

CHURCH IN REGINA

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1 Timothy 2:4, "Who [God] desires all men to be saved and to come to the full knowledge of the truth."

This Week's Pursuit:

HWMR - Crystallization Study
of Numbers (1)

Message Eleven

Partners of Christ Fighting for God's Interest

Scripture Reading: Num. 13:17—14:38; Josh. 14:6-14; Heb. 3:14

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CHURCH MEETINGS:

Lord's Day

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Prayer Meeting

Tuesdays - Saints' Home
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Young People Meeting

Fridays
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Small Groupings

Fridays & Saturdays
Saints' Home

Seven ANNUAL FEAST

1. **International Chinese-speaking Conference**
Anaheim, California
February 15-17, 2019
2. **ITERO (Spring)**
Anaheim CA
April 5 - 7, 2019
3. **Memorial Day Conference**
Seattle, WA
May 24-27, 2019
4. **Summer Semiannual Training**
Anaheim, CA
July 1-6, 2019
5. **ITERO (Fall)**
Bangalore, India
October 3-5, 2019
6. **Thanksgiving Conference**
Houston, TX
Nov. 28 - Dec. 1, 2019
7. **Winter Semiannual Training**
Anaheim, CA
December 23-28, 2019

This message on being partners of Christ fighting for God's interest is based on Numbers 13 and 14, with the development of the significance of certain crucial matters seen in Hebrews 3 and 4... Moses sent twelve representatives, one from each of the twelve tribes, as spies to enter into the good land to search it out and to bring back some samples of the produce. All twelve said that the land was very good,...but ten were in unbelief. As a result, they gave a negative report, and they fostered an evil heart of unbelief among the assembly. So the whole assembly, with a few exceptions, murmured not only against Moses and Aaron but against God, even accusing Him by saying, "Why does Jehovah bring us into this land to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become plunder. Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?" (Num. 14:3).

Only two, **Joshua and Caleb**, were full of faith, were focused on the Lord, believed in the Lord's word, and gave a strong, positive testimony. The Israelites failed this test, and Jehovah punished them due to their **unbelief**. He told them that the generation that had come out of Egypt and had been numbered at the beginning were all going to die in the wilderness and that their children, whom they thought would be devoured by the enemy, would enter the land. Joshua and Caleb were to be the **only ones of their generation** to enter into the land. We will see that Joshua typifies Christ as our **Leader** in warfare to fight against the enemy and to possess the good land and that Caleb typifies the **partners** of Christ whom Paul mentions in Hebrews 3:14: "*We have become partners of Christ, if indeed we hold fast the beginning of the assurance firm to the end.*" **The emphasis of this message is on Caleb.** We will look carefully at certain characteristics of Caleb, who, we may say, was an ordinary Israelite. He was never classified with Noah or Abraham; he was, we could say, just an ordinary person whose character, constitution, faithfulness, and determination indicate that the Lord is well able to take an **ordinary believer** and make him an overcomer, a victorious conqueror, in the midst of a chaotic situation.

Nothing insults God more than our **unbelief**, and nothing honors Him more than our **belief** in Him (John 14:1; Rom. 10:9-10). When Caleb said, "We are well able to overcome it" (Num. 13:30), he was not trusting in heroism, strength, and endurance. Caleb believed the children of Israel were well able to overcome because they had **God**, they had His **word**, and they had the **Ark**. The Ark was their weapon. May He produce such a spirit within us to say, "*Let us go up at once.*" If the Lord wants to move to a certain part of the earth, we would say, "Let's go!"

As indicated by the evil report of the ten spies (Num. 13:31-33) and the murmuring of the people (14:1-4), the children of Israel did not care for God but cared only for themselves. To me one of the saddest portions in Paul's Epistles is found in **Philippians 2**. In verse 19 Paul tells the Philippians that [he] only had Timothy. By disposition Timothy was **very different** from Paul, but Paul disciplined him, perfected him, and fostered his growth in life. Timothy experienced the cross and all that Paul exemplified. He was not only one in spirit with Paul—he was **like-souled** with Paul... When Paul said that all seek their **own things**, he seemed to be saying that others were seeking their own things in the church life and in the Christian life. I do not know how many of those whom we call "church kids" have grown up in an environment of mixed messages within their own family.

