

CHURCH IN REGINA

John 14:23 Jesus answered and said to him, If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make an abode with him.

HWMR Week 8—The Factor of Living an Overcoming Life in the Recovered Church to Consummate the Divine Economy and Become the New Jerusalem

The Church in Philadelphia

...[N]early everything found in the book of Revelation is not new but a fulfillment of things revealed in the Old Testament. This is also true of the key of David. Isaiah 22:22-24 is a prophecy concerning Christ as the One who holds the key of David. The deep thought in Christ's holding the key of David is found there. In Isaiah 22 it was prophesied that Christ would not only be the One holding the key of David, but that He would also be a nail or peg. Very few Christians have heard that Christ is a nail. If you consider the context of Isaiah 22 and if you read the context of the word regarding Christ as the One holding the key of David in Revelation 3, you will realize that Christ's holding the key of David is for God's house, for God's building. The crucial subject in Isaiah 22 is the house of God. And the epistle to the church in Philadelphia eventually speaks of the New Jerusalem. The overcomers in Philadelphia will be pillars in the temple of God, and the temple of God will ultimately be enlarged into the New Jerusalem. According to Revelation 21:22, there is no temple in the New Jerusalem, for, in eternity, the temple will be enlarged into a city, which, having three equal dimensions (21:16), will be the enlargement of the Holy of Holies. This is the ultimate consummation of God's house. Christ's holding the key of David, fighting the battle for God, and building the temple and establishing the kingdom of God are all for God's building.

Christ holds the key of David and He opens and shuts, not that we might be holy or spiritual, but that we might be built up. He does not care for so-called holiness or spirituality. During the past two centuries, certain people claimed to be holy and spiritual. Although they saw something, they were rather short-sighted. Holiness is not for holiness, and spirituality is not for spirituality. **Both holiness and spirituality are to enable us to be pillars in the temple of God.** Eventually, we shall not bear the name of holiness or spirituality but of the New Jerusalem. In 3:12 the Lord did not say, "I will write holiness upon you," or, "I will write spirituality upon you"; He said, "I will write upon him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which descends out of heaven from My God, and My new name." **What we have here is neither holiness nor spirituality but God and the New Jerusalem. God's purpose is not to make us holy or spiritual; it is to make us part of the New Jerusalem.** God already has all the holiness He needs, but He does not yet have the New Jerusalem. **God's desire is not for more spirituality.** He is seeking the New Jerusalem. God desires a builded church. He wants today's Bethel, the house of God which will consummate in the New Jerusalem. **Are you willing to see this?**

The Speaker to the church in Philadelphia holds the key of David, not to make us holy or spiritual, but **to deal with us that we might be transformed and built up.** Once we have been built up, He will become a nail to us, and we shall be the vessels hanging on Him. Firstly, Christ holds the key of David and eventually He holds us. **Christ used the key to open the door of our prison.** Before we came into the church life, we were all imprisoned. For example, some were imprisoned in the dungeon of Catholicism. But **wherever we were, Christ, the One who holds the key of David, opened our prison and released us.** According to our

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:

October International

Training for Elders &

Responsible Ones

October 8-10, 2021

International Thanksgiving

Weekend Conference

November 25-28, 2021

Winter Training

December 20-25, 2021

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**Christ is the
Firstborn Son
of God from His
Resurrection**

experience, all the doors opened for us by Christ are prison doors...As today's David, **He has the key to open whatever God desires to open**. Once He opens the door and we are released, we enter into the house of God where we become the household with many vessels held by Christ as the nail. If we remain in our mentality, we shall not have the realization or the sense of being held by Christ in this way. Nevertheless, Christ is the nail in God's house, and by this nail, we all are held up from the earth.

Firstly, Christ uses the key to release us from prison. After we have been released and have entered into the house of God, He becomes the nail holding us off the ground. The purpose of His doing this is **that we might be transformed into a pillar in God's house**. Eventually, we, the pillars, will become parts of the New Jerusalem. As we shall see, Christ's writing the name of the New Jerusalem upon us means that we have been transformed into a part of the New Jerusalem. If you see this, your view will be changed. In the past, you might have pursued holiness or spirituality, but you sought holiness and spirituality in an aimless way. You did not have God's goal in view. You did not see that both holiness and spirituality are for God's building. **Today, Christ, the real David, uses the key to release us from prison**. He then brings us into God's house that we might be transformed to be pillars and parts of the New Jerusalem. **This is the church life, and this is the temple of God**. Within this temple our Christ is a great nail holding us off the ground for God's building.

