

# 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'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

## HWMR Week 1 Jeremiah, the Tenderhearted Prophet of the Tenderhearted God

### Tears

Tears are the common portion of men on earth. For this reason, our Lord also shed tears. Though the Bible records His joy, it never records His laughter. On the contrary, it records His tears. In Hebrews 5:7 we see that the Lord's tears are plural. This shows us that He often shed tears. Isaiah 53 also says that He was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.

**Tears are very precious because only tears can wash man's eyes and make them clean.** There is so much dust, dirt, and filth on this earth. These things are ready at any moment to invade your eyes. Fortunately, there are always tears to wash your eyes and give you clear eyesight. If the eyes did not have tears, I am afraid that no one could see anything through his eyes.

Tears have a cleansing function, not only in the physical realm, but also in the spiritual realm. A few more tears allow a person to see a little more clearly. **Without tears our spiritual eyes will lose their function.** Once Mr. Panton spoke to a young couple, "Although you are so good, you lack one thing. If you could do this thing, you would be perfect. You should pray for the Lord's soon return." That evening the husband told his wife, "This time we must listen to the word of this old gentleman. Tonight we must pray for this matter thoroughly." The husband prayed faithfully and hoped that his wife would pray after him. But she would not because she confidently said within herself, "I have a wonderful family. Our marriage relationship is harmonious and happy. Our living is quite pleasant, and our house is quite comfortable. Everything is wonderful. Why should I ask the Lord to come back soon? Let us not be in a rush." This continued for seven months until suddenly her husband died. Later on when she saw Mr. Panton, she held his hand and told him tearfully, "After seven months, I have been asking the Lord to come back soon every day." Tears had washed her eyes so that she was able to see clearly...

Many times **tears bring men closer to God.** If a person has only passed through smooth and peaceful pathways and has never suffered the deprivation of wind, sleet, frost, and blizzard, he can never advance to become a deeper person. If he is willing to be a Christian only in peaceful times and unwilling to be one in days of tears, he is merely a mediocre person with little experience. Today many people will not believe because they have never suffered pain. Yes, if someone in the world fills his days with laughter, eating, and drinking, he can do just fine if no extraordinary events occur. However, anyone who cannot shed tears will not be able to see the light. No wonder they are still in their stupor, drunken with the worldly wine, and have not yet received salvation. Christians have also hardened their hearts and are unwilling to wipe their eyes with tears. No wonder they are so dull in spiritual matters...

In this world **a tearful face is better than a smiling face.** It is fortunate that a few tears are shed to wash this adulterous and sinful world! If there were no tears, I am afraid that the world would be even more evil. It is fortunate that in this blind and crooked generation there are a few streams of warm tears; they tell us that men still have some feelings. If there were no such tears, I fear that the world would become like a deep pit; its darkness would be worse than hell. Today on this earth there are still many beautiful flowers. If there were no tears to cultivate them, they would all have withered. If it were not for the tears that maintain relationships between parents, husbands and wives, brothers, relatives, and friends, the world would immediately resemble the situation in the great tribulation. We know that Antichrist is coming. Fortunately, there are tears to hold him back. Otherwise, the pain would be even more severe, and sin would be even more rampant. Therefore, **tears are the real meaning of human life.** They show that a person still bears his human nature and still has the sense of sin. **Wherever sin is, tears must also be present.** Heart-breaking experiences, sorrowful events, and recollections of the past can all cause us to shed tears. The reason many people cannot shed tears is that they have forgotten their past history, they have left paradise and do not know where they are today. The same applies to man's experience of **God's redemption**; without the shedding of tears, man cannot return to the beginning. Anyone who has forgotten what he has passed through cannot shed tears. The shedding of tears is an indication that a person feels pain concerning his past (CWWN, Volume 19: Notes on Scriptural Messages(3)).

**PRAYER BURDENS:**

1) Thank You Lord for opening the book of Jeremiah. Open our eyes to see the battle raging on today. Amidst the opposition, condemnation and rejection, equip us with Your word and make us into a fortified city, fighting for Your interest on earth.

2) Lord, in these days of desolation, save us from thinking that we serve You with a pure heart. Instead, make us Your weeping anti-testimony against false peace. Give us a heart that weeps for the condition of Your people.

3) Lord, give us a heart like Yours – tenderhearted and compassionate yet righteous. Grant us a stronger spiritual emotion to reflect Your heart regarding our condition.

4) Lord, we want to serve You with tears, not by the soul but by our spirit as our person. Make our work complete by having a weeping spirit.

5) Create in us an intimate and proper concern towards all the saints. Like Paul, may everything we do in the church life issue with much feelings. Show us the importance of our tears towards Your work.

6) Lord we thank You and we praise You. We set our hearts in the highways to Zion. May our journey in the valley of Beca produce more experiences of the Spirit. Turn our tears to springs of water that eventually becomes the early rain—the Spirit as the real blessing to us.

**ISRAEL:**

1) Conference in Galilee and other Arabic-speaking saints—attendance, removing of the veils, and infusion of life

2) Ethiopian community in Israel—that the Ethiopian Jews will be recovered through the gospel tracts distribution

3) Production of Arabic hymns in a studio—that it would come together in spirit by the Lord as the Source

**NORTH AMERICA:**

1) October 2020 ITERO on October 2-4. Pray for all the brothers attending. May the Lord use this training to release His up-to-date speaking and heart's desire.

**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

3) Purchase of meeting hall lot and building

**MESSAGE 13 & 14 - The Two Trees**

God created man with freedom of choice. God did not place man in front of Him exclusively, thus compelling man to choose Him. He placed man before two trees, confronting him with a choice. The **tree of life** is a symbol of God as the **source of life**. Its **content** is life, its **nature** is life, and its **result** is also life. **The principle of the tree of life is dependence**. We all must be dependent on life, dependent on the Lord.

