

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 3 The Two Evils of God's People and God's Faithfulness in Fulfilling His Economy

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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

The Principle - Christ and Christ Alone

In His economy God makes Christ the centrality and universality. God wants us to learn **one lesson—to stop our doing and to keep away from the taste of anything other than Christ**. We should be replaced by Christ and enjoy God continually. **This is the purpose for which Christ died for us and was resurrected for us.** He is our Sabbath and our food. Now we can rest in Him, feed on Him, and have Him as our replacement in every way and in everything (LS of Isaiah, Msg. 29).

Keeping the Sabbath

[T]he real meaning of keeping the Sabbath is that we cease from our doing, stop our work, and enjoy what the Lord has done for us, drinking of Him as the waters. In the Old Testament, to keep the Sabbath was not to do any work but to remember what God had done in His creation. In the New Testament, to keep the Sabbath is to believe in the Lord Jesus. To believe in Christ is actually to be "fired," to be replaced with Christ, and to drink of Him as the waters. In the sight of God, this is the real keeping of the Sabbath. If we keep the Sabbath in this way, we will be able to say, "I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me" (Gal. 2:20). **The more we realize that it is no longer we who live but that it is Christ who lives in us, the more we drink of the waters** (LS of Isaiah, Msg 29).

The Two Basic Sins

In 2:13 Jehovah speaks concerning the two basic sins committed by the children of Israel. The first sin was **forsaking Jehovah as the fountain, the source, of living waters**; the second sin was **hewing out for themselves broken cisterns that could not hold water**. This second sin was a matter of not trusting in God but of trusting in themselves to do something for their own enjoyment. These two sins govern the entire book of Jeremiah.

What is sin? Sin is a matter of **leaving God and doing something by ourselves and for ourselves.**

This is exactly what the children of Israel did. They forsook God as the fountain of living waters for their supply, and, according to their opinion, they did whatever they could to work out something by themselves for their enjoyment...

The situation is the same among Christians today. We as Christians have also transgressed the principle of being one with God. We may not have a heart to be one with God, yet we like to be His people. The result is that we do not go along with God's will or God's mind, but rather express our opinions and care for our likes and dislikes. This is the reason for the lack of oneness among believers today. **If we are not one with God, we cannot be one with one another.** Those who are not one with God do not take His will and good pleasure but express their opinions and pursue their preferences. To do this is to hew out broken cisterns that can hold no water. (LS of Jeremiah, Msg. 32).

God's Faithfulness

If we fail God today, we should not be disappointed. God has a way to deal with us. He has a way to cause us to mature and then to bring us into the New Jerusalem. If we are overcomers, we will enjoy the reward in the millennium. If we are defeated, we will suffer punishment in the millennium, but eventually we will be matured and enter into the New Jerusalem.

There is no need for us to worry about our situation. God is patient, sympathetic, and compassionate, and **He will take the time** to make us mature. **Every believer, whether presently weak or strong, will be in the New Jerusalem, and everyone there will be mature.** Whether we seek God diligently or only a little, **God has a way to make Christ our righteousness, our redemption, our life, our life law, and our life capacity** so that we can be matured. Every real believer in Christ will reach maturity and be in the New Jerusalem. Thus, we should not be dismayed or discouraged. Rather, we should **be encouraged** (LS of Jeremiah, Msg. 4).

PRAYER BURDENS:

1) Lord, we are thirsty and hungry. Nothing else can satisfy us other than You. We take You as our spiritual food and our spiritual drink. We position ourselves to drink You as the water of life flowing from the throne.

2) Lord, cause us to drink of You as the living water. May we all drink enough of You to be victorious over any situation, for the building up of Your Body and for the Bride's preparation.

3) Lord forgive us for forsaking You as the fountain of living waters and for hewing out broken cisterns. Draw us back to You as our beloved Husband. Make us realize that apart from You, nothing can quench our thirst to satisfy us.

4) Remove anything and every idol in our being that replaces You. We do not want to be estranged from You. May our days serving and worshipping You be counted.

5) Thank You Lord for being faithful in fulfilling Your economy. Deal with our unfaithfulness and idols that we may drink of You, receive You and assimilate You.

6) Lord how we praise You for coming to be our righteousness. Even though we fail and fail again, You are faithful to restore us. We praise You for always having a way to come in. We allow You to operate in us and to mature us little by little, day by day.

EUROPE:

- 1) International Blending Conference in Baarlo on October 16 to 18, 2020
- 2) Purchase of the house next to the meeting hall in Madrid, Spain (approx. €600,000)
- 3) Radio broadcasts in the UK and Spain, continuing distribution of the Recovery Version and ministry publications in the European languages.

