

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

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

Message Twenty

Authority, Rebellion, the Vindication of Delegated Authority, and a Proper Representative of God

RK Hymns: 984

Scripture Reading: Num. 12:1-15; 16:1—17:13; 20:2-13, 24; 27:12-14; 2 Cor. 10:8; 13:10

God is the **supreme authority**. To know God is to know authority. If we have not met authority, we have not really met God. We may have a relationship with the Lord Jesus, love Him, enjoy Him, and appreciate having a heavenly Father, but in order to really know God, we need to realize that He has all authority. **Offending** God's authority is the same as **offending** God Himself. My prayer is that we would **touch authority in a positive way** – that it would strike us, that we would know that it is real, and that we would know that we have touched God. In this way, we will never again want to resist or oppose God's authority.

Rebellion is the **denial** of God's authority and the **rejection** of God's rule. The archangel said, "No. I will exalt my throne. I will not be ruled." This is Satan's rebellion. When man sinned, he **rebelled** against God, **denied** God's authority and **rejected** God's rule; at Babel men rebelled collectively against God to abolish God's authority from the earth.

Numbers 16 speaks of **man's rebellion against** God's **deputy authority**; chapter 17 speaks of God's **vindication** of His appointed authority. God **vindicated** to everyone that deputy authority is according to His **appointment**. Since the rebellion of Korah and his company was related to the priesthood, the **budding** of Aaron's was a vindication **indicating** that Aaron was the one **accepted** by God as having authority in the God-given ministry of the priesthood. God has His way of manifesting His authority and of making it clear who is **representing** Him with His authority, and that is **the budding rod**, which **signifies resurrection**. Today, Christ is still budding, and we are the fruit, the almonds of His budding.

Resurrection is the basis of authority. The **budding rod indicates** that authority is based on resurrection. The basis of God's **appointment** of authority is resurrection. The basis of God's **vindication** of His **appointed** authority is resurrection. We can know God's appointed authority based on resurrection. No proper co-worker or leading brother in the Lord's recovery will claim to be this or that. We never heard Brother Lee claim to be an apostle but we all knew who he was, because there was a budding rod with him. In every message the rod was budding. The **rod budded** and **blossomed** until it reached even the peak of bearing fruit. We **simply recognized the budding rod as God's vindication**. I could trust this ministry. Before I came into the Lord's recovery, I received a high-caliber theological education and was awarded a prize for theology. I owned and read all kinds of theological books. However, I realized that I could not trust any of those writers. However, when I began to read the ministry of Watchman Nee and Witness Lee, I realized that I could trust it and that I could simply open my being and take it in. I now realize that this was because with their ministry there was the budding rod.

A person who properly **represents** God is **not conscious** of having any **authority**. It does not occur to him, and he has no awareness of having authority. This is why even if someone would revile him in any way, he would **not** rise up and say, "*the earth will swallow you up because you are touching authority.*" He does **not** have an awareness of having any authority. Another characteristic of those who properly **represent** God is that they **humble** themselves to be on the same level as all the other believers. King David did this. Although he was the king to the people, before God he presented himself as any sinner saved by grace. God knows whether our humility is genuine or not. Before we can **represent** Him, we must **spend** time with Him, **humbling** ourselves before Him. Since we have met authority and we know that all authority in heaven and earth has been given to the Son of Man, **we realize that we have no authority, and we fear and tremble that we would misrepresent Him.**

When one **represents** the Lord properly, he **never** exercises authority. The **authority** is flowing, but he does not exercise it. He simply **represents** God, who has the authority. Lastly, one who **represent** God is **gracious**. God will **judge** according to **righteousness**, but a deputy authority is always **gracious**. When Miriam had leprosy, Moses prayed, "Please heal her, O God, please". Moses did not say, "Way to go, God! Thank You for vindicating me. She had it coming. Do not keep her out of the camp only seven days; let it be seven years." One who **represents** God would say, "Lord, have mercy on her. Heal her." (The Ministry of the Word, Volume 23, No. 7, July 2019. pp. 221-244)

LIFE-STUDY OF JUDE*“One Life-Study a Day Makes One Holy”***Prayer Burden**

1. Lord, **open** our eyes. We want to **meet** You and meet Your **authority**. **Save** us from our **rebellious** nature. We **stand against** our way of **reason** and **stand in** the way of the Spirit.

2. Praise You as the only One who has direct **authority**. **Humble** us that we would learn to **meet** Your **authority** and **submit** to **delegated authorities** whom You have **appointed**. Cause us to realize that we are **simply** members and we need to **receive** **supply** from one another.

3. We set ourselves to **submit** and **uphold** Your **authority**. Have mercy on us that we would see the **seriousness** of having a **spirit of rebellion**. Your goal is to **manifest** Your **authority** in the universe. As Your church, we **submit** to this **authority**.

4. **Test** us and **expose** us of our **hidden ambitions** and **struggles**. You are the Head of the body and we simply **bring** these matters to You. **Save** us from **vindicating** ourselves. We refer these things to You and **let You be what You are**.

5. Lord, we **trust** in Your **selection**. We are *“leafless and rootless rods.”* Only by Your **resurrection** do we have **authority**. Our **service** is **not** based on our position **but** on Your **resurrection** life. We **reject** anything natural and **trust** in Your *“budding rod.”*

6. Lord, all **authority** is Yours. We are simply your **ambassadors**. Make us those who properly **represent** You. **Save** us from **going beyond** our **measure**. Make our **attitude** according to Your **holy nature** and our **actions** according to Your **divine economy**.

