

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-One

Moses Desiring That All Jehovah's People Would Be Prophets

JL Hymns: 866

Scripture Reading: Num. 11:29; Deut. 18:15-19; Acts 3:21-22; 1 Cor. 14:1, 3, 5, 24, 31

The recovery of "all saints **prophesying**" is one of the greatest matters in the Lord's recovery and in His Body today. According to the apostle Paul's word in 1 Corinthians 14:26, whenever the church comes together, "each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation." This clearly indicates that there should be **speaking in mutuality** whenever the church comes together. Most denominational gatherings in Christianity today are characterized by the clearly-laity system, that is, one person speaking and the rest listening. During the two thousand years since the apostle Paul spoke this word in verse 26, very few Christian groups have truly practiced the matter of all saints prophesying in mutuality.

If you study the New Testament, you will not find any mention of one man speaking and the rest listening during the church meetings. In Acts 20 Paul spoke for a long time to a gathering of saints, but that gathering was a ministry meeting, a meeting of the work, not a church meeting. **The church meeting is a meeting in which all the saints speak in mutuality.**

As we endeavor to practice the God-ordained way to meet and to serve as revealed in the Scriptures, we must keep the goal in view. The **preaching** of the gospel, the **feeding** of the new ones, and the **teaching** and **perfecting** of the believers must **issue** in the saints learning how to **prophesy**, to speak for God, **for the building up of the church.**

Even though we have made such a great turn, we still must be **perfected** in our **prophesying**. Some saints are more active in speaking in the meetings, whereas others are still somewhat passive. Some saints tend to give personal **testimonies** when they speak, rather than **prophesying** or speaking for God. Nevertheless, the burden of this message is that we would see how **crucial the matter of prophesying** is and **receive a burden** in our hearts to help the saints in our locality to **prophesy**. Prophesying does not happen spontaneously; **it requires us to seek the Lord and learn from Him.** If we come to the prophesying meeting based on inspiration alone, with no preparation or learning, our prophesying meetings will be short. May the Lord inspire us and motivate us to **exercise our spirit over the Word** everyday in **preparation** for and anticipation of the **prophesying meeting**. Instead of treating the prophesying meeting as merely another meeting, we should **anticipate** and look forward to it. We need to **see how important** and precious this matter of prophesying is. According to the book of Numbers, the formation of the army for the fighting of the battle depends on our being **equipped** not only with the Word and the knowledge of the Word but also with the **speaking** of the Word. Praise the Lord that He has brought His recovery to this point! What He is doing in His recovery right now through the prophesying meetings is unprecedented and unheard of in Christianity. May God's desire for all His people to be prophets become the desire of our heart.

The New Testament shows that God wants us, the saved and regenerated ones, to prophesy as prophets. **We need to be impressed that God wants us to prophesy.** Moses longed for God's people to prophesy. The apostle Paul also desired that all would prophesy. Do we have such a desire? We should pray, "Lord, give me a desire to prophesy." In order to do anything, we have to begin with a desire. If we do not see the importance of a matter, we may not care for it. May we all see how much God needs us to speak for Him. **The Lord's recovery is for the Lord's move to consummate this age and bring in His kingdom.** In order to consummate this age, we must speak. We need an **earnest desire** to speak for God.

Prophesying **requires** the **three constituting elements** of prophesying: the **knowledge** of the word of God – the human **element of learning**; the **instant inspiration** of the Holy Spirit – the divine **element of inspiration**; and a **vision concerning** God's interest and economy, **concerning** the church as the Body of Christ, **concerning** the local churches, **concerning** the world, **concerning** the individual saints, and even **concerning** ourselves – the **view through the enlightening of the divine light**. **We need to read the Bible** and the ministry in order to **gain the knowledge of the Word of God**, **we need to exercise to live in our mingled spirit**, and **we need to have a vision concerning all the matters** mentioned here. These three things are the constituting elements of our prophesying. (The Ministry of the Word, Volume 23, No. 7, July 2019. pp. 245-274)

Prayer Burden

1. Lord, You are no longer a **mystery** to us. You **revealed** Yourself by **speaking**. We thank and praise You for Your **speaking** and for being the **Word**. As Your people, we want to **speak in the Holy Spirit**, by the **spirit of faith** and **with the word of Christ**.

2. Lord it is Your **desire** that all Your people would **speak**. **Make** us such ones that **speak** for Christ and speak forth Christ. **Make** us faithful to **speak** concerning **You** and **Your intentions**.

3. Praise You **incarnated One**. You are the **Prophet promised** by God that **spoke the word of God**. You are **God's oracle**. Have Your way in us, as the many sons of God, to **speak** and **dispense** God for His **spread** and for Your **increase**.

4. **Reality** has come. Thank You **Lord Spirit** for **entering** into all of us to be the **Prophet** in us personally and directly. Keep us under the **anointing ointment**. May our **work** be for **building up**, for **encouraging** and for **consoling** one another.

5. We **cooperate** with the **speaking Spirit** within us. Lord, it is Your desire that we all would **speak**. Thank You for the **excelling gift of prophesying**. We **seek** to know You and **experience** You more that we may **speak** for God and **speak** forth God.

