

CHURCH IN REGINA

"Heb. 10:39 But we are not of those who shrink back to ruin but of those who have faith to the gaining of the soul."

HWMR Week 4—Being Faithful in Service in the Lord's Commission and in His Gifts for His Second and Imminent Coming

When we were on chapter twenty-four, we pointed out that concerning the believers, there are two aspects: the aspect of **watchfulness and readiness** and the aspect of **faithfulness and prudence**. The believers have these two aspects because they have a dual status. The first aspect of this dual status is related to life, and the second aspect is related to service. No Christian should neglect these two aspects; rather, we must pay the proper attention to both, becoming proper in life and in service. Regarding **life**, we are **virgins**; regarding **service**, we are **slaves**. This means that in watchfulness we are virgins. This relates to **what we are**. But in faithfulness we are slaves. This relates to **what we do**.

Many Christians know that in this parable [in Matthew 25] the talents are gifts. However, they do not know that **the source of the gifts is the Lord's possessions**. Today the Lord's possessions primarily are the **gospel**, the **truth**, the **believers**, and the **church**. **If you do not care for these things, you will not have any talents**. The gospel needs to become our possession. The same is true of the truth, the believers, and the churches.

We should not wait in an **indifferent** way for the Lord to give us something. No, we must diligently seek the gospel and the truth. We should be eager to know the fall of man, redemption, regeneration, salvation, the cleansing of the blood, and the washing of the Spirit. All these are aspects of the full gospel. **The more you receive of the gospel, the more talents you will have**. We need to pray that the Lord would help us to know the truth and to experience it. We need to experience the truth concerning the church, God's eternal purpose, and God's economy. Eventually, these truths will become our talent. Then we shall be able to minister them to others. In this way, the Lord's possessions become our talent. Furthermore, we need to pray, "Lord, I want to take care of the saints and bear their burdens. My heart is for them." **If we have a heart for the saints and are burdened for them, they, the Lord's possession, will be given to us as a talent**.

If you want to receive more talents, you must have a heart to care for the saints. For example, when someone is unemployed, you need to pray for him and bear his burden. This will be a proof that the Lord has given that one to you as a talent. However, **not to bear the saints or care for them means that you forsake the Lord's possession**. Every dear saint is a precious part of the Lord's possession. It is not a small matter to be concerned for the saints, for they are the Lord's possession.

When the Lord's possessions are in His hand, they remain His possessions. But when they are delivered to us, they become our talent. **Do not drop any burden that the Lord has given you**...The Lord has a vast work in His recovery. For this work, He needs thousands of young brothers and sisters to be raised up to bear the responsibility.

The talent is **not something of your natural birth**; rather, it is altogether **related to your burden**. If you take up a burden, you will receive a talent. If you take up a burden for one local church, you will receive one talent. But if you take up the burden for five churches, you will have five talents...Although the talents are not our ability, but the Lord's possession, they are delivered to us according to our ability. Our ability is constituted by God's creation and our learning. **The capacity of our ability is based upon the willingness of our heart**. If we do not have any willingness in our heart, then we shall not have the capacity to receive the talent. The capacity to receive the talent is measured by the willingness of our heart. (LS of Matthew 65).

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

Conferences & Trainings:

International Chinese-Speaking Conference
February 13-14, 2021

April International Training for Elders & Responsible Ones
April 16-18, 2021

International Memorial Day Conference
May 28-31, 2021

July Semiannual Training
July 5-10, 2021

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NEW LANGUAGE

As virgins, be
watchful in life.

As slaves, be
faithful in service.

Prayer Burdens:

1. Thank You for giving us gifts. As Your servants, we want to **exercise our God-given gift**. Make us diligent to labour on Your word, to muse upon it, and to minister this food to the saints.
2. May our **attitude** be one that desires for You to return. **Save us from wasting our time** of service in beating others. We want to be those who are **feeding Your people and using our talents** in full.
3. Lord, have mercy on us that we would **not love the world** and would not “eat and drink with the drunken”. Rather, cause us to be **faithful in Your commission and labour for the gospel**.
4. Lord, we are willing to receive a burden from You. Give us a **heart to care for the saints and to minister to them**. Cause the truth to grow in us so we can use our talent for Your household.
5. Lord, we trade with our talents and gain other talents for Your purpose. **Save us from burying and hiding our talents**. May our service **feed others** with rich nourishment and may it multiply.
6. Lord, we want to use our talent so Your recovery can truly multiply. We do not want to be slothful in our service. Make us faithful slaves who **use our talents to care for those in need**.

