

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—The WILL OF GOD

DOING THE WILL OF GOD IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD FOR THE CHURCH AS THE ISRAEL OF GOD, Week 6

Scripture Reading: 1 John 2:17; Matt 7:21; 1 Pet. 1:17; 2:24; 5:6-7, 10; Gal. 6:10, 15-16

We need to see the intrinsic, inseparable connection between **the will of God** and **the kingdom of God**; these two are inseparable...We do the will of God **in** the kingdom of God, and the kingdom of God has **a central government**. When we do the will of God in the kingdom of God under the government of God, we can see that **the goal is** a particular aspect of the church – **the church as the Israel of God**. The church as the Israel of God fulfills the second commission in Gen. 1:26-28, that is, to subdue the earth and **exercise dominion on earth** to represent God with His authority. The church has many aspects, and the church is an organism, the very Body of Christ; **but** the church **as the Israel of God** is the means **by which God carries out His government**, He accomplishes His will, He deals with His enemy, and He fulfills His purpose. **All these are about to take place when we do the will of God in the kingdom of God.**

"And the world is passing away, and its lust, but he who does the will of God abides forever." (1 John 2:17). If we love the world, **we cannot** love the Father, and if we are in the lust of the world, **we cannot** do the will of God. So the apostle John encourages us to do the will of God, which is to **practice God's will**, do the will of God **habitually** and **continually**. The Greek verb for "does" in 1 John 2:17 denotes doing (things) **habitually** and **continually** by abiding (in the things). For us to escape the anti-God world system of Satan we need to run to the Triune God and His word, abide **habitually** and **continually** in the Lord and in His word, and do the will of God habitually. This may mean that, even though we may buy a car, our lust is not aroused and we do not have the vain glory of life in driving, using, and taking care of our car.

Rather, we love the Father and do the will of God, and in our intimate fellowship with the Father we open to Him concerning any lust or vainglory, He deals with these, and we love Him more instead of being usurped by these things. May we be those who **practice the will of God by doing the will of God habitually and continually**, and may we run to the Triune God to enjoy Him and do His will instead of allowing the things of the world with their lust to have a hold on us!

He does this so that we may be qualified to **partake of His holiness**, for without holiness no one can see the Lord. So He disciplines us in His righteousness. While God is dealing with us, His people, and while He is judging us, His heart is full of feeling, tender love; He is even weeping, like a human father who needs to properly discipline his son – and this makes his son ache, but it is for the benefit of his son!

Our Father loves us beyond description; He wants us to grow into mature sons to express Him **in glory**, even to **become** the Israel of God to represent Him; so He has to judge us and discipline us. God judges everything that doesn't match His government; therefore, in this age we as children of God are under the daily government of God.

He does this so that we may be qualified to partake of His holiness, for without holiness no one can see the Lord. So He disciplines us in His righteousness. Our Father loves us beyond description; He wants us to grow into mature sons to express Him in glory, even to become the Israel of God to represent Him; so He has to **judge** us and discipline us. In Matt. 7:13-14 **we are told that, for us to do the will of the Father**, we need to enter in through the narrow gate and walk on the constricted way.

For us to enter the narrow gates, we must be poor in spirit, mourning over the evil situation, meek, hungry and thirsty for righteousness, merciful, pure in heart, making peace with all men, willing to be persecuted for the sake of righteousness, and willing to be reproached for Christ. If we have such a nature, **we will enter through the Narrow gate**. And our way is constricted, limited, on every side; the gate is narrow and the way is constricted because the law of the kingdom of the heavens is stricter and the demand of the kingdom is higher than that of the old covenant.

The question is, Since we are in the church life in the Lord's recovery, do we walk on the constricted way or do we take the broad way? Are we free and with no restriction and constriction in what we do and what we say? *Excerpt Ministry of the Word, The Will of God, spoken message, Message six)*

Prayer Burden

1) Lord, even though **we are in the world, we are not of the world**. We are here to do Your will habitually and continually. Cause us to flee to You and to Your word for our refuge and protection.

2) Thank You Lord for **the constricted way** that leads to life. We are here not merely to deal with negative matters regarding ourselves but to do the will of the Father and to build up the church.

