

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."

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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

Saturdays

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 5 God as our Sovereign Potter Making Us His Vessels, His Containers, to Contain Him

Man as a Container

For what purpose did God create man? It is only that man might be His container... It is clearly seen in Romans 9:21 and 23 and 2 Corinthians 4:7 that God created us to be His containers in order to contain Himself. We are only empty containers, and **God intends to be our only content...If we do not contain God and know God as our content, we are a senseless contradiction** (The Collected Works of Witness Lee, 1964, Vol. 3, "The Economy of God, pp. 183-184).

Empty Vessels

Brothers and sisters, **God desires to see you seeking after Him in a genuine way**. Therefore, He places trials and difficulties before you. When these things are before you, you should honestly seek after Him. When you really need His power, you will realize that you can do nothing apart from Him. It is true that when you do things according to your own design, you apparently can do quite a bit. But when you have to do something according to God's design, you will find out that you need His power. Without His power we cannot do anything...**We must realize that God has ruled us out on the cross already!** We have often overestimated ourselves. In reality, we have been ruled out by God on the cross already. Golgotha is where we were ruled out. We ourselves no longer exist. Brothers and sisters, whenever we become empty, the Lord will fill us up. The Word of God plainly promises: "**The hungry He has filled with good things**" (Luke 1:53a). Therefore, He will certainly make the hungry satisfied with good things. Brothers and sisters, has God brought us to this point? Have we ever felt that we cannot make it? **Those who feel that they have nothing at all are blessed because they will certainly be filled**. Only these persons can receive God's blessing; only these ones will be filled. **If you think that you are rich and feel that you are good in everything, you can only expect to be sent away empty**. Only one class of people will be filled before God: those who are empty in hand and empty in spirit. Brothers and sisters, are you truly empty? Have you really reached the point where God can bless you? Can you say, "I am useless in the service of God, and I can do nothing at all"? If you are truly empty and if you are truly seeking after God's word, He will work and operate in you (Collected Works of Watchman Nee, The (Set 2) Vol. 37: General Messages (1)).

Open Vessels

Paul, as an open vessel, asked two questions when the Lord called him: "**Who are You, Lord?**" (Acts 22:8) and "**What shall I do, Lord?**" (v. 10). This is what it means to be an open vessel. We need to practice asking these two questions every day. We need to come to the Lord and ask, "Who are You, Lord? I want to know You as a person. I am not here to do anything for You. I am not here to initiate anything for You. I am not here to decide what needs to be done. I am here to open my entire being to You. This is my top priority. If I do not do anything else, this is good enough." Eventually, **once we are filled with the Lord, He will lead us to do something**.

Christ, the Treasure

We have this treasure, Christ as the God of glory, dwelling within us, the earthen vessels (2 Cor. 4:7); "this treasure" (v. 7) indwelling us is "the face of Jesus Christ" (v. 6), the presence of Christ, "the person of Christ" (2:10). The treasure in 2 Corinthians 4 equals the face of Jesus Christ, which is the presence of Christ and even the person of Christ. **If the treasure is not in the vessel, the vessel is not worth much**. The vessel is made out of clay, out of dust; hence, the value is in the treasure. It really does not matter whether it is in this kind of vessel or that kind of vessel. Some people are very concerned about the outward vessel. The outward vessel does not matter. **As long as it is a vessel, Christ as the priceless treasure can come into this vessel** (Ministry of the Word, Crystallization-Study of Jeremiah and Lamentations, Vol 24. Nov. 6, pp. 128-156).

PRAYER BURDENS:

- 1) Lord, we look to You as our Sovereign Potter. Make known to us Your glory. You have the absolute, unlimited right over us. Do to us what and how You see fit.
- 2) Lord Jesus, our only purpose is to contain You. We are Your containers, and You are our content. We continuously empty ourselves so You can continuously fill us. Make us Your empty but open vessels.
- 3) Lord, thank You for Your mercy that brought us to You and allowed us to receive grace. Even though we were far from You and dead in our offenses, Your mercy reached us. Lord, we come forward that we may receive mercy and find grace.
- 4) Lord, we have nothing to boast in ourselves. We praise You for Your sovereignty in placing us here in the church. Because of Your mercy, we are saved from our pitiful condition and became suitable for Your love towards us.
- 5) Lord, Cause us to see that everything that happens to us is a matter of Your divine mercy. May we continue to experience You as our mercy and honor today. On Your return, You will be our glory.
- 6) Lord, You are the treasure in us and we are Your vessels. Make this our reality. Day by day, we want to live in Your presence. Keep us looking at the index of Your being. Bring us to the final step of Your full salvation.

EUROPE:

- 1) Offering for the training facility at Woodland Camp, London
- 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) Upcoming elections in the US on November 3, 2020. Pray that the heavens will rule and that the outcome will advance the Lord's move on earth, including His move in Europe, to prepare His Bride, and bring in the King with His kingdom.

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. Zheng Qu and Sis. Aitong Liu
 - > Bro. Antonio Miranda and his wife

MESSAGE 33 - Life in Resurrection (2)

Noah's curse and blessing were inspired by God in His governmental dealings. They were not according to Noah's personal feelings, but according to God's government. They were not of Noah himself, but of the very God who exercises His government over mankind. One of Noah's sons was cursed and the other two were blessed. The curse came first and the blessings followed. Regardless of whose descendant you are, do not feel disappointed. Since we have been regenerated, **we are all the church people. We were born of different origins, but now we are all in the same church. We all were born in the fulfillment of God's prophecy concerning mankind spoken through Noah. But our natural status has been changed by the salvation of God in Christ** (LS of Genesis, Msg. 33).