7. Please pray for:

- **The Training in Bower House, London**

- One-week Training on Oct. 28 - Nov. 23, 2019

- **Zagreb, Croatia**

- Lord we pray for the **regional Conference** on November 1-3, 2019. To gather the saints and the Rhema contacts throughout the Balkans for fellowship and blending.

- **Iberian Peninsula**

- Conference on December 13-15, 2019 in **Torremolinos** (Malaga), Spain

- **Taguig, Philippines**

- The construction of the Meeting Hall;
- Grant brother Joe Lim your mercy to completely get healed of his pancreas cancer.

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

- Pray for the **increase** of meeting ones and to gain local saints.
- The university students and for the **Campus Work** at the University of Regina
- The children, YP and College work
- Attending the **Seven Annual Feast**
- The **readings** of the **Life-Study** messages, & the daily personal **pursuing** of the truth of the saints
- For the purchase of a lot **property** for the church

October 14, 2019, Monday: (Message 6) **Introduction and Practical Virtues of Christian Perfection (6)**

In chapter 2, we see **two mixtures** between the **old and new dispensations** and the **royal law and the law of life**. James was clear that there should be no distinction between rich and poor, but he was not as clear that there is a distinction between the old and new dispensations. The **reality of the kingdom** should **not** be **practiced** in the Jewish synagogue, **but in the Christian church**, which is the **Body of Christ**. When the Lord Jesus judges the believers at His judgment seat, He will not judge them according to the law of Moses or according to His gospel. Instead, He will **judge** them according to the **law of freedom**. **Our salvation is eternally secured**; however, it is possible for us to either receive a reward or suffer loss in the millennial kingdom. If we have mercy on our brother today, we shall receive mercy from the Lord at His judgment seat. (Life-Study of James, chapter 6)

October 15, Tuesday: (Message 7) **Practical Virtues of Christian Perfection (7)**

In order to **be saved from judgment** without mercy, **we need to have the works of mercy and love**. These works testify that our faith issues in being saved not only from perdition, but also from judgment without mercy at the **judgment seat of Christ**. Those who do not have the works of mercy and love will suffer judgment without mercy. This means that they will be disciplined as a result of judgment at the judgment seat of Christ. If we would be saved from such unmerciful judgment, we **need to have works of mercy and love toward the brothers**. If we look down on a poor brother, we do not show mercy toward him. If we do not have mercy on a brother today, when we stand before the judgment seat of Christ, Christ will not have mercy toward us. (Life-Study of James, chapter 7)

October 16, 2019, Wednesday: (Message 8) **Practical Virtues of Christian Perfection (8)**

In James 3 two words are crucial—the tongue and wisdom. **Wisdom** in practical Christian perfection is related to **restricting** our **tongue**. **Restricting our tongue is the way to have wisdom**. **Foolishness** is related to talking too much, and **wisdom** is related to bridling our tongue. Although we need to learn to bridle our tongue in our daily living, we all should be **encouraged** to **speak** in the church meetings. If this becomes our practice, the meetings will be greatly uplifted, blessing will come, and problems will be solved. Also, **wisdom is in our spirit**. Because wisdom is in the spirit, we can have wisdom only by remaining in our spirit. God is the source of wisdom, and He gives wisdom. When we **exercise** our spirit, **stay** in the spirit in every situation, and **do things** according to the spirit, we shall have wisdom. (Life-Study of James, chapter 8)

October 17, 2019, Thursday: (Message 9) **Practical Virtues of Christian Perfection (9)**

One of the virtues of Christian perfection is to **overcome** pleasures, the world, and the Devil. First, in our church life we do not have pleasures—we have enjoyment. Often, the conversation at school or work on a Monday morning is related to sinful, worldly things done over the weekend. Today the people of the world **indulge** their lusts in all kinds of **pleasures**. Second, **friendship of the world** is love of the world for the pleasures of the flesh. To be a friend of the world is to be constituted an enemy of God. Such a believer becomes an enemy of God because he takes sides with God’s enemy by loving the world, the satanic system. Third, the New Testament reveals the **Devil** is against the Son, who came to destroy the works of the Devil. We need to **deal** with pleasures, the world, and the Devil. We need to have our spirit **nourished** by the **implanted word**. Every morning and also during the day we need to be **nourished** by **contacting** the implanted word so that our spirit may be strong to withstand and even overcome them. (Life-Study of James, chapter 9)

October 18, 2019, Friday: (Message 10) **Practical Virtues of Christian Perfection (10)**

Being proud toward God causes Him to resist us. To be **humble** is also toward God, and this causes Him to give us grace, as He desires. **We need to learn to draw near to God to receive greater grace**. Instead of being proud and resisting God, we should **receive** in meekness the implanted word. Furthermore, we also have the two practical virtues of Christian perfection: not speaking against the brothers and confiding not in self-will but in the Lord. Christians sometimes use this verse in writing letters, saying that they will go to a certain place or do a particular thing *“if the Lord wills.”* to say *“If the Lord wills”* can be a protection. But it is rather objective and is quite much according to the tone of the Old Testament. But to be **led** of the Spirit, to **walk** in the Spirit, and to **do** what our spirit constrains us to do are subjective and are much more according to the New Testament. (Life-Study of James, chapter 10)

ANNOUNCEMENTS and SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

1. The **Brother’s Meeting** on October 27, 2019, is at Brother Nathan’s place at 6 PM.
2. The deadline for the **Winter Training** on December 23 - 28, 2019, will be on November 1, 2019.