

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:

Thanksgiving Conference

Boston, MA

Nov. 26 - 29, 2020

Winter Semiannual Training

Anaheim, CA

December 21-26, 2020

HWMR Week 4 God's Words — The Divine Supply as Food

This message concerning the word of God as our supply may be familiar to most of the saints. Even though this is a fairly familiar subject, I hope that we would open our being afresh before the Lord. A great desire within God's heart is that He wants His people not only to worship and know Him but also to take Him in as food. When we come to this subject, we should not "turn off" because we feel that we already know it. **Concerning this matter, it is not a question of what we know but of whether we are actually taking in God as our food.** For unless God's people learn to eat God's word, the Lord's recovery will become merely another kind of system or movement; it will be over. The Lord wants us to eat Him! He does not want us merely to gain knowledge about the books of Jeremiah and Lamentations; He wants us to eat His word! The Lord's recovery must be an eating recovery.

When the Lord spoke of eating His flesh and drinking His blood, He was not referring to His physical flesh and blood. But this was the people's concept when they heard this word. They looked at everything from a physical point of view, so they were stumbled and offended. Then the Lord had to tell them that it is the Spirit who gives life, not the letter of the word. We should remember that the Word of God is a container that embodies Christ, the Spirit and life. We should **not be offended by the Lord's word** in terms of its letters and wording. Instead, we should realize that Christ's words are spirit and life and that it is the Spirit who gives life.

Whenever we come to the Word of God, we are not coming to a textbook or to a novel. We are coming to a plate of food. We are coming to eat something. **Whenever we open the Bible, do we have the realization that we are going to eat God?** Or is our view that we are merely fulfilling our Christian duty or picking up some Bible knowledge? We should realize that we are hungry and that we are taking in God's word as food.

I am concerned for many of the brothers and sisters in the next generation. They may be familiar with the teaching concerning eating God's word as food, but I am concerned that, for many of them, this matter has not become their controlling thought. Today they can get information quickly by reading it on their phone or tablet, but they may not be in the position of spending time to take in God's word as food.

We need the Lord to cause this matter of eating to penetrate our being so that it becomes our controlling concept. It matters very much what our concept is when we come to the Word of God. If our concept is still that the Word of God is a book of knowledge, then we have missed the most central part of God's economy. Although the matter of eating God's word is familiar to us, we should consider whether it has captured us and become a controlling element within us. The divine concept is that God's word is food. We saw this in the Old Testament in Jeremiah 15 and Ezekiel 3. We also see this in 1 Peter 2, 1 Corinthians 3, Hebrews 5 and Revelation 10.

We need to let the word of Christ dwell in us so that we may experience the functions of the word of God operating within us, ministering the riches of Christ into our being. **The word of God enlightens, nourishes, and waters us** to quench our thirst. **The word of God strengthens, washes and builds us up.** **The word of God completes, perfects, and edifies us** by sanctifying us. By allowing the word of Christ to inhabit us, we can become a God-man filled with Christ as the reality of the attributes of God.

May we be those who eat the word of Christ. The word of Christ is the life supply as food for us to enjoy. **The way to enjoy the word is to pray-read it with the exercise of our spirit** so that we can be enriched. In this way the word of Christ can have a thoroughfare in our being and can indwell us. By this word we can also be built up and perfected to be His God-men, His Body, and even to be prepared as the bride of Christ. (*Excerpt from Ministry of the Word, Crystallization-study of Jeremiah and Lamentations, vol 24. Nov. 6, pp. 106-127*)

PRAYER BURDENS:

1) Thank You Lord for Your words. You have spoken and now it is our food. Your words are Spirit and life to us. Save us from coming to Your word for mere knowledge and doctrine. We come to Your word to see You, Your all-inclusive death, and Your resurrection.

2) Nourish us day by day that we may be constituted with Your elements. Renew our concepts whenever we come to Your word. We come to seek divine supply that will eventually become our element.

3) Lord clear a way in us so You, as the word, can have a free course within. You are our bread and the reality of the food that we eat. We simply say “amen” and allow You to operate in us.

4) Lord, refresh us day by day. Teach us to come to Your words not just to get spiritual nourishment but also to be filled with gladness and joy. How we praise You with such joyful exaltation.

5) We open ourselves to Your transmission. We receive Your word which becomes the Spirit that becomes our life. We give the word an adequate room in our being so that it may operate and minister the riches of Christ in us.

6) Lord, we offer our whole being to You and Your word. We give You access to every part of our inner being. Make home in us. We need Your arbitrating peace to preserve us. Continue to speak to us through Your word.

