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CHURCH IN REGINA

'Matt. 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.'

HWMR Week 1—The Great Question in the Book of Job and the Great Answer

Living and Walking Under the Crucifixion of Christ

God puts us into the right position so that we can be broken. Often God will not do anything for us according to our concept, and it may seem to us that God is not faithful. We may pray day and night and put our trust in the Lord, but eventually nothing comes out according to our earnest prayer. We may want to get a promotion on our job, but we may not get it. We may want to invest our savings to make some profit, but eventually we may lose money.

We should not spend or invest our money in a way that is not according to Christ. The Lord said that He sent us forth as sheep in the midst of wolves. Who is trustworthy on the earth? Most of the people are wolves. The Lord also said that we have to be prudent as serpents and guileless as doves (Matt. 10:16). As sheep in the midst of wolves, we have to be prudent as serpents to escape being hurt by the wolves, and guileless as doves, not mixed with any evil intention and not hurting others.

Many people who put advertisements in the newspaper saying that they need someone to invest money into their businesses are actually preparing a net to trap people. To trust in such persons is foolish. If we entrust our money to such persons and lose our money, how can we blame the Lord for not answering us and not doing anything for us? Actually, the Lord in His sovereignty may allow us to lose our money, but when every cent is gone, God is still here. We may complain to God, but our complaining may be the best prayer, the most pleasant prayer to God. While we are complaining, God is rejoicing because He is causing all things to work together for good that we may be conformed to the image of His firstborn Son.

One day the disciples of the Pharisees and the Herodians came to test the Lord Jesus by asking Him whether they should pay taxes to Caesar or not. Then the Lord asked them to give Him a coin. This meant that the Lord Jesus did not have any money; instead, they had it. The Lord asked them whose image was on the coin. When they said that it was Caesar's image, the Lord responded, "Render then the things that are Caesar's to Caesar and the things that are God's to God" (22:21). The Lord Jesus did not have a Roman coin but asked them to show one to Him. Since they possessed one of the Roman coins, they were caught. Surely, our Lord was free from the bondage of mammon. When the Lord said that we cannot serve God and mammon, this indicates that wealth or riches is the opponent of God, robbing God's people of their service to Him. To be free from the bondage of mammon to serve God is to live and walk under the crucifixion of Christ.

When Christ was living on the earth, He was under the killing of death every day. He refused to remain in any relationship in the natural life. This displayed His absoluteness for God in His humanity...Later, when the Lord was on the cross, He saw His mother and His disciple John standing by, and He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son" (John 19:26). We should not forget that the Lord had the human nature and human feelings. For Him to be hanging on the cross and tell His mother not to look at Him but to look at John as her son was a death to the natural life...Death is the threshold of resurrection. Whenever we enter into death, we should realize that we are on the threshold of resurrection...The living God is resurrection. We are living by resurrection, not by any money that we have accumulated. When we do not have much money, we are released. Actually, people who have too much money are very burdened because they become anxious about losing it.

Church Meetings:

Lord's Table Meeting Lord's Day 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Prayer Meeting

Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:00 PM

College Meeting

Fridays 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Small Group Meeting

Fridays 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Young Peoples' Meeting

Saturdays 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Conferences & Trainings:

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

Life from death alone arises;

If no death, no life.

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The parents need to consider what the difference is between having or not having children. Eventually, when we do the "mathematics" in the Spirit, we would say that it is about the same. On the one hand, we parents surely love our children, but on the other hand, our children cause us much trouble. Those who do not have any children do not have to experience this trouble. But God uses our children, the loss of our children, and even our not having children to break us so that He might have the chance to work Himself into us.

As we are under the experience of the breaking of our outer man, we will learn to pray not by clear words. We would even tell the Lord that we do not know how to pray. Some saints are too bold to pray too much. They need to learn to groan according to Paul's word in Romans 8:26. Some sisters among us are female "psalmists." They have so much to pray and are so clear about what to pray. They need to learn to groan. Many times we do not know what to pray, because we cannot figure out what is going on in our circumstances. We do know, however, that the apostle Paul said in Romans 8:28 that all things work together for our good...[A]ctually, in the universe the night comes first and then the day (Gen. 1:5)...The Lord uses all things, both the things in the "day" and the things in the "night," to transform us and conform us to His image.

