

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)

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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

Message Fifteen

The Change of our Diet to the Heavenly Christ as the Reality of the Heavenly Manna So That We May Be Reconstituted with Christ to Become God's Dwelling Place

Scripture Reading: Num. 11:4-9; 21:5; Exo. 16:1-36; John 6:31-35, 48-51, 57-58, 63

There are **five critical significances** for us to consider in our study of the manna. We should keep these in mind as we study the outline of this message. The **first** significance is the matter of the **change of diet**. We need to be impressed with how **crucial the matter of eating is in our Christian journey**. As we read the history of the children of Israel, we can see that a good number of their murmurings and problems were due to the matter of eating. When the matter of food was not properly solved, complaints and murmurings broke out, and all kinds of problems surfaced. Dear saints, **we need to eat. We need the life supply**. Without the life supply, our Christian life will be full of problems; there will be murmurings, the expression of our exposed flesh.

The **second** significance is our **need to grow**. We saw clearly in the previous message that there is an **urgent** need for us to grow – **to reach the spiritual age of twenty** – in order to be qualified for and included in the army. How can we grow if we do not eat? **Eating is God's divine and ordained way**. **Eating** is the most basic thing if we are to grow and to reach maturity; therefore, we must learn to eat. For us to grow and mature, God feeds us with **manna**, which is a type of Christ. This indicates that **He wants us to eat Christ**. **We need to eat Him everyday**, to eat Him whether we feel excited or we do not feel excited, whether we are elated or we are not elated, whether we are depressed or we are not depressed...

The **third** significance consists of the **implications** seen in the three instances of murmuring recorded in Exodus 16, Numbers 11, and Numbers 21. What do we see related to eating the manna in the **beginning stage of the Christian life** based on the children of Israel's experience when they first came out of Egypt? What do we see related to eating the manna once **we are being built** into the church based on the children of Israel's experience after they had been numbered, passed through any experiences, and been made ready to move with God as a corporate people, yet we are still lusting? What do we see related to eating the manna in our **fighting together with the Lord** as His Body, the corporate warrior, based on the children of Israel's experience in fighting and defeating the king Arad, yet still loathing God's provision? We need to consider what these pictures mean and realize that **the flesh is still here with us** despite our outward progress, just as it was with them.

The **fourth** significance is Jehovah's **feeding His people with manna** for forty years. The more we dwell on this matter of being fed with manna, the more we will realize that it is profound. None of us would do this because it is **not according to our concept**. When we feed our family, we try to ensure that they have a good, varied, and balanced diet. However, He gave them nothing but manna year in and year out. This is His concept and His way...

The **miracle of the manna** is the longest miracle recorded in the Bible. **Every morning**, the **descending** of the manna was a **continuation** of this miracle. God performed this longest miracle with a particular goal for His people. God did this because He did **not** intend to **merely** change His people outwardly by rescuing them from Egypt, forming them into His army, and bringing them into the good land. He did **not** want to **merely** adjust them outwardly; His aim was to **reconstitute** them inwardly through their eating. God's goal is the same with us today. God does not intend to do some mere outward work to adjust us; His desire is to **reconstitute us with Himself** through our eating of Christ as the reality of the manna...

The **fifth** significance that we need to keep in mind is the **eternal weight and the value of manna**... We must be delivered from our concept that manna is just for the new believers. During my time of delving into this matter, I was deeply convicted, and I repented, saying "Lord, manna is not just for beginners; manna is for my whole life." Manna has been kept before God in the heavens even until now, and as we will see, even in the book of Revelation, the manna is still there and is in a central position and location in God's dwelling place. Brothers and sisters, **manna** is even the means by which we can **be constituted** as overcomers and **be built up together** as God's eternal dwelling place.

Prayer Burden

1. Lord, we give ourselves to eat You as the **heavenly manna**. You are our **real food**. We **eat** You as the **bread of life** and as the **living bread**. Keep us **eating** Your **words** by the exercising our spirit that we may **receive** the **Spirit who is life**.

2. Lord, **change our diet**. Forgive us for **wanting** the **"Egyptian"** food. We don't want to live by different kinds of foods. You are our unique **substance**, **strength**, and **satisfaction**. You are our food and we **live by You** day by day.

3. **Reconstitute** us with the **heavenly manna**. **Replace** our element with Yourself that we may be qualified to **build** Your **dwelling place**, the tabernacle, the **church**.

4. Lord, remind us to **gather** our **manna** morning by morning. Thank You for every **new beginning**. Cause us to desperately **seek You** and not neglect our **time with You** and in Your **word** in the **morning**.

5. You are the **real manna**. Thank you for becoming **small** enough for us to eat. By **eating** You, we become the **same as You are**. Keep us **feasting** on You and **eating** Your word.

6. Lord, only You are worthy to be an **eternal memorial**. You are our **reconstituting** element and our **supply**. Cause the **open manna** that we **eat** to become the **hidden manna**. Lord, make us Your **overcomers**.

7. Please pray for **EUROPE**
- **Rhema Readers in Germany, Spain, and Switzerland**

- That the new ones will **respond** to the reminder emails and phone calls of the saints;
- Grant the new ones a spirit of wisdom and revelation and the **enlightening** of the eyes of their hearts;
- That they may be **connected** to the local saints for shepherding in the Triune God;
- And the sweet **coordination** of the saints to produce remaining fruit.

- **Bielefeld, Germany**

- We pray for the first LTM on September 22, 2019, that they may have a strong beginning and **testimony** of the Your move. Lord we pray also for the saints to be in one accord for Your **propagation** and for the furtherance of the **campus work** at Bielefeld University.