The Church's Condition

Having a Little Power

In Rev. 3:8 we see the condition of the church in Philadelphia. Firstly, this church had "a little power." Many times we estimate the church in Philadelphia too highly, thinking that this church was strong and prevailing...While we estimate the church in Philadelphia very highly, the Lord says that she had "a little power." **What pleases the Lord is not that we are strong, but that we use our little power to do the best we can**. Do not try to be strong. The strong ones may not please the Lord as much as those who do their best with the little power they have. You can never surpass what the Lord gives you. **Simply spend what you have received from Him**. Do not usurp the Lord's grace. None among us can say that he has received nothing from the Lord. Even the least among us has received a certain amount of grace from Him. You must spend that grace, using it to do your best. If you do this, the Lord will appreciate you and say, "Good. You have a little power, yet you have kept My word with the power you have." Do not seek to be a giant. **The Lord is not happy with giants**; He is happy with the little ones who have an amount of grace. Although that grace may be limited in its capacity, as long as we use it, spending it to do as much as we can to keep the Lord's word, He will be pleased.

Having Kept the Lord's Word

In verse 8 the Lord said that the church in Philadelphia kept His word. One outstanding feature of Philadelphia is that she kept the Lord's word. According to history, no other Christians have kept the Lord's word as strictly as these in the church in Philadelphia. Likewise, by His grace, **we are keeping His word today**...[A]mong today's Christians no one regards the Lord's word more than we do. **We keep the Word of God, not in the traditional way, but in the way of the pure Word**. This offends those who want to hold the traditions of their forefathers. **The church in Philadelphia does not care for tradition; she cares for the Word of God**.

Having Not Denied the Lord's Name

In verse 8 the Lord also said that the church in Philadelphia did not deny His name...The recovered church has not only returned to the Lord's word in a full way, but has also **abandoned all names** other than that of the Lord Jesus Christ. **The recovered church belongs to the Lord absolutely**, having nothing to do with any denominations (any names)... The church as the chaste virgin espoused to Christ (2 Cor. 11:2) should not have any name other than her husband's. **All other names are an abomination in the eyes of God**...The recovered church has no denominations (names), but the unique name of the Lord Jesus Christ (Excerpts from LS of Revelation, ch.15).

Announcements:

1. Sisters' Meeting on September 12.
2. 2021 Calgary YP Fall Conference online on September 17-19.
3. Western Canada College Conference on Sept 24 (Msg 1 at 6 PM) and Sept 25 (Msg 2 at 9AM; Msg 3 at 10:30AM; Msg 4 at 2PM; Msg 5 at 6PM)
4. Brothers' Pursuit Meeting at 6pm on September 26 via Zoom.

Prayer Burdens:

1. Lord we cooperate with Your work today. Make us Your overcomers. We do not want to remain in the stage of incarnation or even the stage of inclusion. May we all advance to the stage of intensification to overcome the degradation today.
2. Thank You, Lord for bring us into Your recovery. Give us the faithfulness to keep Your word and to exercise the little power that we have. We return to You in a full way. Keep us from being hindered by tradition and keep us heeding Your word.
3. Bring us back to Your original intention – one who expresses You and exercises Your dominion. We confess that we are not able to do this on our own. We take You as the center of God's economy, having the key of David that we would be built up.
4. Lord, make us and constitute us as pillars in the church today. Day by day we look to Your transforming work. Making us overcomers to be pillars in Your temple.
5. Continue to work in us through, by, with and in the life-giving Spirit. Make us the same as You are in life and in nature. Work in us until we become the New Jerusalem – Your enlarged, corporate expression.
6. Lord, give us more experiences of You. We want a fresh, new Christ every day. We are Your possession and Your expression. Transform us and designate us with a new name.

Other Burdens:

1. Ongoing 2021 Autumn Training for European university students (September 4 to October 3). Supply the university students with a vision, equip them with truth, help them in their experience of life, perfect them in the preaching of the gospel, and develop their character so they can become useful vessels for the building up of the Body of Christ.
2. Online Central European and Balkans Blending Conference on September 24-26.

Church in Regina:

1. Pray for our new contacts—Sister Tina Huang and Brother Mike Zhou. May the Lord enlighten them fully to see Christ and gain them fully for the church.
2. Pray for the purchase of a lot property and meeting hall.
3. Pray for the small group meeting and that the brothers and sisters in the church to be vitalized. Whatever we bind on the earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever we loose on the earth shall have been loosed in heaven. Release this burden, the prayers and the one accord.
4. Pray for a regular bible distribution and the continual preaching of the gospel. May our living be a testimony for the gospel.
5. Lord, we did not choose You but You chose us and You have set us that we should go forth and bear fruit. We believe that whatever we ask the Father in Your name, He may give us. We pray for more fruit and more shepherding so we can all be revived and have remaining fruit.
6. Lord, we pray for our individual pursuit of the Life-study messages. May we see Christ in Exodus and speak the same thing—the new language.