**MESSAGE 85**

**THE ARK OF THE TESTIMONY (2)**

1. The first 24 chapters of Exodus are mainly concerned with what, but what is God concerned for in the book of Exodus?
2. What does the rim of gold around the ark signify, and how do we see this in the Lord's human living in the four Gospels?
3. How does the rim of gold function toward us, and how could we see this in the example of Peter, Paul, and ourselves?
4. Why do we need to study the book of Acts to have an understanding of the four rings of gold and the two poles?
5. What does being cast signify?
6. What is the distinction in being a good Christian (e.g. being one who preaches the gospel, teach the Bible accurately, and meeting together properly) and bearing the ark of the testimony?
7. What does the number four signify, in the case of the four rings?
8. What does the number two, seen in having two rings on each side, signify and imply?
9. What is the strength to carry out Christ's testimony, and how could we see this in Paul and the missionaries who went to China?
10. What does the poles being put in the rings of the ark signify, and what are the negative examples we see in the Bible?

**MESSAGE 86**

**THE ARK OF THE TESTIMONY (3)**

1. What does the Greek word for “propitiate”, *hilaskomai*, mean?
2. What three aspects of propitiation does Hebrews 2:17, 1 John 2:2 and 4:10, and Romans 3:25 reveal about Christ?
3. What is our goal in reading the Bible, and what must we guard against?
4. What do cherubim signify, and how do we know this?
5. What does God speaking to the children of Israel from above the propitiatory cover from between the two cherubim signify, and how can this be applied to our experience?
6. What is the meaning of the thickness and the weight of the propitiatory cover not being known?
7. How can we, who are so sinful and natural and full of offenses, meet with God in the glorious Christ?
8. When God speaks to sinners in the glory of Christ, what does He see?
9. How can we see both humanity and divinity of Christ in the propitiatory cover?
10. What is the relationship between the ark and the propitiatory cover?