

Message Two

Responding to Christ's Intercession at the Golden Incense Altar

Scripture Reading: Heb. 7:25; Rom. 8:34; Col. 3:1-4; 1:9; 4:12

- I. In His heavenly ministry, Christ is interceding, ministering, and executing God's administration, and we need to be those who respond to Christ's activities in His heavenly ministry—Heb. 2:17; 4:14; 7:26; 8:1-2; Rev. 5:6; Col. 3:1-4; 1:9; 4:12:**
 - A. As the High Priest He intercedes; as the heavenly Minister He ministers; and as the Redeemer with the seven eyes of God, He administers the government of God for the accomplishment of God's purpose.
 - B. For centuries Christ has tried without adequate success to get a people to respond to His ministry in the heavens.
- II. Christ's ministry in the heavens requires our response—3:1-4:**
 - A. We need to become on earth the reflection of Christ's heavenly ministry.
 - B. To seek the things that are above means that we correspond to Christ's heavenly ministry—v. 2.
 - C. When we seek the things that are above, we respond to Christ's heavenly ministry and reflect it.
 - D. The purpose of our living with Christ is to be one with Him in His intercession for the churches, in His ministry of the heavenly life supply to the saints, and in His administration of God's government.
- III. Through our prayer, Christ, the Head, is given a way to carry out His administration through His Body—1:18; 2:19; 3:1-2:**
 - A. As the Head is working in heaven by interceding, ministering, and administering, we, the Body, are working on earth responding to the heavenly ministry of Christ and reflecting what He is doing—Heb. 2:17; 4:14; 7:26; 8:1-2; Rev. 5:6.
 - B. When we pray, we are a heavenly ambassador on earth with the extension of God's kingdom—Col. 1:9, 12-13; 4:11-12.
- IV. If we seek the things that are above and have one life and one living with Christ, we shall be wholly occupied with the enterprise of our Master—3:1-4, 17:**
 - A. Our heart will be with Him in heaven, where He is interceding for the churches, supplying the saints, and administering God's government.
 - B. We should aspire to be one with the Lord in His heavenly ministry and to have a heart that is one with His heart, and we should long to be one with Him in His priesthood, ministry, and administration.
- V. In order for the recovery to be the *Lord's* recovery, it must be under His direction—Rev. 5:6.; Eph. 1:19-23:**
 - A. Between Christ in heaven and us on earth, there is a divine transmission, a heavenly current—v. 22.

- B. If we continuously receive the divine transmission, being infused with a supply from heaven and experiencing the transaction between the heavenly Christ and us, we will respond to Christ's interceding, ministering, and executing of God's administration.