

A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF MESSAGE SIX

The Principle of Being One with God as Revealed in the Book of Jeremiah

- I. **God's desire to be one with man and for man to be one with Him can be seen in the resemblance of God and man in their images and likenesses.**

Gen. 2:7 Jehovah God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.

- II. **The book of Jeremiah shows us the principle of being one with God:**

Gen. 2:8-9 And Jehovah God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there He put the man whom He had formed. And out of the ground Jehovah God caused to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, as well as the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

A. The principle of being one with God, which is the principle of the tree of life.

B. God placed man in front of the tree of life, indicating His desire to be one with man, that is, to be man's life, life supply, and everything—vv. 8-9.

- III. **To take, receive, and keep the word of God, we must be absolutely one with Him:**

A. The case of Gedaliah is the case of a person who was not one with God.

B. "If you bring out the precious from the worthless, / You will be as My mouth" —Jer. 15:9.

- IV. **The secret of Israel's failures and defeats was that they had lost God's presence and were no longer one with God.**

- V. **In order to be one with God, we need Christ as the Shoot of David to be our redemption and justification; to dispense Himself into our being to carry out His economy; this is the new covenant (Jer. 31:33); eventually, we will know God, live God, and become God in life and in nature but not in the Godhead:**

Jer. 23:5 Indeed, days are coming, / Declares Jehovah, / When I will raise up to David a righteous Shoot; / And He will reign as King and act prudently / And will execute justice and righteousness in the land.

31:33 But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares Jehovah: I will put My law in their inward parts and write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they will be My people.