MESSAGE 34 - Life in Resurrection (3)

Originally God's people were one. Why were they one? Although they were one because the family element held them together, **the main factor of their oneness was their one God.** Noah and his family worshipped one God. This one God is the main factor that keeps God's people in unity. Noah's family was one because they worshipped the one, unique God. The worship of God is crucial. When the worship of God is changed, the whole situation among God's people is also changed. **When there are different worships among God's people, there are divisions among them.** Thus, the main factor that preserved the oneness of the new race was that they had no God other than the one, true God. Likewise, we have only one God. We worship the unique God. Our God is uniquely one. Therefore, we also are one (LS of Genesis, Msg. 34).

MESSAGE 35 - Life in Resurrection (4)

The church is the kingdom in reality. **The proper, real, and living church is the kingdom, and the kingdom is the reality of the church.** If there is no kingdom, then there is no church. Our salvation and regeneration are for the church, and the church is the kingdom. The reality of the church being the kingdom is completely dependent upon the life in the spirit. **What is this life in the spirit? It is a life under the heavenly ruling of God. As long as we live and walk in our spirit, we are under the heavenly ruling of God. Such a living under the rule of God is the reality of the church life.** This is the reality of the kingdom today. The kingdom truly is present in the living church (LS of Genesis, Msg. 35).

MESSAGE 36 – The Fourth Fall of Man

Satan instigated a rebellion against God in the heart of man. Thus, the fourth fall was altogether a rebellion. In the first fall man did not use his spirit. In the second fall man acted by his soul. In the third fall man walked according to the flesh. In the fourth fall man rose up collectively to rebel against God. **In the fourth fall man fell to the uttermost. As a result of the fourth fall of man, mankind was scattered in living, and confounded in language...** Praise the Lord that we are in the church life! In the church life we have the blessing because we have one mind and one mouth. The church life today is the real Pentecost. We do not have scattering; we have unity. We do not have confusion; we have one speaking. We are truly Pentecostal (LS of Genesis, Msg. 36).

MESSAGE 37 – The Significance of God's Calling

Although Satan, working through fallen man, had apparently driven God out from the earth, **God is sovereign and cannot be defeated or frustrated by any kind of attack.** God's calling was a new beginning. God's new beginning with man is a transfer of race, which is actually a transfer of life. Although we have had the transfer of race, we are still in the process of the transfer of life. The transfer of life in God's calling is from the fallen life of the old creation to this stronger and better life of the new creation. The transfer of life will be fully completed at the time of the Lord's coming back. As a result of this process, we shall be altogether another people, a people of God's calling. Then we shall enjoy all the blessings of God's promise (LS of Genesis, Msg. 37).

ANNOUNCEMENTS and SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

1. Brothers' Meeting October 25, 2020 at 6pm.
2. Western Canada Brothers' Fellowship October 29, 2020
3. Canada Brothers' Conference November 7, 2020 through Zoom.
The deadline of registration is October 25, 2020.

THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE LORD

How do we remember the Lord and fellowship with the members of His Body?

A. How do we remember the Lord?

1. The breaking of the bread is that we may eat it—Matt. 26:26; 1 Cor. 11:23-24.
 - a. Concerning the bread the Lord said, "This is My body, which is for you; this do unto the remembrance of Me"—1 Cor. 11:24; Luke 22:19.
 - b. The Lord also said, "Take, eat, this is My body"—Matt. 26:26.
 - c. We remember the Lord by eating the bread—1 Cor. 11:24.
 - 1) To remember the Lord is to feed on Him, to eat Him—John 6:57b.
 - 2) The more we receive, eat, and feast on Him, the more we remember Him.
2. The partaking of the cup is that we may drink it—Matt. 26:27; 1 Cor. 11:25.
 - a. Concerning the cup 1 Corinthians 11:25 says, "Similarly also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new covenant in My blood; this do, as often as you drink it, unto the remembrance of Me."
 - b. The Lord also said, "Drink of it, all of you; for this is My blood of the covenant"—Matt. 26:27b-28a.
 - c. We remember the Lord by drinking the cup—1 Cor. 11:25.
 - 1) To remember the Lord is to drink of Him, to drink Him.
 - 2) The more we drink Him, the more we remember Him.
3. The real remembrance of the Lord is to eat the bread which signifies His body and drink the cup which signifies His blood.
 - a. When we eat the Lord's body and drink His blood, we not only receive but also enjoy the Lord Himself and all that He has accomplished by giving His body and shedding His blood; this is to receive, to participate in, to enjoy, the Lord who has given Himself to us through His redeeming death.
 - b. To eat the bread and drink the cup is to take in the redeeming Lord as our portion (Psa. 16:5; Lam. 3:24; Col. 1:12), as our life and blessing.
4. To receive and enjoy the Lord in this way is to remember Him.

B. How do we fellowship?

1. We fellowship with all the members of the Body of Christ by partaking of the same bread—1 Cor. 10:16-17.
 - a. We all partake of the same loaf.
 - b. A piece of bread enters into me and a piece enters into the other brothers and sisters.
 - c. We fellowship with all the members of the Body of Christ by drinking of the same cup.
 - d. Christ and the disciples ate of the same bread and drank of the same cup—Mark 14:22-23.
2. When we come to the Lord's table meeting, we should come to receive the Lord into us.
 1. For this we must learn how to exercise our spirit to eat and drink Him; we should not only consider the Lord in our heart, but also receive Him and what He did for us as our enjoyment in our spirit.
 2. By feeding on and drinking of Christ in spirit we have both aspects—the remembrance of the Lord and the fellowship with all the members of Christ.

(The Lord's Table Meeting Outlines, Outline 1, Part 4)