Europe/North America

1. Completion of construction at Gut Elim blending, conference, and training center in Germany. Current financial need €600,000.
2. Bless the upcoming 2021 Spring Term of the Full-time Training in Anaheim on February 3, 2021. Bring many seeking vessels to be trained and be perfected. Have Your way even in this present situation and gain the adequate number of first term trainees.

Church in Regina:

1. Goal of 50 meeting ones by end of 2021.
2. Blending with other churches in the Prairies.
3. Household salvation of Marlon and Mechelle Morco, brother/sister-in-law of Sis. Malou Ballao. Prepare their coming to Regina and may they see not only Christ but also the local ground of oneness.

Life-Study of Genesis—Messages 66-70**MESSAGE 66 - Being Chosen**

Jacob was chosen before his birth, even before the foundation of the world. Our being chosen is not according to our struggling or working. Whether we are good or bad means nothing. Romans 9:13 shows us that our being chosen is absolutely of God who calls. **It is by His mercy and grace that He chose us**. God's selection in eternity past was followed by His predestination and His calling. **We have been selected and called for God's purpose** which is to transform us into kings, that we might express Him in His image and represent Him with His dominion. (Life-Study of Genesis, 66).

MESSAGE 67 - 70 Being Dealt With (1 - 4)

Throughout Jacob's life, he was constantly under God's dealing for his transformation. God sovereignly arranged the environment and circumstances pertaining to Jacob's life. Praise the Lord that **we are under His dealing** for our transformation that we may **fulfill the purpose of His selection**. The birthright, which God intends to give to His chosen people, includes three things: expressing and representing God, and participating in the kingdom of God. The practical kingdom of God today is in the church life. Every regenerated person has this birthright. (Life-Study of Genesis, 67).

Jacob's dream at Bethel is a very crucial turn in his life. In principle, **when we were saved, we were suffering and lonesome**. It is during such time that the first heavenly dream came to us. Jacob took a stone and made it his pillow, signifying that all human doing had been put away. **When we are cut off from what is of man and put our trust in what is of God, the vision comes**. Genesis 28:12 shows us that a ladder already exists on earth, and angels are firstly ascending and then descending. This indicates that our salvation was not an answer to our prayers and that heaven was never closed to God's chosen people. (Life-Study of Genesis, 68)

The house of God is not merely a place; it is a living composition of living people. While the image of God is for God's expression, dust is not suitable for the expression of God. Because there will be no dust in the New Jerusalem, **we must be transformed into precious stones**. We have experienced the God of justification and the God of grace, but we also need to meet and experience the God of Jacob. God measures our environment and everything that happens to us. This is God's dealing. Jacob's dream is a revelation of Christ, and **the church life today is the complete fulfillment of Jacob's dream**. (Life-Study of Genesis, 69).

God sovereignly led Jacob to meet Rachel and Laban. **As God's chosen ones we must believe that whatever happens to us is of God**. As today's Jacobs we are all in God's hand. God will permit us to have our choice, but along with it, we will have a certain amount of dealing and transformation. (Life-Study of Genesis, 70)

Announcements:

1. Western Canada Brothers' Fellowship on Jan. 14, 2021 at 9pm CST.
2. Western Canada College Conference on Jan. 22-23, 2021.
3. Brothers' Meeting on Jan. 31, 2021 at 6pm.
4. MR—Material Offerings and the Lord's Move Today
5. Winnipeg Conference on Feb. 6-7, 2021 via Zoom.

到底有没有神？

Is there a God?

有一个故事是这么说的：

多年前某国宣传无神论，一次在广场上请三位科学家作讲员。

A story goes like this:

Many years ago, a country promoted atheism, and once invited three scientists to be speakers in the square.

第一位是天文学博士，上台陈述了许多无神的理由，最后大声喊说：“我用望远镜观察星象二十多年，从未看见过神，所以神一定是没有的。”

The first was a Doctor of Astronomy. He came to the stage and stated many reasons for atheism, and finally shouted: "I have used a telescope to observe the stars for more than 20 years. I have never seen God, so there must be no God."

第二位是医学博士，讲了人类绝无灵魂这回事，末了说：“我曾解剖尸体百具以上，从未发现灵魂。灵魂是在心脏中呢，在脑中呢，还在血液中？我未曾见到，所以灵魂一定是没有的。”

The second is a Doctor of Medicine, who talked about the fact that human beings have no souls. Finally, he said: "I have dissected more than 100 corpses and never found souls. The soul is in the heart, in the brain, and in the blood. I have never seen it, so there must be no soul."

