

# CHURCH IN REGINA

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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  
7:00 - 8:00 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

## HWMR—Crystallization-Study of Deuteronomy, Vol. 2 ENJOYING CHRIST WITH GOD ON THE GROUND OF ONENESS, Week 9

Scripture Reading: Deut. 12:5, 8, 11, 13-14, 17-18, 21, 26-27; Psa. 48:2, 11-12; 80:17-19

In Deuteronomy 12, [we can see the children of Israel's] experience in the wilderness was the **initial stage of worship**. Enjoying Christ with God on the ground of oneness is related to the God-ordained way or worship for the Jews, which is a type of how the New Testament believers ought to worship God today. However, **before** Moses unveiled the place of worship, which was the place of God chose to put His name and to dwell, and the altar, which was crucial to the people's worship of God, Moses charged them to **first destroy all the places and things related to the worship of idols**.

This portion [Deuteronomy 12:1-4] provides a dark background of the paganistic and godless ways of worship by the fallen peoples in Canaan. God's word to His people here was strong, distinct, and uncompromising. He used phrases such as "*completely destroy*", "*tear down*", "*crush*", "*burn*", and "*cut down*". Although God is a God of love, of compassion, and of kindness, regarding idols and other gods, which violate at least the first two of the Ten Commandments, **He was strict and absolute** in instructing His people in how to deal with them.

The good land, which the children of Israel were about to enter into, was already occupied by Canaanites, Jebusites, Hittites, Ammonites and other peoples, each having **their gods, idols, places of sacrifice, centers of worship, high places, flourishing trees, altars, pillars, and Asherahs**. The first thing that God wanted the children of Israel to do when they entered into Canaan was to completely destroy, tear down, burn, cut down, and remove all the places and things related to these gods and idols. He did not want any of these things among His people.

**This is not being narrow, exclusive or rigid; it is about who we are worshipping.** Many kings in Israel worshipped other gods. Solomon took the lead in doing this because he married hundreds of foreign wives and followed them to worship their gods. Later, Jeroboam became the king of Israel, ruling over ten tribes. With those ten tribes he not only started his own kingdom but also set up two separate centers of worship in order to prevent the ten tribes from going up to Jerusalem to worship as Jehovah had commanded in Deuteronomy 12. He did this to maintain his kingdom. He made two calves of gold and set one in Bethel and the other in Dan, saying "*It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Behold your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!*" (1 Kings 12:28). He committed the same sin as the children of Israel had at Mount Sinai.

**The matter of worshipping God is a serious matter.** We cannot worship in any way we choose. The children of Israel became accustomed to doing what was right in their own eyes. When it comes to worship, we have no such right. We have **no right to decide** where to worship, how to worship, and with what to worship. God has ordained everything related to our worship of Him. God has made His choice. There is **no room for our preference, opinion or convenience**. God has made every decision concerning worship.

It is possible for us in the Lord's recovery to degrade gradually. Those who were in Christianity may recall the rock bands, choirs, orchestras and soloists. They may think that this is merely a difference in opinion regarding practice. However, there is no room for our opinion; there is only room for God's opinion, because He is God. I am in fear and trembling that we may offend God without knowledge by our neglect or carelessness in adopting the ways of the nations.

This opening word may seem strong, but it is not spoken with a rebuking heart. There is a strong burden deep within for the next generation. Moses was very concerned for the subsequent generation of Israelites. **He cared not only for the generation that would cross over the Jordan and enter into the good land but also for their children and grandchildren...** Will the following generations make **gradual compromises**? That is how the decline of the church took place. We must be absolute for God, and we have to follow His commandments in a strict way. Then our days will be extended (Deut. 5:33). We will please Him and be preserved. May we live our whole life according to God's choice, and may this be passed on to our next generation. In this way we will enjoy His blessing. (*Excerpt from Ministry of the Word, Crystallization-study of Deuteronomy, vol. 24. No. 1, pp. 247-274*)

## Prayer Burden

1) Lord may Your will be done on earth. It is Your will that we, as Your people, would meet in the place that You chose. We **forsake our preferences** and “there we will go”.

2) Lord, we **meet only in Your name, in the spirit, and with the cross**. Remove any of our preferences and bless us with Your presence. Recover the one church in every city all around the world for Your one testimony.

3) Enlarge our spiritual capacity to **see both aspects of the church**. Our desire is to worship You in the place of Your choice. Thank You for calling us out of the world to be sanctified in You. Have mercy on us that we would remain here for all our days.

4) **Make us today's Zion in today's Jerusalem**. We answer Your call to be the overcomers. How we need Your mercy and grace to carry out the building work. Today, we choose to be vitalized and to make great resolutions in heart.

5) Cause us to see the two aspects of the enjoyment of Christ. **Bring us to enjoy You both in the common way and the special way**. Save us from being indolent. May we rise up and labour on our rich Christ for our own needs and for others' supply.

6) Lord, we exalt You alone. Expose any remaining high places, idols, and names in us that need to be destroyed. In God's chosen place, there is only the church with Christ. **Keep us enjoying You in this unique place** in our daily living.

## EUROPE AND AROUND THE GLOBE

- Lord, protect all Your interests on earth, including the churches and the saints. We pray that the speaking of the ministry will continue in the **seven feasts** and in all the **conferences**. May all the saints continue to meet and minister Christ to build up the Body. Open the hearts of men to receive the gospel of the kingdom.
- Virtual European YP Conference, Summer starting May 16 2020. May the Lord preserve the young people.

