—vv. 15-16:

"Elijah was a man of like feeling with us, and he earnestly prayed that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months." (James 5:17) Recovery Version

- a. For Elijah to pray in a prayer means that the Lord's prayer was within his prayer; this is the wheel within a wheel—James 5:17:
 - (1) Elijah did not pray in his feeling, thought, intention, or mood, or in any kind of motivation, arising from circumstances or situations, to fulfill his own purpose.

"Moreover, in like manner the Spirit also joins in to help us in our weakness, for we do not know for what we should pray as is fitting, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. But He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to God." (Romans 8:26-27) Recovery Version

- (2) Elijah had a burden to pray in a particular way, and that burden was the prayer given to him by the Lord for the accomplishing of His will; therefore, Elijah prayed in a prayer—v. 17; Rom. 8:26-27.

"The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God." (Romans 8:16) Recovery Version

- b. The inner wheel is the motor, the dynamo, the generator, which causes the wheel to move; if our move is genuine, it must be that within our move is the move of the Lord—cf. 1:9; 8:16.

"He who watches the wind will not sow, and he who looks at the clouds will not reap." (Ecclesiastes 11:4) Recovery Version

6. The wheels following the living creatures indicates that the move of God's work depends upon our moving—Ezek. 1:19; cf. Eccl. 11:4.

"But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit." (1 Corinthians 6:17) Recovery Version

7. The wheels follow the living creatures, the creatures follow the Spirit, but the Spirit is in the wheels, indicating that the move of the Lord in our move is in the principle of incarnation—Ezek. 1:20; 1 Cor. 6:17; 7:10, 25.

"This mystery is great, but I speak with regard to Christ and the church." (Ephesians 5:32) Recovery Version

"And He is before all things, and all things cohere in Him; And He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that He Himself might have the first place in all things;" (Colossians 1:17-18) Recovery Version

- C. With the wheel of God's move, God's activity, there is the need of the church as the rim to match Christ as the hub; when we have Christ as the center and the church as the rim, we will have the wheel of God's economy moving all the time—Eph. 5:32; Col. 1:17-18.

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