EUROPE:

- 1) Purchase of the house next to the meeting hall in Madrid, Spain (approx. €600,000)
- 2) 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
 - > Bro. Antonio Miranda and his wife

MESSAGE 28 - The Way of Salvation from Man's Third Fall (1)

Genesis 6 tells more about the positive aspects of the life of the saved ones. Genesis 6:9 tells us that Noah walked with God. Noah was able to be what he was because he found grace in the eyes of the Lord. God came to strengthen Noah that He might stand with him and uphold him. That was the grace that Noah found, and that is the grace that we need today. Noah walked with God by faith. Noah believed in God and, as a result, became a righteous person (LS of Genesis, Msg 28).

MESSAGE 29 - The Life and Work that Changed the Age

If we look at Noah's life, we shall see that it was not simply a matter of walking with God or of building the ark. The basic and crucial point is that God used Noah to change the age. This life always inherits the godly ways of the forefathers. Noah inherited Adam's way of salvation, Abel's way of offering, Enosh's way of calling, all the fathers' way of living and begetting, and Enoch's way of walking with God (LS of Genesis, Msg 29).

MESSAGE 30 - The way of salvation from man's third fall (2)

The whole ark is a type of Christ. Christ is not a canoe, but an ark. A canoe is a curved piece of wood; an ark is composed of many pieces rightly framed together. An ark is a building. A canoe is individual, but an ark is a corporate entity. My Christ is an ark. We can never be safe in a canoe. However, when I am in the ark, I can sleep well regardless of how terrible the storm may be. We are in the ark. Some Christians may have Christ as a canoe, but our Christ is an ark (LS of Genesis, Msg 30).

MESSAGE 31 – Saved through water

God's salvation to Noah was not only to save him from God's judgment, but also from his crooked, perverse, and evil generation. In order to be saved from that evil age, he needed to be saved through water. What saved Noah from that evil age? The flood sent by God as a judgment upon the evil world. That judging flood separated Noah from that age. God's people are saved from the world by His judgment on it (LS of Genesis, Msg 31).

MESSAGE 32 - Life in Resurrection

What do we find after the resurrection? We see a new living. The living of the resurrected people after the resurrection was the church life. This is absolutely logical. The eight persons in the ark signify us, the New Testament believers. The first thing in the church life should not be work; it must be the offering of Christ to God through the cross. When we, through the cross, offer to God the Christ whom we have experienced, God will be satisfied. Offering Christ to God through the cross keeps the curse away. Offering Christ to God through the cross brings blessing to the earth. Hallelujah, we are the covenant people! There is no cloud and no flood—only life. There is no curse—only blessing. (LS of Genesis, Msg 32).

ANNOUNCEMENTS and SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

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

THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE LORD

There are two major aspects of the Lord's table meeting.

- A. Eating the Lord's supper is for the remembrance of the Lord—1 Cor. 11:24-25.
 1. This could be called the vertical aspect of the Lord's table meeting.
 - a. It is a remembrance of the Lord's person, not His work.
 - b. Our prayer and praise rendered to the Lord should be concerning the Lord Himself.
 2. First Corinthians 11:24 speaks of breaking the bread "unto the remembrance of Me."
 - a. We come to the Lord's table not to remember the Lord's death,
 - b. But rather Christ Himself.
 3. First Corinthians 11:25 speaks of drinking the cup "unto the remembrance of Me."
 - a. We come to the Lord's table not to remember the Lord's work,
 - b. But rather Christ Himself.
 4. To attend the Lord's table meeting and automatically eat the Lord's supper in remembrance of the Lord's death is a natural concept; to remember Christ Himself, we need a vision regarding His person.
 5. We should remember the person much more than the work.
 6. By eating the Lord's bread and drinking the Lord's cup, we eat the Lord's supper in remembrance of the Lord.
- B. Attending the Lord's table is for us to have the fellowship with all the members of the Body of Christ—1 Cor. 10:16-17.
 1. This could be called the horizontal aspect of the Lord's table meeting.
 2. We have this fellowship because of the Lord's body, which He gave for us on the cross and the Lord's blood which He shed for us on the cross.
 - a. The cup, which we enjoy together and which symbolizes the blood of Christ, removes all barriers between the saints; the bread, which we partake of together and which symbolizes the individual body of Christ, comes into us to make us one bread, signifying the corporate Body of Christ.
 - b. Our eating and partaking of one bread and drinking and sharing one cup imply mutual fellowship.
 - c. Such a fellowship becomes the fellowship of the blood of Christ and the fellowship of the body of Christ—1 Cor. 10:16.
 3. In 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 and 21, both the vertical and horizontal aspects of the Lord's table are seen—the fellowship with Christ and the fellowship with the Body of Christ.
 - a. When we eat and drink together, sharing in the Lord's bread and the Lord's cup, "we partake of the table of the Lord."
 - b. We must partake of the Lord's table with other saints; otherwise, we would only have the vertical aspect.

(The Lord's Table Meeting Outlines, Outline 1, Part 3)