

# Church in Regina Newsletter

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## SPIRITUAL WARFARE—A MATTER OF THE BODY

In God's economy there is one army constituted of a **corporate warrior**... The armor in Ephesians 6 is not for Christians as individuals; it is for the church corporately as the Body. What this chapter reveals is not the believers fighting as individuals, but a corporate army fighting the battle for God's interests on earth.

Spiritual warfare is not an individual matter; it is a matter of the Body, a corporate entity to fight the battle against God's enemy.

... If you separate yourself from the church, you will be defeated. Satan's strategy is simply to isolate you from the church as God's army. It is crucial for us to realize that **spiritual warfare is a Body matter**. If we realize this and stay with the church, we shall be victorious. The battle is not for us as individual believers; it is for the church as God's army.

## EMPOWERED IN THE LORD

As God's warrior, the church does not fight by her own strength. Ephesians 6:10 says, "*For the rest, be empowered in the Lord and in the might of His strength.*"... To deal with God's enemy, to fight against the evil forces of darkness, we need to be empowered with the greatness of the power that raised up Christ from the dead and seated Him in the heavens, far above all the evil spirits in the air. In the spiritual warfare against Satan and his evil kingdom, we can fight only in the Lord, not in ourselves. Whenever we are in ourselves, we are defeated.

## PUTTING ON CHRIST AS THE ARMOR

According to Ephesians 6, the Lord with His might is the very armor that we put on for our protection. This means that we, as the Body, need to put on Christ Himself as our armor. In order to fight in the spiritual warfare, we must have Christ as the whole armor of God. In 6:14-17 there are six aspects of Christ as armor: the **girdle** of truth, or reality; the **breastplate** of righteousness; the firm foundation of the gospel of peace (the **shoes**); the **shield** of faith; the **helmet** of salvation; and the **sword** of the Spirit... The shield is for defense, whereas the sword is for offense. In fact, the sword is the only item of the armor that is for offensive warfare.

## APPLYING THE ARMOR BY PRAYER

According to verse 18, we receive the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit by means of all prayer and petition. Actually, prayer is the means by which we receive all the aspects of the whole armor of God. Do you know how to apply the girdle of reality? It is by praying in spirit. **Prayer** is also the way to apply the breastplate, the shoes, the shield, the helmet, and the sword.

## NOT FIGHTING BUT ENJOYING

When we are in the Body, we actually do not carry on the spiritual warfare; we simply enjoy it ... We enjoy Christ as the reality that girds us and as the righteousness that covers and protects our conscience. Furthermore, we enjoy Him as the firm foundation of the gospel of peace and as our shield of faith. Christ Himself is faith to us... With Christ as our shield, we are defended from the flaming darts of the evil one. Moreover, we enjoy Christ as the helmet of salvation that covers our head, and also as the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Psalm 23:5 says, "*Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.*" This indicates that the battlefield is a place of feasting. We feast in the presence of the enemy, **enjoying Christ as reality, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, and as the living word of God**. We enjoy Him and apply Him by praying in spirit.

## THE KILLING POWER OF THE WORD

We have pointed out that by **pray-reading** we take the word of God into us. Usually when we speak of taking the word of God into us, we think of the word as nourishment. However, in Ephesians 6 the emphasis is not on the nourishing word, but on the killing word. The **nourishing word** is for our building up, whereas the **killing word** deals with the enemy. In this context, **we should pray-read the word not mainly to receive nourishment, but primarily to experience the sword as the killing instrument**. The more we pray-read the word, the more we should experience the killing power of the word.

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## Meeting Schedule:

### Lord's Table Meeting

Lord's Day  
10:00AM to 12:00PM

### Prayer Meeting

Tuesdays & Wednesdays  
Saints Homes  
8:00PM to 9:00PM

### YP Meeting

Fridays  
7:00PM to 9:00PM  
Brother Hedrick's Place

### Small/Home Meeting

Friday Evening  
Saint's Home

## Seven Annual Feasts

1. International Chinese-speaking Conference, Anaheim, CA  
February 12-14, 2016
2. International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (Spring)  
Anaheim, CA - April 8-10, 2016
3. Memorial Day Conference  
Washington, DC  
May 27-30, 2016
4. Summer Training  
Anaheim, CA - July 4-9, 2016
5. International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (Fall)  
Gold Coast, Australia - October 6-8, 2016
6. Thanksgiving Conference  
San Jose, CA - November 24-27, 2016
7. Winter Training  
Anaheim, CA - December 26-31, 2016

## Upcoming Activities:

- July 24, 2016 - Brother's Meeting
- August 14, 2016 - Love Feast & YP Conference
- August 28, 2016 - Brother's Meeting

## This Week's Pursuit: The Crystallization Study of Exodus 3, Msg 8

## PRAYER BURDEN

1. Lord, we praise for Your intention to have a people **formed into an army** that will engage in spiritual warfare to fight for Your interests and move on earth, Lord we **stand** with You to be Your warriors **to fight** Your enemy, and to bring in Your kingdom.

2. Lord, strengthen us, transform us and bring us to **maturity**, to fight for Your move, make us strong in spirit, **empty us** of everything that has filled us and take away every preoccupation in us, so that we may have an increased capacity to **be filled with You** until we come to the **spiritual age** of "twenty."

3. Lord, we realized the desperate need of maturity, the urgent need for more of us to **grow, reach maturity**, and be qualified to be **formed into an army** that You may be able to move on earth for Your purpose and move.

