

The Church in Long Beach – Truth Pursuit
The Law of REVIVAL – Chapter Two – Study Questions & Fill Ins

BEING DELIVERED FROM LIVING ACCORDING TO FEELINGS

1. What is the frustration to advance from stage one to stage two in the Song of Songs? How can we overcome this frustration?

According to Song of Songs, there are six stages in our spiritual experience...The first stage is the fundamental stage. If we can understand the first stage, Song of Songs will be an open book to us. A particular point in the first stage is that there is not much _____ of the beloved to his seeker. The content of this stage is mainly the speaking of the seeker, based on her experience and _____. At the beginning of her speaking, she says, “Your love is better than wine” (1:2). This is her experience as well as her feeling; it is not a revelation. Hence, our knowledge of the Lord in the initial stage is mainly from our _____; it is not based on _____. The seeker says that her beloved is like “a bundle of myrrh,” “a cluster of henna flowers,” and “the apple tree among the trees of the wood” (vv. 13-14; 2:3). These words are based on feelings realized in her experience.

In the first stage a seeker’s praise to the Lord, knowledge of the Lord, and pursuit of the Lord originate from _____. The seeker lacks objective vision and _____. Her praises and pursuit are an expression of her subjective experience and subjective feelings. She lacks objective knowledge and utterance; everything is _____. Believers who fall into subjectivity tend to become shallow. If we desire to be deep, we must have _____...In the first stage of spiritual experience portrayed in Song of Songs, the seeker does not have such a seeing. On the one hand, it is good that her words are based on her experience. She is not like most people who utter empty doctrines. On the other hand, however, her experiences are _____ and lack _____.

SEEING THE VISION OF RESURRECTION DELIVERING US FROM EVERY PROBLEM

Our problems exist because we _____ only how the Lord satisfies us and gives us rest. We have yet to _____ that He is the _____, that He is in resurrection, and that His _____ is in us. Therefore, we continue to live according to our _____, in the _____ and _____ of our emotions. When we feel good, we are excited, but when we do not feel good, we are oppressed. We rejoice when we touch the Lord’s presence, but we are miserable when we cannot touch His presence. These reactions prove that we urgently need an _____ of Christ in resurrection.

HAVING A REVIVAL BY OPENING

2. What is the key for having a revival and how is it different from what many Christians throughout church history expected from a revival?

BEING OPEN IN ORDER TO BRING IN A REVIVAL

3. Why should we not be closed to each other and why should we open properly to one another?

To be open does not mean to speak a _____ word or to _____ others. That is to spread death. To be open is to _____ out and _____ forth our true _____. We need to _____ more so that we would be open, and we need _____ so that we may help others to open. Once a person opens, he will be _____. If we know this _____ and are willing to be open in _____ meeting and in our times of fellowship, we will be _____, and the Lord will have a way to _____.