

CHURCH IN REGINA

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

Acts 2:42 "And they continued steadfastly in the teaching and the fellowship of the apostles, in the breaking of bread and the prayers."

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CHURCH MEETINGS:

Lord's Table Meeting

Lord's Day
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Prayer Meeting

Tuesdays
7:30 - 8:30 PM

Young People Meeting

Fridays
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Small Groupings

Fridays & Saturdays
7:00 - 8:30 PM

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

THE INTRINSIC SIGNIFICANCE OF DEUTERONOMY — A BOOK CONCERNING CHRIST

Scripture Reading: Deut. 30:11-14; Rom. 10:6-9; Deut. 8:3; Matt. 4:4; Psa. 119:1-2, 9; Deut. 27:1-8

Why is it that we sometimes do not receive breath or light when we come to the Word? I would like to present four matters that hinder us from receiving breath and light. First, it is because we have **problems in our heart**. Our heart is crucial. Of course, we must exercise our spirit, but we also need to exercise our heart. We need to exercise our whole being when we come to the Word. We also may have a **divided heart**. We may be for Christ, but we may also be seeking something else. We also may have a lack of heart. We may lack a heart for God's word. And we can have coverings, hindrances, and frustrations in our heart that keep us from receiving the word as the breathing out of God. In Hymns 373 there is a line that I hope we all would pray: "Nothing between, Lord, nothing between." Every day, we need to pray, "Lord, may there be nothing between You and me so that I would have a clear sky." A hindrance, frustration, or covering might be a hidden **sin** that we do not allow the Lord to deal with. We need to allow the Lord to have a free course in our heart to touch anything that He wants to touch. It could also be an **unwillingness to forgive** someone. We need to realize that when we are unwilling to forgive someone, it is a sin. The life in us is a forgiving life. Another hindrance, frustration, or covering might be an unwillingness to consecrate ourselves fully to the Lord for His recovery, for His move, and for His economy.

Second, every time we come to the Word, we need to **humble ourselves**. The Bible demands that we humble ourselves and put aside our self-confidence and our self-assurance. In coming to the Word, we need to pray that the Lord would have mercy on us. In the Life-study of Exodus Brother Lee says, "In my experience I have found that whenever I humble myself, do not insist on my opinion, and ask the Lord for His mercy, I have the sense that I come into a realm of light whenever I come to the Word" (pp. 695-696).

Third, whenever we come to the Word, we need to **care for the enjoyment of Christ**. We should come to the Word with **the intention to enjoy Christ** who is the reality of the word and is the reality of the law. In Psalm 119 the psalmist makes at least thirty-seven references to the law being God's word. In verse 15 and in a number of other verses, he says that we need to muse on God's word. To muse on God's word implies to worship the Lord. It also implies to converse with yourself. Musing on God's word means to use the word to converse with yourself, just as David did in Psalm 103. In this psalm he spoke to his soul: "Bless Jehovah, O my soul; / And all that is within me, bless His holy name" (v.1). We need to look in the mirror and say, "Bless Jehovah, O my soul; / And do not forget all His benefits" (v.2). We have the living Christ in us as a wonderful "benefit package". In the next verse the psalmist says concerning God, "He pardons all your iniquities; / He heals all your diseases." To muse on the word is to speak it out loud. It was not in the psalmist's concept to do this silently.

When you spend time with the Lord alone and the environment permits it, you should **speak out loud**, even in a low voice if necessary. Speaking out loud to the Lord makes a big difference. When you do so, you will not fall asleep while you are in the word. We all need to endeavor to come to the word every morning. If we are seeking the Lord, we become one with Him by enjoying His word. When we do this, we will automatically have **a life that corresponds to the law** as God's testimony for we will be infused with the Law-giver. We will not be infused with a code of dos and don'ts; rather, we will be infused with the person who gave the law. In this way, the One who gave the law becomes our living. This is why Romans 8:4 says that the righteous requirement of the law is fulfilled in those who walk according to the spirit.

(Excerpt from *Ministry of the Word*, "Crystallization-study of Deuteronomy", vol. 24. No. 1, pp. 7-40)

Prayer Burden

1) Thank You Lord for the book of Deuteronomy. Now, **we are ready** to take possession of the good land. Deliver our hearts from the evil one. Praise You for being greater than he who is in the world. With Your resurrection power alone, **we can take the good land**.

2) Lord, renew our inner man day by day. Eliminate our **old man** through the process of transformation. Die out the old man that we can grow in the **new man**.

3) Lord **You are the unique word**, the real word in the universe. Increase our appetite for this word – that the word would be in our heart and mouth as the breath. Thank You for the processes You went through to be the life-giving Spirit today.

4) As the word, You Yourself is rehearsed in the book of Deuteronomy. **Every word is a life supply for us**. You are sustaining us to take possession of the good land. Draw us more to the word and to participate in the Spirit.

5) Lord, we cannot keep the requirements of the law. We can only **contact You** and be **infused by You**. Only You can keep the law within us. Thank You for the word that enlivens us and restores us.

6) Lord, You are the requiring One and the fulfilling One. You redeemed us so You can fulfill the requirements standing between us and God. We regard Your **monument**, the **altar** and the **offerings**.