6. **Unveil** us to **know** Your words, **inspire** us through the Holy Spirit and **grant** us a **vision**. Lord we **want** to live a **prophesying** and **overcoming** life. **Revive** us every morning. **Teach** us how to **fellowship** with you moment by moment.

7. Please pray for:

- The Training in Bower House, London

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

- USA

- The Thanksgiving Conference in Houston, Texas on November 28, 2019
- The online ads to continue to be effective, so that more and more people could receive the food which abides unto eternal life.
- The volunteers at the distribution centre to be strengthened, energized, and filled with joy as they prepare Bibles to be sent to God's seekers.

- Pray for the sick brothers and sister

- Brother Joe lim - Taguig, Philippines
- Sister Gloria - Saskatoon, SK
- Brother Mark Haberl - Winnipeg, MB

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

LIFE-STUDY OF JAMES

"One Life-Study a Day Makes One Holy"

October 21, 2019, Monday: (Message 11) **Practical Virtues of Christian Perfection (11)**

...How shall we differentiate longsuffering and endurance? After much study I have concluded that **longsuffering** is a matter of patience toward persons. When we are persecuted, we need longsuffering. Therefore, **longsuffering is an expression of our patience toward people**. The prophets were persecuted, but they were longsuffering toward their persecutors. **Endurance**, on the contrary, **is an expression of our patience toward the things that afflict us**. Therefore, when Job suffered affliction, he displayed endurance. Job's suffering was not that of persecution but that of calamities.

...While we are **awaiting** the Lord's coming back, we need both longsuffering and **endurance** because we face suffering from **two sources**. These sources are **persons** who **persecute us** and the **environment** that **afflicts us**. For example, a brother may have an accident, and his new car may be damaged. For that, he does not need longsuffering; he needs endurance. The car has not done anything to persecute him, but he does suffer from a particular **environmental affliction**. For that affliction he needs endurance. However, if this brother is mistreated by his boss, he will need longsuffering toward his boss. But if he loses his job, suffering as a result of that environmental affliction, he will once again need endurance. **We need to exercise longsuffering toward people and endurance toward environmental afflictions**. (Life-Study of James, chapter 11)

October 22, Tuesday: (Message 12) **Practical Virtues of Christian Perfection (12)**

In 5:12 James says, "*But above all things, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth, or with any other oath; but let your yes be yes, and your no be no, that you do not fall under judgment.*" **We should not swear, because we are nothing, and nothing is under our control or up to us**. To swear displays the acting of our self-will and our forgetfulness of God. But to **let our yes be yes and our no be no** is to act **according** to the **divine nature** we have received through regeneration, in the **consciousness of the presence of God**, with the denial of our self-will and sinful nature. After a brief word concerning speaking honestly without swearing, James continues to speak about **healthy practices in the church life**. James touches on the practice of **praying**, anointing with oil in the name of the Lord, the prayer of faith, praying in a prayer, turning a sinner back to the truth, and saving a soul from death. (Life-Study of James, chapter 12)

October 23, 2019, Wednesday: (Message 13)

A Life not Fully According to and for God's New Testament Economy (1)

As we read chapter one of his Epistle, we see that James held to the concept of keeping the **perfect law**. In 1:22 he says that we should become **doers of the word** and not hearers only. Then in 1:25 he says that the one who looks into the perfect law and continues in it, being a doer of the work, will be blessed in his doing. James is clearly saying that we must be doers of the law. A doer of the law, according to James, is one who keeps the law. **However**, he does not tell us the New Testament way to keep the **perfect law of freedom**. **The New Testament teaches that we keep the law of freedom by living and walking according to the Spirit**. The entire New Testament is not for us to keep by ourselves; **it is for us to live by the Spirit so that we may keep it**. Merely **keeping** is a matter of doing by ourselves, **whereas living** is by the indwelling Spirit who is in our regenerated spirit. Now we do not need to try to keep the law by ourselves, and we do not need to be its doers by our own effort. **What we need is a walk according to the Spirit**. This means that instead of being those who do by ourselves we should be those who live by the Spirit.

October 24, 2019, Thursday: (Message 14)

A Life not Fully According to and for God's New Testament Economy (2)

After considering all the matters in the Epistle of James that show us a life not fully according to and for God's New Testament economy, we must go on to consider a major problem—the problem of the **inspiration of the Scriptures**. Since we have pointed out so many shortcomings of the book of James, some may wonder if this Epistle is inspired of God, if it is God-breathed. In 2 Timothy 3:16 Paul says, "**All Scripture is God-breathed.**" Therefore, we need to explain carefully what is our **attitude** toward the inspiration of the Scriptures in relation to the book of James. We definitely believe that all scripture is God-breathed, that is, inspired by God. However, **this does not mean that every word in this Holy book is the word of God**. Although certain words in the Epistle of James are the words of James and not the words of God, God inspired the writing of this Epistle for a particular purpose. Part of this purpose is that we may realize that **it is possible even for a godly man to be veiled concerning God's New Testament economy**. If the book of James were not part of the Scriptures, there would be a hole, a gap, in the Bible. (Life-Study of James, chapter 14)

October 25, 2019, Friday: **Being Balanced in Our Christian Life**

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,