

CHURCH IN REGINA

Meeting Place: 3860 Buckingham Drive E, Regina, SK, Canada S4V 3A1

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

Crystallization Study of Numbers - Message Twenty-Three

The Vision of the All-sufficient One— the Divine View of God's People

MC Hymns: 977, 1226

Scripture Reading: Num. 23:7-12, 19-26; 24:3-9; Rev. 21:9-10; Acts 26:19

We need **God's divine view** whenever we look at or speak **concerning His people**... When it comes to evaluating God's people, which view is correct – our view or God's view? As the account concerning Balak and Balaam reveals, God's view concerning His people is not a matter to be debated; God maintains a consistent view throughout the entire Scriptures concerning **how He sees His people**. When we consider the situation of the Israelites throughout the book of Numbers, we see that many times their condition was terrible... Similarly, in the New Testament we see that all manner of problems, sins and iniquities existed among God's people in the church...

We may have many defects, yet **in God's redemption and in Christ we have no defects**. When God looks at us, **he sees us according to what we are in Christ**. This is extremely important. **We must learn that when we look at another saint, we should see a person in Christ who is redeemed**. Suddenly, the way we relate to and treat this saint will be totally different. We would honor him and love him as God would. We would deal with him according to God because of such a view.

If God did not see us in Christ, we would have no hope. None of us would even be here. Apart from Christ, we would be condemned, and we would be destined for perdition. God's wrath is upon sinful man, but He redeemed us. **He put us in Christ**. Even in eternity past He **foreknew** us, **marked** us out, and **chose** us **in Christ**, His Beloved. Therefore, **when He sees us, He actually sees Christ**. He loves Christ. Christ is perfect, and we are in Him. How happy we are that **we are in Him!** We are no more outside of Him and can never go out of Him. That is why **we want to be found in Him**. Whenever we are found in Him, **we are God's delight, because He is God's delight**.

Under the **heavenly vision** we are **directed** toward God's destination, and our life is **controlled** according to God's economy. We need our **vision** and our seeing to be controlled by **God's economy**. Otherwise, whenever there is a turmoil or a problem in the church life, Satan will come and change our perspective back to an earthly and natural point of view, in which we are only conscious of the problems and sins among God's people. From the earthly and natural perspective, all the saints, the church and the elders are terrible. Those thoughts and perspectives come from Satan and need to be cast down and rejected. Instead, **we need to be governed and controlled by the heavenly vision** in order to reject such a view. We need the Lord to control our vision and our sight as it pertains to God's people and the church.

Like Balaam, a Gentile prophet who was brought into a vision, we need **to see the vision** of the **All-sufficient One** and have a divine view of God's people. As problematic as Balaam was, being a Gentile prophet who mixed the worship of God with idolatry and who was willing to be hired to curse God's people, he was nevertheless bound by a vision and ultimately could only speak the words that Jehovah put in his mouth. When there is turmoil or a "storm" in the Lord's recovery, our vision and our view of God's people are tested. At such a time, we need to receive a particular vision of God as the All-sufficient One.

If Jehovah were merely the **all-sufficient Mighty One**, He might still be inaccessible to us; however, for Him to be the mighty One with an udder means that we can partake of Him and that He can be dispensed into us. This mighty One **is our source of grace**, and He will supply us with the riches of His divine Being to make us the fulfillment of what He sees when He looks at us.

God revealed Himself to Abraham as the all-sufficient God in the context of the covenant He made with Abraham. At the very start of the covenant, He reveals that He is the All-sufficient One. His covenant with... would not be based on his own effort or work, but rather based on Jehovah's being the All-sufficient One, that is, based on His all-sufficiency. God would supply all that was needed to bring forth a child. Abraham would be the ancestor of Christ for the fulfillment of God's own purpose. **We need such a vision of God's all-sufficiency and to have the divine view that God will supply all that is needed to make us His people**. When we see Him as He is, the All-sufficient One, then we can also see His people as He sees them. (The Ministry of the Word, Volume 23, No. 7, July 2019. pp. 305-328)

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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

Prayer Burden

1. Lord, **change our view**. We want to see the church with a **divine view**. Thank You for **putting** us in Christ. In ourselves, our condition is **pitiful**, and we are full of **iniquities**. But in Christ, we are **glorious**.
2. **Open our eyes** to see a victorious **church**. In Your view, we are **holy** in **standing**, we are without fault, and we are **beautiful** in **appearance**. Make this our view for the church.
3. Lord, we **trust** in **Your view** of the church. In Your eyes, the church is **uplifted** and **living**. We **reject** all our **natural concepts**. **Grant us eyes to see** the church the same way You do. Make us people who **bless** Your **church**.
4. **Appear to us** as You did to Joseph. All Your people are **sheaves full of life**. **Give us** a heavenly **dream** to see **Your view**. We are not any better and they are not any worse. Lord, since You see **no iniquity** in her, we **choose** not to see any either.
5. Lord, Your church is as **sheaves full of life** and as the **sun, moon** and **stars full of light**. Our condition may be of **gophers** and **scorpions** but in Your view, **we are still full of life and light**. May our view of the church be that it is **“Christly,” “resurrectionly,”** and **heavenly**.
6. Lord, we continue to **bless** Your people. We want a **vision** through the divine “telescope” to **see** the New Jerusalem **full of sheaves and stars**. **Save us** from **criticizing** the church and help us **see** that **we all are the New Jerusalem**.
7. Please pray for:
 - **ISRAEL**
 - The Conference in Galilee on November 16, 2019
 - The translation and production of the hymns in Arabic language
 - **Zurich, Switzerland**
 - Lord recover Your testimony in **Zurich**; send well established families, and supply the saints to have a strong desire to meet more frequently.
 - **USA**
 - 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 sisters**
 - Brother Joe lim - Taguig, Philippines
 - Sister Gloria - Saskatoon, SK
 - Brother Mark Haberl - Winnipeg, MB
 - Sister Ellen Julba - Vancouver, BC
8. Please pray for the church in **Regina**
 - 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 properly, & the daily personal **pursuing** of the truth of the saints
 - For the purchase of a lot **property** for the church