The **tree of knowledge** signifies everything apart from God directly, and Satan indirectly. Its contents are everything apart from God. Its nature and result is **death**. **The principle of the tree of knowledge is independence**. Being independent will cause our death. Hence, there are two lines in the Bible, the line of life and the line of death. **We must take the line of life that we may have life**. To do this, we must be dependent on God for everything. In such a way, everything will be life (LS of Genesis Msg 13 & 14).

**MESSAGE 15 - The Line of Life Throughout the Scriptures**

The record of the two trees in Genesis 2, the tree of life and the tree of knowledge, is not merely ancient history, for these two trees are still with us today. If we read the Bible carefully we will discover that throughout the Bible we have two lines—the line of the tree of life and the line of the tree of knowledge. We need to be very clear about these two lines. Apparently the **tree of life** has been closed to man; actually through the promised redemption it **has been available** throughout the ages **for God's people to touch, enjoy, and experience**. What should we do today? We should not do anything. We should **simply stay on the line of the tree of life, enjoying God as our life and as our life supply** (LS of Genesis, Msg 15).

**MESSAGE 16 - The Line of Knowledge Throughout the Scriptures**

In every book of the Bible we can see the **knowledge** that **troubles, damages, kills, and destroys**. There are many cases where people lived, worked, moved, and acted by knowledge, not by life. Do not think that because we are disciples of the Lord we have a guarantee that we are on the line of life. The disciples who were with the Lord still held the traditional knowledge of religion when they saw a man blind from birth. Yes and no belong to the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, but **God is the tree of life** (LS of Genesis Msg 16).

**MESSAGE 17 - To Work God into Man as Life**

Man typifies God as the real, universal husband who is seeking a wife for Himself. Before God had secured the proper man, He was alone. It was not good for God to be alone. Although God is absolutely and eternally perfect, He is not complete. Only those who are regenerated of Christ and who live by Christ as the church can match Christ and complement Him. To produce such a complement, God became a man, passed through death that He may be wrought into man that man may be the same as He is in life and nature. He then released His divine life, through His resurrection that He may take the church as His complement (LS of Genesis Msg 17).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS and SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:**

1. Fall 2020 YP Conference - We are joining the Southern California YP Conference via Zoom. The schedule of meetings will be given to the young people closer to the dates.

Grades 7 to 9 - Oct. 9 to 11, 2020 (Registration deadline: Sept. 27, 2020)

Grades 10 to 12 - Oct. 23 to 25, 2020 (Registration deadline: Oct. 11, 2020)

2. ITERO Oct. 2–4. Please refer to the schedule of meetings sent by email to the brothers are registered.

3. Update on Vancouver Meeting Hall Project

## PRACTICAL FELLOWSHIP CONCERNING THE LORD'S TABLE MEETING

- I. Our eating, drinking, and enjoying the Lord at His supper are our declaration and testimony.
  - A. Our declaration is that we are joined to the Lord and mingled with Him, just as the bread becomes mingled with us after being received into our body.
  - B. Our testimony is that we live by eating, drinking and enjoying the Lord, taking Him as our life every day.
  - C. The significance of eating the bread and drinking the cup is actually the significance of the Christian life; the Christian life is a life of daily eating, drinking, and enjoying the Lord.
  
- II. We need to prepare ourselves for the Lord's table meeting.
  - A. We should maintain a holy diet by eating Jesus daily as the bread of life (John 6:35, 57) to be renewed day by day (morning by morning) by being nourished with the fresh supply of the resurrection life (2 Cor. 4:16)—pray-reading the Word and reading the ministry that opens up the Word.
  - B. We should drink the cup of blessing, the cup of salvation, continually throughout the day (1 Cor. 10:16; Psa. 116:12-14, 17)—calling on the name of the Lord (conversing with the Lord, thanking the Lord, and praising the Lord).
  - C. We should enjoy the continuous and constant cleansing of the Lord's blood throughout the day (1 John 1:7, 9)—confessing our sins.
  - D. We should prepare our being for the Lord's table meeting on the Lord's day:
    1. By beginning the day in the evening before the Lord's day morning—Gen. 1:5b; cf. Lev. 23:32.
    2. By exercising ourselves to be in spirit on the Lord's day—Rev. 1:10; Acts 20:7; Psa. 118:24.
      - a. When we are intending to go to the meeting, we must spend some time to pray for at least five to ten minutes.
      - b. In our prayer, we should confess our sins to the Lord to enjoy the filling of the Holy Spirit.
      - c. We must learn to abide in the fellowship with the Lord.
      - d. The enemy tries to frustrate us either from coming to the meeting or from coming to the meeting in a prepared state.
      - e. We should get ourselves prepared to speak in the meeting, to praise the Lord—1 Cor. 14:26.
    3. We should not "leave the meeting to fortune" but come prepared by and with the Lord to bear the meeting just as the priests bore the ark; the meeting is the ark, the testimony.
  - E. We should come to the Lord's table meeting in a recovered way:
    1. With a love for the meetings—Psa. 84:1-2.
    2. In newness—Matt. 26:29.
    3. With a voice of joy and praise—Psa. 42:4.
    4. With thanksgiving and praise—Psa. 100:4.
    5. With some offerings—Psa. 96:8.
    6. Being punctual.
    7. Coming to the front to take care of the meeting as fighting soldiers to conquer the enemy and as prepared athletes to win the game.
    8. Standing against our natural disposition, leaving our self with all emotional feelings outside the door, and exercising our spirit to sense the Lord and to praise and thank the Lord.

*(The Lord's Meeting Outlines, Outline 4)*