

## An Exceedingly Good Land

### Meeting 7

#### The Goodness of the Land – Minerals (1)

- Minerals
- Four Stages of Spiritual Life
- Transformed from Clay to Stone
- The Mountains and the Hills

#### Scripture Reading

A land in which you will eat bread without scarcity; you will not lack anything in it; a land whose stones are iron, and from whose mountains you can mine copper. **(Jer 15:12)**

And Zillah also gave birth to Tubal-cain, the forger of every cutting instrument of bronze and iron; and the sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah. **(Gen 4:22)**

Your doorbolts shall be iron and copper; / And as your days are, so shall your strength be. **(Deut 33:25)**

Can one break iron, / Iron from the north, or bronze? **(Jer 15:12)**

And there was a bronze helmet upon his head; and he was clothed with scaled armor, and the weight of the armor was five thousand bronze shekels. And he had bronze greaves upon his legs and a bronze javelin *slung* between his shoulders. And the shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and the head of his spear weighed six hundred iron shekels; and his shield bearer went before him. **(1Sam 17:5-7)**

And His feet were like shining bronze, as having been fired in a furnace; and His voice was like the sound of many waters. **(Rev 1:15)**

But I have installed My King / Upon Zion, My holy mountain. **(Psa 2:6)**

You will break them with an iron rod; / You will shatter them like a potter's vessel. **(Psa 2:9)**

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And he will shepherd them with an iron rod, as vessels of pottery are broken in pieces, as I also have received from My Father; **(Rev 2:27)**

You are the light of the world. It is impossible for a city situated upon a mountain to be hidden. **(Matt 5:14)**

Coming to Him, a living stone, rejected by men but with God chosen *and* precious, You yourselves also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. **(1 Pet 2:4-5)**

And raised *us* up together with *Him* and seated *us* together with *Him* in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus. **(Ezek 37:22)**

His foundation is in the holy mountains. **(Psa 87:1)**

Great is Jehovah, / And much to be praised / In the city of our God, / In His holy mountain. Beautiful in elevation, / The joy of the whole earth, / Is Mount Zion, the sides of the north, / The city of the great King. **(Psa 48:1-2)**

#### Excerpt:

The Holy Spirit put honey at the end of the list of the vegetables, and He put the milk and butter after the cattle and the flock, the animals. This means that if you enjoy Christ to a certain extent as the plant life, you will enjoy Him as honey. And if you enjoy Him to a certain extent as the animal life, you will feel that He is just as the milk. He will be so rich and sweet to you. This means that you are somewhat mature.

We come to the place where we have something to do with the stones, the mountains, the iron, and the copper. What are these for? They are for the building, for the kingdom, for the battle, and for the security. Whenever there is a matured life in Christians, the building of God's house will take place and the battles of the spiritual warfare will be

fought. In other words, when there are believers who are matured by experiencing Christ, with them the house of God is built and by them the battle is fought. We must be very clear that whenever we enjoy Christ to a certain extent, there is always an issue—the building and the battle. These two always go together. If you would have the building of God, you must prepare to fight. For the building of God we need the materials, and for the fighting of the battle we need the weapons. All these depend on the stones, the mountains, the iron, and the copper. (*“The Stages of Spirtual Life” in Ch. 7 in “The All-inclusive Christ” by Witness Lee*)

### Bible Study Questions

1. How does one become mature? (Think about 4 stages of spiritual life)
2. How can you, a piece of clay, be transformed to a stone? (The answer is: only in resurrection life!) But, what does “only in resurrection life” mean?