7) Please pray for:
NORTH AMERICA

- In this time of anxiety, fear and distress, pray for all the dear saints, and especially for those in the GTCA cities: (Airdrie, AB; Guelph, ON; London, ON); that the saints will be **comforted** by the peace of God, which surpasses every man's understanding, by **casting all their anxiety on Him** through prayer and petition with thanksgiving.
- Pray to be strengthened and encouraged to continue to meet together virtually. May this situation facilitate all the members being **brought into function**.
- Pray to be supplied in continuing to shepherd the new ones and those under their care, whether virtually, by phone or in **twos and threes**.
- Sister Chui (church in Saskatoon) and her sister currently in Malaysia and is positive with COVID-19. Strengthen our sister in Your grace.
- 8) Please pray for the church in **Regina**
- Health of the saints: Brother Nathan & Sister Cassie
- May the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and may our spirit, and soul, and body be preserved complete without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Saints working in riskier jobs: Sisters Venus and Evangeline, Brother Aldo
- Campus Work: The **setting up of the club** at the University of Regina. Pray for two students remaining fruit by the end of the semester
- The **readings** of the **Life-Study** messages, & the daily personal **pursuing** of the truth

LIFE-STUDY OF REVELATION

"One Life-Study a Day Makes One Holy"

The Firstfruit (Message 46)

The firstfruit to God and to the Lamb mentioned in verse 4 are the ones of God's crop who mature the earliest. These early overcomers will be the first ripe ones in God's field. Hence, they will be reaped before the harvest as firstfruit to God and to the Lamb. **The firstfruit stand with the Lamb on Mount Zion**. The Zion mentioned in verse 1 is not the earthly one but the Zion in the heavens. Those who stand with the Lamb on Mount Zion are raptured to the heavens before Antichrist's persecution of religion. After this rapture, Antichrist will persecute people and compel them to worship him. By this fact we know that the living overcomers are raptured before the great tribulation. **In order to be a living overcomer we must be kept by the Lord's grace from every defilement and pollution and live on earth like virgins**. We all must say, "Lord Jesus, I love You. Because I love You, I will remain as a virgin for You. Lord, I don't want to be defiled or polluted by anything. Lord, I want to keep myself for You."

The Things Following the Rapture of the Firstfruit (Message 47)

The first thing to follow the rapture of the firstfruit will be the preaching of the eternal gospel. Most Christians know only the gospel of grace; they do not know that, in God's economy, an eternal gospel will be proclaimed during the great tribulation. The content of the eternal gospel is much different. In the eternal gospel there is no repentance nor faith. Rather, there is the commandment to fear God and to give Him glory and to worship Him "who has made the heaven and the earth and the sea and the springs of waters". Because of God's mercy, the preaching of the eternal gospel will follow the rapture of the firstfruit. After the firstfruit is raptured, Antichrist will persecute the God-fearing Jews and the Christ-believing Christians. Then God will send an angel to mid-heaven to preach the eternal gospel. **Although the eternal gospel will produce the citizens for the millennial kingdom, its purpose is also to reduce the suffering of God's people during the great tribulation**. God is merciful and cares for His people. How we thank Him for His mercy! (Life-Study of Revelation, chapter 47)

The Harvest and the Great Winepress (Message 48)

The reaping of the crop depends upon its ripeness. Those who ripen earlier will be the firstfruit, and the majority who ripen later will be the harvest. In Matthew 13:39 the Lord Jesus indicated that the crop will be harvested at the completion of this age. We have not yet reached the completion of the age; this age is still continuing. **At the completion of the age, the field of God will be reaped**. Before the time of this reaping, the firstfruit will be ripened and raptured. The harvest will be raptured at the sounding of the seventh trumpet, the last trumpet. The sounding of the seventh trumpet will last throughout eternity. This rapture will transpire near the beginning of this trumpet. (Life-Study of Revelation, chapter 48)

The Late Overcomers and the Seven Bowls (1)(Message 49)

The late overcomers will overcome the beast, his image, and the number of his name. Although they are slain by Antichrist, in the eyes of God they are victorious. Because they will overcome at a later time, we speak of them as the late overcomers. Verse 2 says that the late overcomers stand on the glassy sea. This firstly signifies that they have been resurrected from the dead. Secondly, it signifies that the late overcomers have been raptured to the heavens. The late overcomers will have harps of God. They will not have any earthly musical instruments. God will prepare these harps for them that they might praise Him. The late overcomers in Revelation 15 will be included among those who will live and reign with Christ a thousand years. **The late overcomers will be blessed and holy, and the second death will have no authority over them. They will be priests of God and of Christ and co-kings with Christ, reigning with Him over the nations in the coming kingdom**. (Life-Study of Revelation, chapter 49)

The Seven Bowls (2) (Message 50)

The New Jerusalem will not only be God's temple; it will also be the Holy of Holies. For eternity in the New Jerusalem, God will be in the Lamb on the throne. He will be the God on the throne in His temple, having His dominion with His full expression for eternity. Everything God is doing today is for this. This is the reason we say that we are not merely for individual salvation, but for corporate church building. Again I say that God's intention is to have this temple. **God's throne is for His temple; that is, His administration is for His expression**. Ultimately, in the New Jerusalem the river of water of life will flow from God's throne to supply the entire city. Therefore, **the New Jerusalem will be the consummation of God flowing from the throne**. (Life-Study of Revelation, chapter 50)

ANNOUNCEMENTS and SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

1. Our church pursuit on April 10, 2020 will be online at 6 PM. Zoom links to follow
2. Our small group meeting (Friday night) and prayer meeting will be through online means.
3. Refer to our website www.thechurchinregina.org for updates and zoom online links for our online meetings.