3) Lord, make us willing to be limited, restricted and constricted. Even though we are free, **we are still within the limits of our spirit**. Continue to **govern our inward motive and our outward conduct**.

4) Cause us to live the Christian life **under Your government**. Begin Your cleansing, purifying work in us. How sweet it is to be under Your judgment, and Your grace.

5) Lord, we want to be humbled by You. Make us willing to experience sufferings while being under Your loving care. We cast all anxieties on You because we know that **it matters to You concerning us**.

6) Lord, **recover the real Israel of God**. Open our eyes to see our statuses as sons of God and kings in the coming kingdom. Cause us to live and walk in a kingly way so that we may be qualified to be part of today's Israel of God.

EUROPE AND AROUND THE GLOBE

- On-going **Virtual European YP Conference**, July 31—August 3, 2020.

ISRAEL

- Thank You Lord that there have been **several salvations** throughout the country over the past few weeks. Please pray for the **going on of these new ones** and for their rich entrance into the church life.

- We stand with the saints in all the **video trainings** in Israel to continue faithfully with the word received. May the church life in Israel be further enriched from the **crystals in Jeremiah's writings**

NORTH AMERICA

- Pray that the Lord would raise up many who would **answer His demands** and care for Him and His needs so that He may have a way to come in and turn this age of procedures into the age of His heart's desire. Gain a proper **response to His Word**, and that His speaking to each college student trainee would continue to operate effectually in their lives in the days, months, and years after this college training.

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

- We pray for the **strengthening of the Lord's Table Meeting**: the homes and virtual monthly combined LTM.

- We pray that the **college students** would see the rest of the year to be equipped with the truth for the gospel in the University of Regina

The Man-Savior's Incarnation Fulfilling the Purpose of God's Creation of Man (1) (Message 56)

If we have an all-inclusive view of the entire revelation in the Scriptures, both of the Old Testament and of the New Testament, we shall see that **God designed man to be one with Him**. Based upon His design, God created man in His image and after His likeness. This means that man was created in such a way that he could become God's duplication, His copy. God created man in His own image with the intention that man would become His duplication. Since God created man for the purpose of man's becoming His duplication, and since this purpose is indicated by the use of the word image, we may go on to say that the word image implies the capacity to contain God. God's intention was that the man created by Him would take of the tree of life and live. By reading the entire Bible we see that the tree of life is a symbol of God as life. God created man in His own image in such a way that man has the capacity to contain God's love, light, righteousness, and holiness. The human virtues were created by God to contain His attributes. Human love, light, righteousness, and holiness are created capacities to contain the divine love, light, righteousness, and holiness. **If Adam had eaten of the tree of life and thereby had taken God into him as life, he would have been filled with God, and his human virtues would have been filled with God's attributes**. Then man's virtues would have expressed God's attributes. If Adam had done this, he certainly would have become a God-man. There would not have been the need to wait thousands of years for a God-man to be born in Bethlehem. (Life-Study of Luke, chapter 56)

The Man-Savior's Incarnation Fulfilling the Purpose of God's Creation of Man (2) (Message 57)

Through the incarnation of Christ God in the Son became a man. What a great matter this is! God had created man with a purpose according to His design, but man failed Him in His purpose and destroyed His design. Instead of creating another man, God Himself came to be the second Man. **God came to be the second Man not in the Father nor in the Spirit but in the Son**. Because the Man-Savior's divine nature with the divine attributes was expressed in His human nature with the human virtues, it is difficult to say when He was living on earth whether it was God loving others or a man loving. **In the life of the Man-Savior we see a love that is the love of a God-man, the love of the One who lived a human life filled with the divine life**. Because the Lord lived in this way, His love was the human virtue of love filled with the divine attribute of love. It was this kind of living that qualified the Lord Jesus to be our Man-Savior. He saved sinners by such a human-divine living, by a living that was humanly divine and divinely human. The living of the Lord Jesus was not merely human nor merely divine; it was humanly divine and divinely human. **We should not think that the Lord Jesus came down from His glory merely to save us and bring us to heaven**. If this is His intention, then heaven will eventually be filled with people with a deformed humanity. This, however, is not the Lord's intention. Every person brought to heaven will be a restored human being. The restoration of our humanity was made possible by God's incarnation to be our Man-Savior. The Man-Savior's incarnation was for the fulfillment of God's purpose in the creation of man. (Life-Study of Luke, chapter 57)

