

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."

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CHURCH MEETINGS:

Lord's Day

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Prayer Meeting

Tuesdays

Saints' Home 7:30 - 8:30 PM

Young People Meeting

Fridays

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Small Groupings

Fridays & Saturdays

Saints' Home

Seven ANNUAL FEAST

1. **International Chinese-speaking Conference**
 Anaheim, CA
 February 14-16, 2020
2. **ITERO (Spring)**
 Anaheim, CA
 March 27-29, 2020
3. **Memorial Day Conference**
 Atlanta, GA
 May 22-25, 2020
4. **Summer Semiannual Training**
 Anaheim, CA
 June 29 - July 4, 2020
5. **ITERO (Fall)**
 Moscow, Russia
 October 1-3, 2020
6. **Thanksgiving Conference**
 Boston, MA
 Nov. 26 - 29, 2020
7. **Winter Semiannual Training**
 Anaheim, CA
 December 21-26, 2020

HWMR - MATERIAL OFFERINGS AND THE LORD'S MOVE TODAY, Week 1

Principles of Material Offerings (1)

Scripture Reading: Matt. 6:19-34

Concerning the Dealing of the Kingdom People with Riches -- Laying up Treasures Not on Earth but in Heaven

We come to the fifth section of the King's decree, **Matthew 6:19-34**, which concerns the dealing of the kingdom people with riches....[In] Matthew 6:19-20 the King decrees that the kingdom people should not lay up for themselves treasures on earth, but treasures in heaven. To lay up treasures in heaven is to give material things **to the poor** and **to care for the needy saints** and **for the Lord's servants**. Verse 21 says, "*For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*" The kingdom people must send their treasure to heaven so that their heart can also be in heaven. Before they go there, their treasure and their heart must go there first.

Verse 22 says, "*The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is single, your whole body will be illuminated.*" Our eyes can focus on only one thing at a time. If we endeavor to see two things at once, our sight will be blurred. If we focus our eyes on one thing, our sight will be single, and our whole body will be illuminated. If we lay up our treasure both in heaven and on earth, our sight will be blurred. **If we would have single sight, we must lay up our treasure in one place.**

Verse 24 says, "*No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.*" The word mammon is an Aramaic word signifying **wealth, riches**. Here mammon, standing in opposition to God, indicates that wealth or riches is the **opponent of God**, robbing God's people of their service to Him.

Verse 25 says, "*Therefore I say to you, Do not be anxious about your life, what you should eat and what you should drink; nor for your body, what you should put on. Is not the life more than food, and the body than clothing?*" In this verse the Lord tells us **not to be anxious about our life**. The Greek word translated "life" here is soul, in which is the desire, the appetite, for food and clothing (Isa. 29:8). **Our life is more than food, and our body is more than clothing**. Both our life and our body came into existence by God, not by our anxiety. Since God has created us with a life and a body, **surely He will care for their needs**. The kingdom people do not need to be anxious about these things.

Verse 31 says, "*Therefore do not be anxious, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, With what shall we be clothed?*" Here we come to the crucial matter in verses 19 through 34. Apparently, in this section of the constitution, the Lord is speaking about the dealing of the kingdom people with material riches. **Actually, He is dealing with the matter of anxiety**. The Lord is wise. After touching our temper, lust, natural being, self, and flesh, He goes on to touch our anxiety. In these verses the word "anxious" is used six times. It may also seem that the Lord is touching our heart, for where our treasure is, there our heart is also. However, our heart is related not only to riches, but to many other things.

The constitution of the kingdom of the heavens is composed with the **Father's life and nature**. From the context we can see that apart from the Father's divine life and nature, these chapters are in vain. No one would be able to fulfill the requirements of the kingdom of the heavens without **having the Father's life and nature**. Every constitution is based upon a certain kind of life. Suppose you intend to make a constitution for dogs. Undoubtedly such a constitution would be based upon the dog life. It would be unreasonable for this constitution to decree that, every morning, dogs should observe morning watch by flying in the air. Because dogs cannot fly, they could not fulfill such a requirement. But if the constitution told the dogs to keep morning watch by barking, there would be no problem. In like manner, the constitution given by the Lord Jesus on the mount was **for the sons of God**, and it was based upon the life and nature of the Father... (*Excerpt from the Life-study of Matthew, Chapter 22*)

Prayer Burden

1) Lord, **expose** and **destroy** all idols in our being. We only want to **offer true worship** to You. **Save** us from the subtlety of the enemy and his use of mammon. **Remove** this idol in our being.

2) **Deliver** us from mammon. We **forsake** everything to enter **into** the kingdom. Humble is to **see** Your **salvation work**. This is only possible **with** You.

3) Lord, we thank You for Your **full salvation**, **delivering** us not only from our sins, but also from mammon. **Teach** us to be rich in You, to **deposit** in the "heavenly bank".

4) **Praise** You as the **first One** who **gave** His all. Lord make us such ones who **offer** everything to You. We don't want to accumulate mammon, but instead **serve** You.

5) Lord, have mercy on us. All that we have is for your **building**. You **created** all things and all things belong to You. Help us **see** the **proper** use of money. We want a view of all things from **Your side**.

6) **Fully deliver** us from mammon. We want to have a **proper** testimony and be **proper** Christians. Lord, cause us to **serve** You in a **full way**.