NORTH AMERICA:

- 1) Western Canada Campus Work

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
- 4) Permanent residence applications of:
 - > Bro. Radam Alforte and his wife
 - > Bro. Alejo Dela Cruz and his wife
 - > Bro. Qu Zhen and Sis. Aitong Liu

MESSAGE 23 - Cain and Abel

Cain was one who served the ground to make a living. This means that he was working and living for himself. He not only worked and lived for himself, but also by himself. **To live by man's self actually means to live by Satan.** Abel is the seed that consummates in the New Jerusalem. Abel worked and lived for God. He also lived by God. He did not work and live for himself as Cain did, but for God's satisfaction as God desired (LS of Genesis, Msg 23).

MESSAGE 24 & 25 - The Second Fall of Man (2-3)

The seed that entered into man in Genesis 3 is called sin by Paul in Romans 7. Satan, the evil one, has injected himself into our nature, but the issue of this injection appears in fallen man in Genesis 4. There is no need for us to commit sinful acts in order to be sinful persons. **We all must see that the seed of every evil lies within us.** As a result of man's second fall, God pronounced a greater curse, man was made a vagabond, cast out of the presence of God, and man produced a culture without God. The issue of this culture is the fulfilling of lust, the committing of adultery, and the fighting against and slaying of one another.

In order to escape from the second fall of man we must be careful of being presumptuous, but should live for God and worship Him according to His way and realize the vanity of human life and the fragility of man. When we see that our life is vanity and that we ourselves are frail, spontaneously we will **call upon the name of the Lord.** Men need to call on the name of the Lord in order to be saved, to be rescued from distress, trouble, sorrow, and pain, to participate in the Lord's mercy, to partake in the Lord's salvation, to receive the Spirit, drink the spiritual water, eat the spiritual food, enjoy the riches of the Lord, and to stir up ourselves (LS of Genesis, Msgs 24-25).

MESSAGE 26 - The Way to Escape the Ultimate Issue of Man's Fall

Genesis 5 is a record of the saved people who lived with the expectation that Christ would come. But in their time, Christ did not come. They lived and begat for God's purpose, but they were not kept from the ultimate issue of man's fall. Only Enoch enjoyed and partook of God's salvation to the fullest. **The way to escape the ultimate issue of man's fall was seen in Enoch's life. Enoch lived in such a way that he was kept from death both literally and totally. Enoch overcame the killing of death...by walking with God** (LS of Genesis, Msg. 26).

MESSAGE 27 - The Third Fall of Man

In the third fall, Satan caused the evil spirits, that is, the fallen angels, to mingle with man and to join with man through illegal marriage. In this way, the human race was mixed with the fallen spirits. **In the third fall, man abused the fallen body and became flesh.** Man not only failed to care for the spirit, but did not even care about his soul. Man neglected the intellect and reason in his soul. The third fall issued in the withdrawing of the Holy Spirit, and the coming deluge (LS of Genesis, Msg. 27).

ANNOUNCEMENTS and SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

1. Church Pursuit, Thanksgiving October 12, 2020 at 4pm via Zoom.
2. Fall 2020 YP Conference—HS October 23 to 25, 2020. Combined with Southern California YP via Zoom.
3. Brothers' Meeting October 25, 2020 at 6pm
4. Western Canada Brothers' Fellowship October 29, 2020

THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE LORD

1 Corinthians 11:20 When therefore you come together in the same place, it is not to eat the **Lord's supper**

1 Corinthians 10:21 You cannot drink the Lord's cup and the demons' cup; you cannot partake of the **Lord's table** and the demons' table.

First Corinthians 11 deals with the Lord's supper (v. 20); the Lord's table is dealt with in 1 Corinthians 10 (v. 21).

- A. When we eat the Lord's supper, the emphasis is on the remembrance of the Lord.
- B. Attending the Lord's table is for the fellowship of Christ and for the members of His Body to fellowship together in the Lord, the stress being on the fellowship among the saints.
- C. The Lord's supper does not include the Lord's table, but the Lord's table includes the Lord's supper.
 - 1. When we eat the Lord's supper, we remember Christ.
 - 2. When we gather for the Lord's table, both aspects are included—we remember the Lord and we fellowship with Christ and His members.
- D. The Lord's supper is for the Lord's enjoyment and satisfaction; the Lord's table is for our participation, enjoyment, fellowship.

(The Lord's Table Meeting Outlines, Outline 1, Part 2)