## ISRAEL

- Praise You, Lord for Your work in producing some **Arabic hymns**. May the recordings lead many more to You; pray for the raising up and perfecting of more Arabic translators in the coming days.

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

- Lord, purify us so that we can live according to the principle of life, realizing that everything in the Christian life depends on **Your speaking**. We pray for the **strengthening** of the Lord's Table Meeting in the three homes.
- Lord, we give **sister Estela** to you. We pray for her full recovery and no permanent disability. Grant her Your all-sufficiency and remove all anxieties from her and her children. Lord, heal her body, saturate her soul and strengthen her spirit.
- Lord, continually protect the saints working in **essential services**: Sis Venus, Marilyn & Evangeline, Bros Joseph, Aldo
- Lord, enrich us through the **readings of the Life-Study messages** and the **daily personal pursuing of the truth**. May each endeavor to labor on Your word and redeem the time to turn this age.

## LIFE-STUDY OF LUKE

*“One Life-Study a Day Makes One Holy”*

### The Ministry of the Man-Savior in His Human Virtues with His Divine Attributes in Galilee (1) (Message 11)

The third section of the Gospel of Luke covers the ministry of the Man-Savior in Galilee. **The ministry of the Man-Savior was in His human virtues with His divine attributes**. Like His preparation, His ministry was in His humanity with His divinity. In the situation of the the sinful woman in Luke 7:36-50 the Man-Savior was very kind and patient. He was also merciful, which is more tender than love. In addition, the Lord Jesus also exercised His understanding, wise and loving. In the case of the sinful woman, the divine attributes of forgiveness and giving peace was shown. The third section of this Gospel also shows us that the Man-Savior's ministry began with His **proclaiming the jubilee of grace** indicating a **change in dispensation from law to grace**. (Life-Study of Luke, chapter 11)

### The Ministry of the Man-Savior in His Human Virtues with His Divine Attributes in Galilee (2) (Message 12)

The New Testament age is typified by the year of jubilee. The year of jubilee was the fiftieth year, which is the acceptable year, signifying the year for the Lord to accept people. **As the fiftieth year, the year of jubilee is the conclusion of our entire fallen life**. All fallen people have lost their right to enjoy Christ and have sold themselves to negative things. But the year of jubilee indicates that we can be released from the bondage and recover the right to enjoy Christ as our portion. **The proclamation of the jubilee is the real gospel**. We have been recovered to the enjoyment of the Triune God as the tree of life and of Christ as our land, our portion. Praise the Lord that we have an allotment of such blessings! (Life-Study of Luke, chapter 12)

### The Ministry of the Man-Savior in His Human Virtues with His Divine Attributes in Galilee (3) (Message 13)

Luke 5:1 - 6:11 shows us a record of five cases which portray a single person, fallen human being. A **fallen person is occupied**, he is a **leper**, he is a **paralytic**, he is **despised**, and he is **under bondage**. According to the record in this portion of the Gospel of Luke, **such a person is attracted from his occupation by the Lord Jesus**, and he is **cleansed** from his leprosy, **healed** of his paralysis, **uplifted** from his despised condition, and **freed** from hunger and bondage. This is a picture of what has happened to us. We all can testify that we were such persons. We have been attracted away from our occupations and we have been cleansed, healed, uplifted, satisfied, and freed. **This is the Man-Savior's ministry in His human virtues with His divine attributes**. This matter is an underlying principle followed by Luke in writing this Gospel. (Life-Study of Luke, chapter 13)

### The Ministry of the Man-Savior in His Human Virtues with His Divine Attributes in Galilee (4) (Message 14)

In Luke 6:12-49, we see the Lord's appointing of twelve apostles and His teaching His disciples the highest morality. Luke 6:12 shows us that the Lord Jesus did not appoint the twelve by himself. In this matter He acted as a man who was one with God. When the Lord Jesus was baptized, He put Himself aside indicating that in His ministry **He would not do anything by Himself, but would do everything by God and with God**. In 6:20-23 there are four characteristics of blessed people. The first characteristic is being **poor**. If we would be a blessed people, we need to be poor. Mainly we need to be poor in spiritual things, in heavenly things. If we are poor in this way and humble, immediately the kingdom of God becomes our blessing. The second characteristic is to **hunger now**. The Lord says that those who hunger now will be satisfied with the spiritual riches of Christ. Third, is to be those **weeping now**, and fourth is **being hated**. (Life-Study of Luke, chapter 14)

### The Ministry of the Man-Savior in His Human Virtues with His Divine Attributes in Galilee (5) (Message 15)

The Lord's teaching in 6:17-49 gives us a clear view of the highest standard of morality. The teachings of Confucius do not present such a standard of morality. **The topmost teaching on morality is that of the Man-Savior**. He Himself as the God-man lived a life that is the highest standard of morality. His live, work, and saving power are all in the highest standard of morality. The Lord conveyed His saving grace in His human virtues with His divine attributes. **In order to practice these principles, we need the divine life**. The Man-Savior has the kind of life described in chapter six of the Gospel of Luke. Through His resurrection, He has become the life-giving Spirit, and now **He lives in us**. How can we have the highest standard of morality? **We can have it by the divine life and through the divine word**. Hallelujah! (Life-Study of Luke, chapter 15)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS and SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

1. European Young People's Conference (EYPC); (May 16, June 20, July 31-Aug 3, Aug 29)
2. Victoria Day conference, May 17 (10:30 AM), May 18 (3PM and 5:30 PM)
3. 2020 Memorial Day conference, May 22-25, 2020. The Lord's Table Meeting will be in the afternoon at 2 PM.