On one hand, they may be told, "*Yes, it is good that we are saved and that we are in the recovery, but do not be extreme. Do not be too much. Do not go to the training. What about your career? Going to the training will delay you. Your peers will be ahead of you. It will also delay your getting married.*" Do we realize that more opposition comes from **within**, from church families, than from without? My heart aches over this. We have heard again and again, "What comes first are your own things." This is the opposite of Matthew 6:33. By seeking first the kingdom of God and the Father, we will receive whatever we need. Many of us, by the Lord's mercy, can stand here and testify to the reality of this verse. The distinction between two of the spies and ten of the spies was that Joshua and Caleb were **focused on God**, His interest, and His move, and they were constituted with His word, while the others were focused on themselves, their children, and their **own things**. They went so far as to say, "*Let's go back to Egypt!*" (Num. 14:4). This can actually happen among us.

Prayer Burden

1. Lord Jesus, save us from failing to reach the goal of Your calling by having a **heart of unbelief** and by **rebell**ing against You. Lord, bring us into the **possession** of the all-inclusive Christ as the **good land** so that we may be Your expression and Your kingdom in the present age.

2. Lord Jesus, have mercy on us; **soften** our heart and never allow it to be hardened! We say **Amen** to Your word – we say **amen** to Your promises, to Your desire to bring us into the good land where we can bring in the kingdom of God and be His corporate expression.

3. Lord Jesus, we choose to not believe what we see in our environment but believe the word of God! Hallelujah, God's word is **true and real**, and the enemies, the trials, and the environment is just a lie! Lord, we take Your word as our **faith**; we exercise our spirit over the word to be infused with faith.

4. Lord Jesus, You are our real **Joshua** – the **Captain** of our salvation, our **Leader**, and our **General** – and we are Your **Calebs**, the **partners** of Christ! Amen. Lord, we declare in faith that we are the Calebs of today, the partners of Christ who enjoy the anointing and commission of Christ and are joined to Him for His great enterprise!

5. Lord Jesus, we rely on You for **victory** and we allow Your **overcoming life** to be manifested in us. Amen, Lord, may we really see our hardships, temptations, and trials as being an opportunity for us to be nourished, fed, and strengthened in our going on with You!

6. Lord Jesus, we **exercise our spirit** to enjoy You as grace so that we may conquer the **satanic chaos** and triumph in the **divine economy**! Amen, Lord Jesus, strengthen us to engage in spiritual warfare to enter into the enjoyment and possession of this Christ!

7. Please pray for:

NETHERLAND

- Pray for the conference on the weekend of 18-20 October 2019 in **Baarlo**, The Netherlands. That the saints will experience a rich feast and the Lord's blessing in the fellowship and blending among all the saints.

ISRAEL

- Sister C who came to an open meeting of the video training in Tel Aviv and was introduced to more of the ministry. Pray that the Lord will organically grow in her a hunger for the Lord and for the interpreted word.

FULL-TIME TRAINING IN LONDON & USA

- Beginning of FTL autumn semester (Aug 19)
- Pray for a strong beginning to the 30 first term trainees from UK and Europe this semester. May their training have a lasting impact on the Lord's move in Europe.

8. Please pray for the church in **Regina**

- Pray for the **increase** of meeting ones and to gain local saints.
- Pray for the contacts
- The university students and for the **Campus Work** at the University of Regina
- The **Bible distribution** at the U of R on September 4, 2019
- The children, YP and College work
- All the saints will enjoy the readings of the **Life-Study** messages, and have a daily personal pursuing of the truth.

LIFE-STUDY OF 1 JOHN

"One Life-Study a Day Makes One Holy"

August 12, 2019, Monday: (Message 16) **Conditions of the Divine Fellowship (8)**

The **love** of God, the **word** of the Lord, and **God** Himself are all related to one another. If we keep the Lord's word, God's love has been perfected in us. This is altogether a matter of the **divine life**, and this life is God Himself. **God's love** is His inward essence, and the Lord's word supplies us with this divine essence, with which we love the brothers. We need to be careful not to love others by our natural love. Rather, our natural love should be put on the cross. We need to **love others by the love of God** we have experienced and enjoyed. If we experience God's love, we shall love God with this love. We shall also love the brothers with this same love. This kind of love does not cause trouble. May we all see that we need to love God and others with the divine love that has become our **experience and enjoyment**. (Life-Study of First John, chapter 16)