7) Please pray for:

NORTH AMERICA

- Pray for **300 saints** to migrate to GTCA selected cities for ongoing care and labor. Of these 300, thirty would be full-timers.
 - Pray for a **strong leadership** in the churches
 - Millennials (**Generation Z**) will have burden to migrate to strengthen the churches.
 - Enlarge our view of the Body of Christ for **the Lord's renewed move** in North America
- ### Airdrie, AB
- Preserve the **14 families** with 30 adults, 5 college students, 8 Young People and 22 children
 - For all the saints to **enter** into the reality of the day-to-day church life;
 - For a **meeting place** that fits the need in terms of availability, adequate space, and a sanctified atmosphere;

Guelph, ON

- Preserve the **twenty saints** who live there
 - The burden to see the saints (Chinese-speaking family, two Filipino families, a Columbian family and an East African family) there **take the ground** in Guelph.
- ### London, ON & Southwest Ontario
- Strengthening **the blending** of the saints with the other churches
 - **The spread of the gospel**, especially on the university and college campuses
 - **Migration of a Chinese speaking family** to help care for the Chinese speaking saints and contacts

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

- The **Campus Work** at the University of Regina
- The children, YP and College **work**
- The **readings** of the **Life-Study** messages, & the daily personal **pursuing** of the truth
- For the purchase of a lot **property** for the church

LIFE-STUDY OF 2 PETER

"One Life-Study a Day Makes One Holy"

December 30, 2019, Monday: MESSAGE 6 - The Divine Provision (6)

In 1:5-7 we have the **development from faith to love**. This development includes **virtue, knowledge, self-control, endurance, and godliness**. Eventually, we have the full development and maturity from the seed of faith, through the roots of virtue and knowledge, the trunk of self-control, and the branches of endurance and godliness, to the blossom and the fruit of brotherly love and love. Peter speaks of these **virtues not only existing in us but also abounding**. The divine virtues are not only existing in and possessed by the believers, but are also abounding and multiplying in them in the development and growth of the divine life. (Life-Study of 2 Peter, chapter 6)

December 31, 2020 Tuesday: MESSAGE 7 - The Divine Provision (7)

The virtue in verses 3 and 5 is the issue of the experience of the divine nature, the enjoyment of the divine nature, in verse 4. When we **partake** of the divine nature, the different aspects of the riches of what God is, **these riches become our virtues**. **Virtue is the result of enjoying the divine nature, the result of enjoying what God is**. we need to supply bountifully in our virtue the full knowledge not of the unprocessed God, the "raw" God, but of the processed God. It is not possible to have the development described in 2 Peter 1:5-7 apart from the full knowledge of God. (Life-Study of 2 Peter, chapter 7)

January 1, 2020, Wednesday: MESSAGE 8 - The Divine Provision (8)

In verse 19 Peter says, "*And we have the prophetic word made more firm, to which you do well to give heed as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.*" Both the apostles' witness and the **prophetic word** in the Scriptures are the shining of the truth. This shining is part of **the divine provision**, the provision God has made by His power so that His elect children may be able to stay away from heresy and apostasy. Peter likens the word of prophecy in the Scripture to a **lamp shining in a dark place**. This indicates that this age is a dark place in the dark night and that all the people of this world are moving and acting in darkness. It also indicates that the prophetic word of the Scripture, as the **shining lamp to the believers**. If we give heed to the prophecies of the Bible, we shall experience a lamp shining within us, enjoy the morning star rising in our hearts, and have a spiritual day dawning within us. We may continue to enjoy the morning star and the dawning of a spiritual day until the time the Lord appears as the morning star to the **watchful ones** and dawns as the **Sun of righteousness**. (Life-Study of 2 Peter, chapter 8)

January 2, 2020, Thursday: MESSAGE 9 - The Divine Government (1)

In 2 Peter 2 we see **God's judgment on the false teachers**, God's judgment of old on both angels and men, and the evils of the false teachers and their punishment under God's judgment. In 2:1 Peter says that there will be **false teachers** among us, those who will **secretly bring in destructive heresies**. Heresy involves three matters: **opinion**, the **causing of divisions**, and the **producing of sects**. Instead of building up the church, heresy destroys the church. For this reason, Peter speaks of destructive heresies, or heresies of destruction. Praise the Lord that Peter says that the **false teachers will bring upon themselves swift destruction!** (Life-Study of 2 Peter, chapter 9)

January 3, 2020, Friday: MESSAGE 10 - The Divine Government (2)

2 Peter 2:10-22 shows us the evils of the **false teachers and their punishment under God's judgment**. In God's governmental dealing, the false teachers will be especially kept under punishment for the day of judgment because they go after the **flesh**, indulging in **defiling lust** and **corrupting luxury for pleasure**, and **despise the Lord's government**, **rebellious** against His authority. In verse 21 Peter speaks of the way of righteousness. The way of righteousness is to **live a life that is right with both God and man**. This is the way to live a life according to God's justice, a way that can take His governmental judgment for His kingdom of righteousness. Peter in his Epistles stresses both the manner of life and the way of life, because his writings are based on the governmental point of view of God's administration. In order to fit in with the government of Him who is holy and righteous, **God's people need to live in a manner of life that is holy, pure, good, and excellent, not licentious or vain, in His straight way of righteousness and truth**. (Life-Study of 2 Peter, chapter 10)

ANNOUNCEMENTS and SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

1. The church **Love Feast** will be on January 12, 2020.
2. The sign-up sheet for our monthly **Combined Prayer Meeting** is available.
3. The **Brothers' Meeting** will be on January 26, 2020 at 6:00 PM at brother Hendrick's place.