Only the Lord knows the heavenly, spiritual mathematics concerning what in our environment works the best for our good. The Lord gave Job many children, but one day all of his sons and daughters were killed (Job 1:18-19). Job prayed a good prayer by saying, "Naked I came out of my mother's womb, / And naked I will return there. / Jehovah gives and Jehovah takes away; / Blessed be the name of Jehovah" (v. 21). This, however, is still not the best prayer, because it is an Old Testament prayer. A New Testament prayer would say, "Lord, thank You for giving me children and for taking away my children. Through Your giving and through Your taking away I have been transformed and filled up with You. The coming and going of my children are all Your doing to transform me and fill me up."

Children are used by God to deal with the parents. Some parents are dealt with by God mainly by their children. But God knows whether we need children or do not need children. He uses all things to conform us to the image of Christ. Some persons may be nice, gentle, and faithful in their natural man. They would be good persons even apart from being regenerated or transformed. Then what can God do to work Himself into such persons? With such persons and with all of us, God must put us into certain circumstances to break us. God's desire is for us to be broken so that He can work Himself into us.

Paul was a person who was conformed to the death of Christ by something mysterious called the power of resurrection. No one can be conformed to the death of Christ except by the resurrection power. There is something within us hidden, mysterious, and dynamic called resurrection. Eventually, we will learn that whether money comes or money goes, whether children come or children go, God remains. God is our portion. He is not our portion outwardly but our portion inwardly in the way of constitution. God has constituted and is constituting Himself into our being. Eventually, God uses all things to make Himself our unique portion...

Today we are mysterious people. Outsiders cannot understand us because we have a desire to be conformed to Christ's death. Furthermore, we have the capacity within us to do this, and this capacity is the power of resurrection. Even nature itself testifies to the fact of resurrection. Within a small seed there is not only life but also resurrection. If that seed falls into the earth and dies, a sprout will eventually rise up from underneath the earth. That is the power of resurrection. We are like small seeds. The more we are put into death, the more we have the expression of the power of resurrection (The Christian Life, Chapter 15).

Announcements:

- 1. Brothers' Meeting on March 28 at 6pm.
- 2. YP Spring Conference on April 2 to 4.

April 2—Message 1 at 7pm

April 3—Message 2 at 10am, Special Message at 1pm, Message 3 at 7pm

April 4—Message 4 at 11am

- 3. College Ministry Meeting on April 2 at 7:30pm.
- 4. Sisters' Meeting on April 4 at 2pm.
- 5. New morning revival book: CS Study of Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes. Morning revival payments will be through Interac eTransfer to *morningrevivalpayments@gmail.com*.

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Praver Burdens:

1. Lord reveal to us the mystery which was hidden in Your heart. Save us from being ignorant of Your purpose. Instead, we allow You to strip us and consume us for the accomplishment of Your heart's desire.

- 2. Reveal Your purpose in dealing with us. Make this purpose our controlling vision, so we do not remain in the realm of good and evil. Continue to gain us and possess us day by day. May all things lead to knowing You more.
- 3. Lord we focus our attention on Your economy. Thank You for coming as a man and for passing through death and resurrection to regenerate us. We give ourselves to see the fulfillment of Your economy.
- 4. Continue to work Yourself in us. Gain us through our sufferings. Not only are You the living God, but You are also the God of resurrection. May we be more constituted with the divine element.
- 5. Lord, we just turn and turn again to our spirit. Cause us to live by the Spirit that we would also walk by the Spirit. We want to do everything by exercising our spirit, so we can experience more mingling with the processed Triune God.
- 6. Lord, we have heard of You by the hearing of the ear. But our desire is to see You not merely in an objective way but see You to receive You and have Your element wrought in us. Come in that we may gain more of You.

Europe/Other Burdens:

- 1. London International Blending Conference on April 2 to 4.
- 2. YP Spring Conference on April 2 to 4.

Church in Regina:

- 1. Goal of 50 meeting ones by end of 2021. Synchronized prayer for our contacts every day.
- 2. Strengthen and preserve our families to love the Lord, His appearing, and continue to meet virtually. May we all redeem the time by getting into the Word and the Life-study messages.
- 3. Pray for Aitong Liu's immigration application. Select them in Your time that they may also come here, be saved, see the church and be Your testimony.
- 4. Pray for Sister Mika Miranda's acceptance to the University of Regina Nursing Program. May Your will be done in our sister and may she be a shining testimony in the University. Use her for Your purpose.