The Man-Savior's Highest Standard of Morality Constituting His Qualification and the Basic Factor for His Dynamic salvation (1) (Message 58)

The Man-Savior was conceived of the divine essence, which actually is God Himself with the divine attributes. In other words, the divine essence is God with all that He is. **According to the Bible, what God is is revealed mainly in four aspects: love, light, righteousness, and holiness**. The divine attributes are for the human virtues. The Man-Savior was conceived of God with the divine attributes for the content and reality of His human virtues. As the One who was conceived of the divine essence with the divine attributes to be the content and reality of His human virtues, Christ fills the empty human virtues. With Him the human virtues are not empty. However, with us the human virtues are empty. The divine attributes are for the strengthening, enriching, and sanctifying of the human virtues for the purpose of expressing God in the human virtues. **We may not have the concept that Christ's incarnation was to fill, strengthen, and enrich the human virtues**. The divine attributes fill, strengthen, enrich, and sanctify the human virtues for the purpose of expressing God in the human virtues. (Life-Study of Luke, chapter 58)

The Man-Savior's Highest Standard of Morality Constituting His Qualification and the Basic Factor for His Dynamic salvation (2) (Message 59)

The Man-Savior was born of the human essence with the human virtues in order to rescue these virtues from man's fall. The Man-Savior was born of the human essence with the human virtues also to restore and recover man's virtues from the damage of man's fall. Because of the fall, our human virtues have been damaged. Even the human virtues of righteousness and holiness have also been damaged by the fall. The Man-Savior's incarnation was not only to rescue our virtues from the fall; His incarnation was also to restore and recover our virtues from the damage of the fall. Something may be rescued without being restored, or may be restored without being recovered. **Our human virtues need to be rescued, restored, and recovered**. Furthermore, the Man-Savior was incarnated in order to uplift the human virtues to the highest standard, to the standard that matches God's attributes for the expression of God. The Man-Savior was born of the human essence with the human virtues in order to uplift these virtues **to such a standard that they can match God's attributes for His expression**. We need to see that the Man-Savior's way of saving us is not superficial. In order to save us, He, the very God, came into man, bringing God's attributes into man's virtues. While He was on earth, He lived the life of a God-man, with the divine attributes filling His human virtues. Now as the life-giving Spirit He enters into us to bring God into our being and to fill our virtues with God's attributes. In this way we are being saved day by day. We are being saved in the way of the Lord's restoring, His transforming. (Life-Study of Luke, chapter 59)

The Man-Savior's God-man Living (1) (Message 60)

In order to save us, God had to live in a man for thirty-three and a half years. The Lord's human living was genuine. Genuine human living is found not with the upper class but with the middle and lower classes. The Lord Jesus did not live His human life as part of the upper class of society. Instead, He was a member of a poor family and worked as a carpenter, living in the lower class of society. Even though He was a royal descendant of the family of David, He was born into a poor family and lived among the lower class for thirty years. Through His incarnation God brought the divine attributes into the human virtues, filling, restoring, recovering, sanctifying, and transforming them. Consider how much time it required for man's virtues to be uplifted and transformed in this way. In His salvation, God does not simply snatch people out of hell and bring them into heaven. Rather, **for our salvation the saving God became a man and lived the kind of life on earth that qualified Him to save us**. This life also became the basic factor of the Man-Savior's dynamic salvation. The procedure that qualified the Man-Savior required a long period of time. The **first step** of God's salvation was to **become a man, live on earth, die on the cross, and be resurrected**. In the **second step**, the Man-Savior **comes into the saved ones, lives in us, and grows in us, repeating His life in us**. How shall we speak of the Lord's saving us by coming into us and living in us? We may say that this is salvation in life. According to the Bible, life is God Himself coming into us to live in us. It takes time for us to be saved in this way. (Life-Study of Luke, chapter 60)

ANNOUNCEMENTS and SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

1. European Young People's conference (EYPC); (July 31—August 3, Aug 29)
2. Combined Lord's Table Meeting on July 26, 2020.
3. The Brothers Meeting on Jul 26, 2020 at 6:00 PM through Zoom