

Meeting 8

The Goodness of the Land – Its Unsearchable Riches – Minerals (2)

- Iron and Copper
- Applying the Copper (Judgement of Christ)
- Applying the Iron (Authority of Christ)

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy

8:9 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.

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

Jeremiah

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

Revelation

2:27 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;

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

Matthew

28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

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.

16:19 I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of the heavens, and whatever you bind on the

earth shall have been bound in the heavens, and whatever you loose on the earth shall have been loosed in the heavens.

18:17 And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to hear the church also, let him be to you just like the Gentile and the tax collector.

18:18 Truly I say to you, Whatever you bind on the earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on the earth shall have been loosed in heaven.

Luke

10:19 Behold, I have given you the authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Ephesians

6:11 Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the stratagems of the devil,

6:12 For our wrestling is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenlies.

6:13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

6:14 Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth and having put on the **breastplate** of righteousness

6:15 And having shod your feet with the firm foundation of the gospel of peace;

6:16 Besides all these, having taken up the **shield** of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming darts of the evil one.

An Exceedingly Good Land

6:17 And receive the **helmet** of salvation and the **sword** of the Spirit, which Spirit is the word of God,

Excerpts

“How can we apply this [Copper]? Sometimes when you are following the Lord, while you are serving the Lord, or perhaps while you are coming to a meeting to minister, a thought of how dirty and sinful you are enters your mind. What do you do at such an instant? Yes, you ask the Lord to cover you with His precious blood and cover your mind with Himself. But do you realize what this is? This is the helmet made of bronze. You realize that the Lord is the perfect One, the shining One, the One who has been tested and proved. Then in faith you exercise your spirit and say to the enemy, “Satan, I am dirty, I am sinful; but praise my Lord, He is the perfect One, He is the One who has been tested and proved, and He is my covering, He is the helmet for my head!” You can exercise your spirit by faith to apply this tested, proved, and perfect Christ as the helmet for your head.”

“Regardless of how strong the enemy is, the most he has is power. We have the authority. We have the authority of the Head of the whole universe. [.....] The authority committed to Christ has been committed to you. The Lord told us that He has given us authority to overcome all the power of the enemy. Oh, what a salvation is this! Oh, may we realize it and experience it! Try to apply the authority given to you by Christ.

That little policeman standing there has the authority to stop all the traffic. But if I go there and say “Stop!” I may very well lose my life. I do not have the ground; I do not have the uniform. Do not think that just because you are a Christian, you can exercise authority over the enemy. You have the authority, but there is a problem. Are you living in Christ? Are you living in the resurrection? That little policeman can

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stand there today and give all the orders: whatever he binds is bound; whatever he looses is loosed. But if the same person stands there tomorrow, but without his uniform, he can do nothing; no one will follow his directions, and he will be in danger of his life. When he is in uniform, the traffic must obey him; but when he is out of uniform, he is meaningless directing traffic and no match for the cars. You are a Christian, but where are you standing? Where are you living? Where are you walking? Are you walking in Christ, or are you walking in your natural life? If you are in yourself, if you are in your natural life, you have lost the ground, you are out of uniform, and you have no authority.”

(From *The All-Inclusive Christ*, chapter 8)

Bible Study Questions

1. Recall what we discussed about Waters, Plants and Vegetables, Animals, Milk and Honey and Minerals, plus those **bold words** in these verses in Ephesians on the front page, do you realize that the last stage of Christian experience is the spiritual warfare? We need Christ, we need His protection, we need His authority to fight this warfare. Please share some of your experiences with us.