

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."

HWMR Week 5 Answering God's Call to Be His Dispensational Instrument, His Overcomers, to Turn the Age

The Numbering of Spiritual Days

Please remember the parable of the Lord concerning laboring in the vineyard. The Lord went out several times to hire laborers. What did He say? "He went out...and saw others **standing idle** in the market place, and to those he said, You also go into the vineyard" (Matt. 20:3-4). **To be idle means to stand inactive, not doing anything. The Lord wants you to work!** Even when He went out at the eleventh hour, which is four or five in the afternoon, He still saw people standing there. The Lord said to them, "Why have you been standing here all the day idle?...You also go into the vineyard" (vv. 6-7). What is the meaning of these words? This is a parable. It says that for **His work, God has set a boundary which is the vineyard. Outside of this boundary is idleness.** It does not matter what you are doing outside. As long as you are outside, you are idle. You may...[be] a good father for many years, or a good mother for many years... You may have spent your whole lifetime for the church and for spreading the gospel and heavenly kingdom. You may have even contributed greatly to the works of society; yet God says that you are idle. No matter how busy you are, **if you are not living in the will of God, you are idle in the eyes of the Lord.** It does not matter how much you have sweated. You may even claim that you have been busy working at home and do not have even one moment of free time, yet God says that you are an idle person.

Are men really idle, having nothing to do? No. There is not a person in this world who is not working. **Everyone is extremely busy.** Some are busy with their daily necessities. Some who are rich and have abundance are busy with earthly pleasures. Some are busy making their living, and others are busy with pleasures. **There is no one who is not busy.** Even many Christians are working zealously for the Lord. **What then does God mean by being idle? It means to be outside the vineyard; anyone who is outside the vineyard is idle. Any works, activities, or labors that are outside of God's will are vanities.** You may be working very busily in spiritual matters, but God will speak to you quietly, "Why are you idle? Any work outside of the vineyard is not mine." Therefore, in God's eyes you are extremely idle. Only those who are inside the vineyard belong to God. The whole question rests on whether or not a work is from God and whether or not it is for God. **The days spent outside the will of God are not counted.** As the Lord said to those people who came at five o'clock in the afternoon, "Why have you been standing here all the day idle?" (Matt. 20:6). For some, their entire life and all their years have gone by, and nothing is counted. "All the day" here means an entire life. Brothers and sisters, how about us? It does not mean that we should all give up our jobs to preach the gospel. This is not God's word. **The most important thing is that every one of us, in whatever we do, should be fully clear that we are standing according to God's will.** Let us do everything according to God's will and let the vineyard be our center. There are different types of work in the vineyard; they are not all the same. Some work involves digging the ground, other work involves sowing seeds, and other work involves repairing. Whatever work you are doing, it is all right as long as you are working for His vineyard.

You may have been saved for sixty years, fifty years, or for just three years or five years. How much time, energy, and money have you spent for the Lord? Undoubtedly, you have to work. But for whom are you working? It is all right for you to be involved in earthly matters as long as you are sure that you are in the will of God. God does consider those who do not have a job and just engage themselves in gospel preaching as the workers of the vineyard. Some may be doing "God's work," and yet it is not God's will. On the contrary, God has to call them to work. **It is all a question of your heart and the will of God.** Therefore, **consecration is absolutely necessary.** If you are saved but have not consecrated yourself, the life you live is considered idle. If you say that you have done nothing in saving souls, nor anything else for God since you were saved, your life must have been idle. This is the true accounting. **The days that are lived for the self, that are lived in captivity or in sin, are not counted by God.** How many years can you live on this earth? Seventy years? Eighty years? Not too many can live that long. Have you ever seen a Christian who is one hundred years old? Perhaps you have not. If you subtract the days before you were saved from your short life span, how many more days are left? Brothers, how many more years will you live? There may be sixty more years until that day. The Lord may say, "The days you have lived before me are less than ten years." Perhaps fifty years from now the Lord will say, "You have lived only a few days before me. The rest of the days have all been forgotten." Oh, may we number our days and use the rest of our days wisely! (CWWN, vol. 19, page 469-472).

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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's Meeting

Fridays
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Small Group Meetings

Fridays & Saturdays
7:00 - 8:30 PM

EVENTS, CONFERENCES & TRAININGS:

2020 ITERO (Fall)

Online
Oct. 2 - 4, 2020

Thanksgiving Conference

Boston, MA
Nov. 26 - 29, 2020

Winter Semiannual Training

Anaheim, CA
December 21-26, 2020

PRAYER BURDENS:

- 1) Lord, we know Your desire to end this age and to bring in the kingdom age. Unveil us more and more to see that it is a special time. We respond to Your call to be Your dispensational instrument that do a special work.
- 2) Make us Your today's Samuel and Daniel – the ones who voluntarily consecrate ourselves to turn the age. May our consecration be absolute. Separate us from anything common to fight for Your testimony.
- 3) Lord, we want to be joined to Your word. Match our living to the words that we read. Even change our prayers to be single and pure for Your sake. Cause us to pray prayers that turn the age and reach the highest peak.
- 4) Have mercy on us. We do not want to miss any opportunity that You arranged for us. May we all rise up to redeem the time and redeem every opportunity. Give us spiritual training and spiritual sensitivity to sense Your leading in us.
- 5) Lord, teach us to identify every opportunity so we can know Your will. Save us from living in a habitual way. Help us to number our days. Restore to us what the locust has eaten.
- 6) Give us a real burden and vitalize us today. Make us desperate to conquer the deadness of Sardis, the lukewarmness of Laodicea, and our barrenness. We choose to be vitalized and be Your overcomers that pray the age-turning prayers.