LIFE-STUDY OF 1 PETER

“One Life-Study a Day Makes One Holy”

November 04, 2019, Monday: (Msg. 6) The Full Salvation of the Triune God and Its Issues (3)

The full salvation of the Triune God includes the Father’s **regeneration**, the Spirit’s **sanctification** or application, and Christ’s **redemption**. The Father’s regeneration brings something into us, and it also brings us into something. The **regeneration** of the Father **brings eternal life into us**. Furthermore, the Father’s regeneration **brings us into the hope**, the **inheritance of eternal life**. Therefore, eternal life has been brought into us, and we have been brought into the hope, the inheritance, of eternal life. **We now have eternal life**, and **we are also enjoying the inheritance of this eternal life**. This is the Father’s regeneration with its results, its issue. The result of the **Father’s regeneration is to bring eternal life into us and to bring us into the full enjoyment of God as our life supply**. This life supply is the living hope. This life supply is also the inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and unfading. This marvelous inheritance is kept in the heavens for us so that we may enjoy it and participate in it daily, hourly, continually. (Life-Study of 1 Peter, chapter 6)

November 05, Tuesday: (Message 7) The Three Stages of God's Full Salvation

The **initial stage**, the **stage of regeneration**, in the stage of regeneration God has justified us through the redemption of Christ, and He has **regenerated us in our spirit** with His life by His Spirit. Thus, we have **received God’s eternal salvation** and His eternal life, and we have become His children, who shall not perish forever. The **second stage** of God’s full salvation, the **progressing stage**, is the stage of transformation. In the progressing stage of salvation God is **causing us to grow in His life**. He is **transforming us** by renewing the inward parts of our soul by the life-giving Spirit through the working of all things. He is **building us** together into a spiritual house for His dwelling, and He is **maturing us** in His life for the completion of His full salvation. The **third stage** of God’s full salvation, the completing stage, is the **stage of consummation**. This stage is composed of the **redemption (transfiguration) of our body**, **conformity** to the Lord, glorification, inheritance of God’s kingdom, participation in Christ’s kingship, and the topmost enjoyment of the Lord. Although we have experienced the first stage of salvation and are now in the second stage, the third stage is still far beyond us. The items in this stage will be revealed at the unveiling of the Lord Jesus. (Life-Study of 1 Peter, chapter 7)

November 06, 2019, Wednesday: (Msg. 8) The Full Salvation of the Triune God and Its Issues (4)

The phrase “*salvation of the soul*” indicates a full salvation. It does not refer to initial salvation; it denotes consummate salvation, full salvation. In verse 10 salvation and grace are synonyms. This means that **grace** here refers to God’s **full salvation**. Many Christians define grace merely as unmerited favor. How shallow is this explanation! The grace in the Bible is not limited to some kind of unmerited favor. **The grace in the Bible is equal to full salvation**. If we come to the holy Word with a seeking heart, immediately **the Spirit of Christ** will also work in us. Regarding the phrase “*of Christ*,” the important matter for us to grasp is that the constituting of the Spirit of God to become the Spirit of Christ took place after the resurrection of Christ. This means that **the constituting of the Spirit of Christ is dispensational**. However, **the function of the Spirit of Christ is eternal**, for He is the eternal Spirit. (Life-Study of 1 Peter, chapter 8)

November 07, 2019, Thursday: (Message 9) The Full Salvation of the Triune God and Its Issues (5)

The ones who preached the gospel were the apostles of the New Testament. The **prophets searched and prophesied**; the **apostles preached**. The preaching of the apostles is the **Spirit’s practical application of God’s salvation** in the New Testament. Both the **prophesying** of the prophets and the **preaching** of the apostles were the application of the Spirit. This means that the Spirit applies God’s full salvation by two instrumentalities, the prophesying of the prophets and the preaching of the apostles. The apostles are not the only ones who can preach. As long as you preach Christ, you are included among those who preach the gospel by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. (Life-Study of 1 Peter, chapter 9)

November 08, 2019, Friday: (Message 10) Peter's Well-Speaking Concerning the triune God

In 1:3 Peter uses the word “*blessed*.” Paul also uses this word in Ephesians 1:3: “*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ.*” In Greek the word **blessed means well spoken of, praised with adoration**. Hence, **a blessing is a well-speaking**, and **to bless someone is to speak well of him**. Therefore, **to bless God is to speak well concerning Him** and all that He is to us, has done for us, and will do for us. To bless God is to speak in a sweet way of what God is, of what He has done, and of what He will do. This kind of speaking is a blessing.

Many Christians think that to bless God is to **praise** Him. This understanding of blessing certainly is not wrong. Whenever you are about to **praise God**, **you need to speak something about Him**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

1. Our **Church Pursuit** on November 11, 2019, is at Brother Dario’s house at 6 PM.
2. The **Brother’s Meeting** on November 24, 2019, is at Brother Dario’s house at 6 PM.
3. **Churching** in Saskatoon on November 17 or 24, 2019