4. Lord, we want to **reach the highest point** of experience where we sit with Your in the heavenlies and rest on You as the ascended One and to **keep the position** of ascension to fight the spiritual warfare in the Body.

5. Lord, we pray for the church in **Vancouver**: the approval and processing time of the **Development Permit**, the selection of best possible team of **sub-consultants**; and the Flow of **Finances**.

6. Lord we pray for the Anti-Terrorism law in **Russia**, that the heavens will rule and will oversee the enforcement of the new law so that the **preaching of the gospel** by the saints in Russia will not be hindered.

7. Lord we pray for the upcoming **Summer School of Truth**.

8. Please pray for the church in **Regina**:  
 - the coming visit of saints from Richmond  
 - the Bible Distribution on September  
 - YP conference on August  
 - Small group meetings

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The Expiation Silver  
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Scripture Reading: Exo. 30:11-16; Eph. 1:19-21; 2:6; 6:10-18; Heb. 6:1

**I. God's intention is to have a people formed into an army that will engage in spiritual warfare to fight for His interests and move on earth—Exo. 30:12-14; Num. 1:1-3.**

**Spiritual warfare** is necessary because Satan's will is set against God's will. The purpose of spiritual warfare is to **bring in the kingdom of God**. God has many enemies, and He is not welcome anywhere. Because of all these enemies, God does not have the freedom to move on earth, God must fight in order to destroy His enemies. According to Ephesians 6:10-18, the church must be a warrior fighting against God's enemies.

**II. The spiritual significance of the relationship between the incense altar and the expiation silver is that at the incense altar we pray for the formation of an army to fight for God's move on earth—Exo. 30:1-16.**

The tabernacle signifies God embodied in His chosen people for His move on earth, the tabernacle and everything related to it is for God's move. The prayer at the incense altar is for God's move, because of all the enemies that oppose God's move, God moves by fighting. In particular, God's people need to pray for the formation of an army to fight for God's move on earth to accomplish His purpose. This intercessory prayer issues in the numbering of God's people to form an army to fight against God's enemies, who oppose His move, that is, against the rulers and authorities in the heavenlies, typified by the inhabitants of the good land. When God has such an army, He is able to move on earth for His interests.

The spiritual significance of the age of the males qualified to be in the army is that if we would be in the army to fight for God's move, we need maturity. The **half shekel of silver** to be paid by every male over the age of twenty signifies that it takes maturity in life to fight the spiritual warfare. **In order to be in the army to fight for God's move, we need to be strong in spirit and grow until we come to the spiritual age of twenty.** To be **transformed** is to be changed in our natural life; to be **matured** is to be filled with the divine life that changes us. **God will sovereignly use persons, things, and events to empty us of everything that has filled us and to take away every preoccupation so that we may have an increased capacity to be filled with Him.**

In the Lord's recovery today, there is the desperate need of maturity, there is an urgent need for more of us to grow, reach maturity, and thereby become qualified to be formed into an army. The intercession offered at the incense altar is for the growth and maturity of the believers so that an army can be formed. The more we pray at the incense altar, the more we will realize that the need for maturity is desperate, and the greater will be the urgency to pray for the growth in life unto maturity. Only when such an army is formed will God be able to move on earth for His purpose; apart from an army formed of mature ones, there is no way for God to move.

According to the type of the **expiation silver**, the Christ by whom we fight is the ascended Christ, the Christ in the heavens. The half shekel as a heave offering typifies the ascended Christ experienced by God's people and paid by them as the expiation silver. **In order to fight the spiritual warfare, our experience of Christ must reach the highest point, the point where we are sitting with Him in the heavenlies and are fighting not in ourselves but in the ascended Christ.**

**III. We need to experience Christ as the expiation silver for God's building and God's move.**

The prayer at the incense altar issues in the numbering of the children of Israel for the **formation of an army** to fight for God's interests on this earth. For the church to be the fullness of God, the expression of God, the church must be a warrior engaging in spiritual warfare. As a result of the prayer at the incense altar, the Lord conducts a "military census" of the saints in the churches; those who are numbered are qualified to go to war for God's move on the earth.

The **passover lamb** was purely and absolutely for redemption, and it was available for all the people, but the **expiation silver** was applied only to those who were qualified to be formed into God's army. Because our natural man is not qualified to be drafted into God's army, we must pay the price to experience Christ as our redemption, signified by the expiation silver. Redemption means that we are brought back to God, that our natural man is terminated by God, and that we are reconstituted with Christ.

The expiation silver for God's building and God's move was called a heave offering, signifying the ascended Christ as the price paid by those who are able to go to war. The heave offering signifies the resurrected and ascended Christ, the Christ in the heavenlies. The giving of the half shekel of silver as a heave offering was used by God for the building up of the tabernacle. The one hundred silver sockets, upon which the entire tabernacle rested, signify that the church rests on the ascended Christ experienced by us. The silver capitals of the pillars and the silver hooks and connecting rods signify that the ascended Christ experienced by us becomes the glory, strength, and linking power of the church. The giving of the half shekel of silver as a heave offering was used by God to accomplish the formation of an army. As indicated by the fact that the expiation silver was a heave offering signifying Christ in ascension, **only those who keep the position of ascension can fight against the enemy in the air from the transcendent position of ascension.** For God's move on earth, we need to be formed into an army, fighting the spiritual warfare in the Body by the precious Christ in ascension.

WEEK	LORD'S TABLE MEETING	PRAYER MEETING	YP MEETING	HOME MEETING	OFFERING
July 10 - July 16, 2016	20	10	10	7	\$60.00
July 17 - July 23, 2016	16	10	9	6	\$