August 13, 2019, Tuesday: (Message 17) **Conditions of the Divine Fellowship (9)**

When we keep the Lord's word and receive His supply, the love of God will be perfected within us. This means that as we receive the supply of the Lord's word, the love of God becomes our enjoyment, and this enjoyment issues in a love for God and the brothers. If we would fulfill the second condition of the divine fellowship—the requirement that we love God and the brothers—we must **know** God. If we know Him, we shall **keep His word**. If we keep His word, we shall **receive** His supply of life. Our experience and enjoyment of God's love will issue in a love for God and the brothers. This is the **fulfillment of the second requirement** for **maintaining the divine fellowship**. The two conditions of the divine fellowship involve sin on the negative side and love on the positive side. On the negative side, we need to **deal** with sin; on the positive side, we need to **exercise** ourselves to love God and the brothers. If we deal with sin and exercise ourselves to love God and the brothers, we shall fulfill the conditions of keeping ourselves in the fellowship of the divine life. (Life-Study of First John, chapter 17)

August 14, 2019, Wednesday: (Message 18) **Conditions of the Divine Fellowship (10)**

The enjoyment of the riches of the divine life in the divine fellowship is for the **church life**. In order to have the fellowship that is for the church life, we need **brotherly love**. If we would have this love, we need to **know** the Lord experientially. As those who know the Lord, we need to **take** His word again and again. When we take the Word, we **receive** light. In this light we spontaneously have love. This love is a strong indication that we also have the Lord Himself, for love is the essence of God's being. As light is the nature of God's expression, love is the nature of God's being. This means that when we have God's love, we actually have God Himself. With this love, the divine love experienced and enjoyed by us, we love God and His children. **When we have this love for God and for the children of God, we have the church life**. (Life-Study of First John, chapter 18)

August 15, 2019, Thursday: (Message 19) **The Teaching of the Divine Anointing (1)**

We must be in the process of the **growth in life**. This means that we must be in the line of life. When the Triune God as revealed in this portion is ministered to believers who are not growing in life, they do not have any understanding or appreciation of what they hear. But when this is **ministered** to the **seeking ones** who are growing in life, they can understand what is ministered and are helped by it. They appreciate the "music" that is "played" concerning the Triune God. They are very **responsive** when we speak concerning the **all-inclusive, compound, life-giving Spirit**, who is the processed Triune God. However, those Christians who are not in the line of life and who are not growing in life may wonder what we mean by such terms as all-inclusive, compound, life-giving, and processed. Praise the Lord that we have the all-inclusive, compound, life-giving Spirit, who is the processed Triune God, living, moving, and working within us! (Life-Study of First John, chapter 19)

August 16, 2019, Friday: (Message 20) **The World and the Things in the World**

It is important for us to understand the different meanings of the word *kosmos* in the New Testament. We have pointed out that this word is used to denote the material universe, the **fallen** human race **corrupted** and usurped by Satan, and the **anti-God** world system set up by Satan in order to usurp the man created by God for the fulfillment of His purpose. Every thing, every one, and every matter have been **systematized** by the evil one, the adversary of God, and made a part of his world system. Only the **Triune God** has not been systematized by Satan. Along with going to the Triune God, we also need to **go to the Word of God**. Therefore, since every thing, every one, and every matter have been systematized by Satan, we need to **flee to the Triune God and His Word**. God's Word is our **refuge**, our **protection**. (Life-Study of First John, chapter 20)

ANNOUNCEMENTS and SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

1. We strongly encourage the saints once again to subscribe to the Ministry Digest publication that will help us get into the ministry. To subscribe, please visit www.lsm.org.
2. We will have our annual Bible Distribution at the University of Regina tentatively on September 4, 2019. Please prepare for this important date and be available for the Lord's move in Regina. More details such as the sign-up sheets for the time-slots (Morning/Afternoon) will be given in the following weeks care of brother Eric.
3. The Canada Brothers Meeting on November 8-10, 2019 is in church in Toronto. The deadline for registration is on October 19, 2019.