第三位博士是伦理学家，她帮前两位科学家作结论说：“其实人死如灯灭，一死就了了，绝无天堂地狱、永生审判之事。”

The third Ph.D. is an ethicist. She helped the first two scientists to conclude: "In fact, people die like a lamp, and they die. There is no heaven, hell, or immortal judgment."

三位博士讲完之后，主席宣告说：“大家如果对三位博士讲述的内容有疑问或不满意的地方，都可以上台公开讨论。”

After the three doctors finished their speaking, the chairman declared: "If you have any questions or dissatisfaction with the content of the three doctors, you can come to the stage to discuss it publicly."

等了许久，才有一个乡下老太太进到台前，问第一位博士说：“你用望远镜望了二十多年，你见过风么？它是甚么形状？”

博士说，“用望远镜如何能看见风呢？”

老太太说，“世界上有没有风呢？你用望远镜看不见风，难道就没有风么？你用望远镜看不见神，就能说无神么？”

After waiting for a long time, an old country lady came to the stage and asked the first doctor: "You have been looking at the binoculars for more than 20 years. Have you seen the wind? What shape is it?"

The doctor said, "How can I see the wind with a telescope?"

The old lady said, "Is there wind in the world? If you can't see the wind with a telescope, is there no wind? Can you say that you can't see God with a telescope?"

她又转向第二位博士道：“你爱不爱你太太？”

博士答道：“爱。”

老太太道：“请你把解剖刀给我用用，让我帮你把肚子剖开看看，你爱你太太的那个“爱”在那一部分？在肝里呢？还是在胃里？”

She turned to the second doctor and said, "Do you love your wife?"

The doctor replied: "Love."

The old lady said: "Please use the scalpel for me, let me cut your belly open and see, where is the "love" you love your wife? Is it in the liver? Or is it in the stomach?"

说毕群众哄堂大笑。

The crowd burst into laughter.

老太太又转向那个女博士道：“你又未死，如何能知道人死如灯灭，一死了了呢？当你在妈妈肚子里的时候，如果妈妈告诉你说，不久你要出生在这个世界上，世界上有太阳有月亮，你会开始吃饭穿衣服，这些事你能理解么？而且你读过圣经么？这本书明明的说，人人都有一死，死后且有审判。”

The old lady turned to the female doctor again and said: "You are not dead yet, how can you know that people die like a lamp and die? When you are in your mother's belly, if your mother tells you that you will be born in the world soon. In the world, there is a sun and a moon, and you will begin to eat and wear clothes.

Could you understand these things? And have you read the Bible? This book clearly says that everyone has a death, and there is judgment after death."

的确，许多人心说，我看不见神，摸不着神，听不见神，所以没有神。这种理调合理么？

Indeed, many people say in their hearts that I cannot see God, touch God, and hear God, so there is no God. Is this reasonable?

诗篇说：“诸天述说神的荣耀，穹苍传扬祂手的作为。这日到那日发出言语；这夜到那夜传出知识。无言无语，也无声音可听。它们的准绳通遍全地，它们的言语达到地极。”罗马书也说：“自从创造世界以来，神那看不见永远的大能，和神性的特征，是人所洞见的，乃是借着受造之物，给人晓得的，叫人无法推诿；”

Psalms says: "The heavens declare the glory of God, And the expanse proclaims the work of His hands. Day to day pours forth speech, And night to night tells out knowledge. There is no speech and there are no words; Their voice is not heard. In all the earth their line has gone forth, And their words to the end of the world."

Romans also said: "For the invisible things of Him, both His eternal power and divine characteristics, have been clearly seen since the creation of the world, being perceived by the things made, so that they would be without excuse;"

所以如果真要提及感官经验，那么当你看到浩瀚的宇宙万象时，一切见闻是否都在提醒我们一件事：有神！

So, if you really want to mention sensory experience, when you see the vast universe, does everything remind us of one thing: there is God!

现在请你向神说：“神阿，如果你是真的，我愿意接受你。请你向我证明你的真实，我愿意认识你。”你若愿意作这个，你将毫无损失，反而会因此得到人生中最大的宝藏，就是这位宇宙中独一无二的真神，成为你的新生命并你一生的倚靠。

Now please say to God: "God, if you are true, I am willing to accept you. Please prove to me that you are true, and I am willing to know you." If you are willing to do this, you will have nothing to lose, but will gain the greatest treasure in your life, which is the unique true God in the universe as your new life and your lifelong trust.