EUROPE:

- 1) The raising up of the Lord's testimony in major cities in Europe, including
 - > Lisbon, Portugal;
 - > Vienna, Austria;
 - > Thessaloniki, Greece;
 - > Belgrade, Serbia;
 - > Geneva and Zurich, Switzerland;
 - > Sevilla and Palma de Mallorca, Spain;
 - > Amsterdam and Rotterdam, the Netherlands;
 - > Tirana, Albania;
 - > Gdansk, Poland;
 - > Malta (Southern European island);
 - > Belfast, Northern Ireland.
- 2) Printing and distribution of Bibles for Europe.

NORTH AMERICA:

- 1) 2020-2021 GTCA (Gospelize, Truthize, Churchize America)
 - Key cities:
 - A) Cincinnati, OH F) Columbia, SC
 - B) Lexington, KY G) Memphis, TN
 - C) Minneapolis, MN H) Orlando, FL
 - D) St. Louis, MO I) Pittsburgh, PA
 - E) Charlotte, NC F) Richmond, VA

CHURCH IN REGINA:

- 1) Practice of the God-ordained way and increase of meeting ones to 50 by end of the year.
- 2) Shepherding of the new ones.
- 2) Purchase of meeting hall lot and building.

MESSAGE 3 & 4 - God's Restoration and Further Creation

Genesis 1:2b-2:25 is a portion of the divine Word showing us God's restoration of the damaged universe plus His further creation. In these verses we should remember the **three comings** and **three separations**. The **Spirit came**, the **Word of God came**, and the **light came**. As a result of this, there were three separations: **light was separated from darkness; the waters above were separated from the waters below; and the dry land was separated from the death waters**. By these three separations, the dry land emerged out of the waters of death on the third day, the day of resurrection. The Lord Jesus is the dry land Who came out of the death water. He was resurrected that He might regenerate us (LS of Genesis, ch 3).

MESSAGE 5 - The Fourth-Day Lights (A Parenthesis)

The **sun** indicates **Christ** and also the **saints** who will shine as the sun in the kingdom. Today Christ is the sun; tomorrow the overcoming saints also will be the sun. The **moon** is the **church**. We need the moon to reflect the sunlight; we need the church to reflect the light of Christ. Without the church it is hard for us to see the light of Christ. The shining of the moon in the nighttime is simply a reflection of sunlight. For the growth of life we all need the moonlight, which is a principal part of the fourth-day lights. **The more church life we have, the more Christ we gain, the more light we receive, and the more growth in life we experience**. The **stars** are **Christ and the saints**. Christ Himself is a star. All the overcoming saints are also stars.

These fourth-day lights rule for discernment. We all need this discernment for the growth in life. They are also signs for movement. They are for seasons for growing. Without a time for growing, you could never have a feast. If we don't have the church, we lack the element of the feast. They are for days for new beginnings daily. They are also for years for greater beginnings (LS of Genesis, ch 5).

MESSAGE 6 & 7 - God's Restoration and Further Creation

After God created all the foregoing items of life, **God still needed to create man as the highest created life to express Himself in His image and after His likeness**. To accomplish this work, there is the need of the Triune God, the Father, the Son, and the Spirit to work on man. The main **purpose of God's restoration and further creation was to have man, a corporate man, to express God**. We are here to express Him and we are going to meet Him, to be one with Him. We all must grow until we reach the higher plane of life, that is the plane of the cattle, the lion, and the eagle. We must go on until we reach the maturity of life signified by the human life. Only this life can express God. Only this life can have dominion for God. This is our goal. We must grow and grow and grow from the plant life to the animal life and from the animal life to the human life. (LS of Genesis, ch 6)

The purpose of God's restoration and further creation was twofold: **to have a corporate man to express God and to have a corporate man to exercise His dominion**. God's intention in giving man dominion is to deal with His enemy, to recover the earth, and to bring in God's authority. However, this has not yet been accomplished. God's purpose is fulfilled by the second man. Today, the church is the great part of the second man. **The church's responsibility and duty is positively to express God and negatively to subdue God's enemy**. This is our duty. We must bear this responsibility. (LS of Genesis, ch 7)

ANNOUNCEMENTS and SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

1. October 2020 ITERO will be carried out by webcast. Registration deadline is today, September 13, 2020.

2. 2020 Western Canada College Conference, September 18-19, 2020 via Zoom. Registration deadline is September 16, 2020. This conference is open to college students, college age, high school seniors (Grade 12), college graduates who have graduated within the last 3 years, and serving ones. The topic will be Metaphors for the Christian Life.