UNITED KINGDOM & SPAIN

- Radio **broadcasts** and continuing distribution of the Recovery Version and ministry **publications** in the European languages, and shepherding of seeking ones.

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

- Pray for the **increase** of meeting ones and to gain local saints.
- Pray for the contacts
- Sister Julie's moving to Regina
- The university students and for the **Campus Work** at the University of Regina
- The children, YP and College work
- The readings of the **Life-Study** messages, and the daily personal pursuing of the truth of the saints
- For the purchase of a lot **property** for the church

LIFE-STUDY OF 1 JOHN

"One Life-Study a Day Makes One Holy"

September 09, 2019, Monday: (Message 36) **The Virtues of the Divine Birth to Overcome the World, Death, Sin, the Devil, and the Idols (1)**

Our **overcoming** of these negative things is not by ourselves, by what we are, or by what we can do, but **by the eternal life in the Son**. Surely the overcoming of the world, death, sin, the Devil, and idols is a **virtue of the divine birth**. Everything that has been begotten of God overcomes the world. We have seen that **"everything"** points to the **human spirit**. Therefore, **it is the regenerated human spirit that overcomes the world**. Regarding overcoming the world, we should not trust in our own ability or effort. Our spirit is well able to overcome Satan and the world, the evil system... When we exercise our spirit, stay in our spirit, and walk by our spirit, we shall see that our spirit has the life ability to overcome all negative things. This is why we need to **exercise** our spirit to have **fellowship** with the Lord and **pray** concerning the enjoyment of the Lord. We also need to exercise our spirit to **call** on the Lord's name and to **pray-read** the Word.

September 10, Tuesday: (Message 37) **The Virtues of the Divine Birth to Overcome the World, Death, Sin, the Devil, and the Idols (2)**

In the church life **we do not live alone**. Because the church is the **Body**, we live with the fellow members of the Body. Since we are in the Body, **we are members** with the other fellow members. **Eternal life** not only **takes care** of our own need; it also takes care of the need of the fellow members around us. It **overcomes** death within us, and it overcomes death within our brothers. Especially, it overcomes death in those who are weak or who have problems. **Weakness** is related to death, and **problems** come from death. As long as there are problems in the church life, this is an indicator that there is death among those in the church. Therefore, **we need eternal life to overcome, to swallow up, this death**. If you are stronger and a fellow member is weaker, then you may become the one to supply the life from within you to the weaker one in order to swallow up the death within him.

September 11, 2019, Wednesday: (Message 38) **The Virtues of the Divine Birth to Overcome the World, Death, Sin, The Devil, and the Idols (3)**

We all should **stay away from sinful things**. **Sin** **causes** our fellowship to be broken, it **causes** us to have no peace in our conscience, and it may even **cause** the loss of physical life. If sin does not lead to one's physical death, it will certainly **cause** spiritual death. Therefore, let us learn to **fear God regarding sin**. May we also learn to **become deep in fellowship with the Lord**. If we are deep in our fellowship with the Lord, we shall be those who are in the Lord's heart and know His will both concerning ourselves and concerning the fellow members of the Body. Then we shall be able to help those around us and even impart life to them out of the Lord and by the Holy Spirit. This means that we shall be able to be a channel for the divine life to flow out of us and into our fellow members.

September 12, 2019, Thursday: (Message 39) **The Virtues of the Divine Birth to Overcome the World, Death, Sin, the Devil, and the Idols (4)**

A regenerated believer especially his regenerated spirit, which is born of the Spirit of God, keeps himself from living in sin, and **the evil one does not touch him**, especially his regenerated spirit. His divine birth with the divine life in his spirit is the basic factor of such a safeguard. This **divine birth** took place in our regenerated spirit, and now the **divine life** is in our regenerated spirit. Therefore, we should **simply stay in our regenerated spirit**. **Regeneration** with the divine birth and the divine life keeps us from sin, failure, and defilement. When we stay in our regenerated spirit, Satan knows that there is no way for him to touch us, and he will not try to touch us.

September 13, 2019, Friday: (Message 40) **The Virtues of the Divine Birth to Overcome the World, Death, Sin, the Devil, and the Idols (5)**

To preserve this abiding in the divine fellowship, **three main negative things** need to be dealt with. The first is **sin**, which is lawlessness and unrighteousness. The second is the **world**, which is composed of the **lust of the flesh**, the **lust of the eyes**, and the **vainglory of this life**. The last is **idols**, which are the heretical **substitutes** for the genuine God and the vain **replacements** of the real God. These three categories of exceedingly evil things are **weapons** used by the evil one, the Devil, to frustrate, harm, and, if possible, even annihilate our abiding in the divine fellowship. The **safeguard** against his evil doing is our **divine birth with the divine life**, and, based upon the fact that the Son of God has through His death on the cross destroyed the works of the Devil, **we overcome him by the word of God that abides in us**. In virtue of our divine birth, we also overcome his evil world by our **faith in the Son of God**. Moreover, our divine birth with the divine seed sown into our inner being enables us not to live habitually in sin, because Christ has taken away sins through His death in the flesh.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

1. The Fall **YP Conference** in Calgary is on September 27-29, 2019. The deadline for registration is today, September 15, 2019.
2. The **International Thanksgiving Conference** will be on Nov. 28 - Dec. 1, 2019, in Houston, Texas. The deadline for registration is November 1, 2019
3. The **semi-annual training** in Anaheim is on Dec 23-28, 2019. The deadline for registration is November 1, 2019.