# CHURCH IN REGINA

1 Cor. 11:3: "But I want you to know that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of the woman, and God is the head of Christ."

HWMR Week 7—God's Raising Up of Deborah as a Judge of Israel and as a Mother in Israel Who Practiced the Female Submission to the Man in Order to Keep God's Ordination and Bring All of Israel into a Proper Order under God's Kingship and Headship

#### Christ as the Son of David and the Son of Abraham

The New Testament opens with these words: "The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham" (Matt. 1:1). The Son of David signifies the kingdom. Christ, the Son of David, is the King, the Ruler. As the Son of David, Christ brings us into the kingdom of the heavens (Matt. 5:3). Christ's being the Son of David is also for us to participate in the divine authority. According to the Gospel of Matthew, the Lord has given us the authority to bind and to loose (16:19). The Gospel of Matthew is concerned with the kingdom of the heavens, which is a matter of authority. The church revealed in this book represents the kingdom to reign. Hence, the authority to bind and to loose is given not only to Peter, the apostle for the church in 16:19, but also to the church itself (18:17-18). Christ, the Son of Abraham, brings us the divine blessing for us to inherit God. Galatians 3:29 says, "If you are of Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, heirs according to promise." Abraham's seed is only one, Christ (v. 16). Hence to be Abraham's seed we must be Christ's, a part of Christ. Because we are one with Christ, we are Abraham's seed, heirs according to promise, inheriting God's promised blessing, which is the all-inclusive Spirit as the ultimate consummation of the processed Triune God to be our portion.

Whereas the covenant with Abraham concerned the blessing, the covenant with David concerned the kingdom. God must have a kingdom, a realm, a sphere, on earth with His chosen race to exercise His administration under His full, divine authority. Without such a kingdom, God does not have a realm in which to accomplish His purpose. In order to be the blessing to His chosen people, God needs a kingdom, a realm, filled with His authority. Then in this administration He can come in to exercise whatever is on His heart to be the blessing promised to His chosen people. (the Conclusion of the New Testament, msg. 265)

#### **The Lord Creating Submission**

Philippians 2:5-7 form one section, while verses 8-11 form another section. The first section is on Christ emptying Himself. The second section is on Christ humbling Himself. The Lord lowered Himself twice, first in emptying Himself in His deity, and then in humbling Himself in His humanity. When the Lord came down to earth, He emptied Himself of the glory, power, position, and image in His deity. As a result of His emptying, those without revelation did not recognize Him and would not acknowledge Him as God, considering Him merely as an ordinary man. In the Godhead the Lord voluntarily chose to be the Son, submitting Himself to the authority of the Father. Hence, He said that the Father was greater than He (John 14:28). The Son's position was a voluntary choice of our Lord. In the Godhead there is full harmony. In the Godhead there is equality, yet it is happily arranged that the Father should be the Head and that the Son should submit. The Father became the representation of authority, and the Son became the representation of submission. We are human. Submission for us is simple. We can submit as long as we humble ourselves. But the Lord's submission is not a simple matter. The Lord's submission is more difficult than His creation of the heavens and the earth. In order to submit He had to empty Himself of all the glory, power, position, and image in His deity. He also had to take on the form of a slave. Only then could He receive the qualification of submission. Hence, submission is something created by the Son of God. (CWWN, vol. 47, "Authority and Submission," ch. 5)

# **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:**

Winter Training December 20-25, 2021

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Christ is Another Angel.

#### The Function of the Sisters - Being Submissive in the Church Life

First Corinthians 11:3 says, "Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of the woman, and God is the head of Christ." In this verse we can see the divine order. To be the head in a proper way and to be submissive to the head both require the riches of life. It is not easy for the brothers to function as the head, and it is also difficult for the sisters to be submissive to the brothers. The sisters need to be submissive not only outwardly but also from within their spirit, without any complaining or murmuring. If the church is to have a proper testimony in the universe, there should be no murmuring or complaining from the sisters. The sisters need to learn the lesson of being submissive. They need to have the attitude that, as sisters, they do not know what is wrong or what is right; they only know one thing—that their position in the church is to be submissive. To decide what is right and what is wrong is not their responsibility or their position. The sisters are only in the position of being submissive.

To be submissive requires the **supply of life**, the **enjoyment of grace**, the **working of the cross**, and the **denial of the self**. We should never try to be submissive by our self. We should consecrate ourselves to the Lord not to do a work for the Lord but simply to be submissive. If the sisters take care of this one matter of being submissive, the church will be **strengthened**, **enriched**, and **renewed**. If the sisters in a local church are submissive, the church will be **strong**, **living**, **rich**, and **prevailing**. It is much more prevailing for the sisters to be submissive than for them to do any kind of work. This is the **first lesson** the sisters need to learn. This does not mean that there is no need for the sisters to fellowship with the church, but the sisters must know that their position and standing are to be submissive. (CWWL, 1968, vol. 1, "Various Messages in Los Angeles," ch. 14, "The Standing, Position, and Function of the Sisters in the Church," pp. 83 -88)

#### The Serving Sisters and the Loving Mothers in the Church Life

To have the practical church life to the uttermost, in the local church there should be some **real sisters** and some **real mothers**. [Recently] it was my burden to share with you that you need to be a serving sister, but now I am burdened to share with you that you need to be a mother. As long as there is a shortage of sisters like Phoebe among us, the church life is not practical. Yet the serving of that sister is at the beginning of Romans 16, in the first verse. When the church life in practicality reaches a peak, in every church there should be some real mothers.

If we call one another brothers and sisters in the church life, and yet when we come to the practical things, we do not care for each other's children, all the second generation would realize that our brotherhood and sisterhood is not genuine. To them the brotherhood in the church life becomes something in the air. But if someone would pick up those young ones and care for them as their own child, the brotherhood in the church life becomes the real brotherhood. Both parties will get the benefit. This was Paul's concept in writing Romans 16. Otherwise, how could he write in this way: "I commend to you Phoebe our sister... Greet Rufus,...and his mother as well as mine"? This means that all the people in that time in the church life had the life transfer through the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. The cross is here. On this side of the cross Mary was Mary, and John was John. These two in blood and flesh had nothing to do with one another. But on the resurrection side John becomes Mary's son, and Mary becomes John's mother. They have a second relationship of the family, not the first. The first relationship is in the flesh, but the second is in the transferred life. This matter is in the Bible, but it has been missed by most of today's Christians.

If you sisters would be serving as Phoebes and loving as mothers, I can assure you that the church would be seventy percent built up right away. Seventy percent of the building of the practical church life depends on the sisters. Without such a coordination with the sisters in this way, no matter how much the brothers labor in the church life, there will be very little result as far as the building goes. When the sisters are serving and are mothers, right away the church will be built up. Through this there will be a strong connection in the spiritual building, and a prevailing revival will spontaneously be brought in. Satan will be defeated. It will be fully proved how much depends on the sisters. Seventy percent of the practical building depends on the sisters. We all must pray that the Lord will have mercy upon the church that all the sisters will be Phoebes and will be mothers. (The Collected Works of Witness Lee, 1975-1976, vol. 1, "A Word for the Sisters," ch. 2, pp. 47-55)

## Announcements:

- 1. Church in Regina Service Meeting: December 18, 2021 at 2:00pm via Zoom.
- 2. Winter Training Registration Fee: \$165 CAD. Please label the payment in the offering box accordingly.
- 3. Brothers Pursuit Meeting on December 26, 2021 at 6:00pm via Zoom.

Schedule of VIDEO Training			
Date	Review	Testing	Message
December 20, Monday			Message 1 - 7:30 to 9:00pm
December 22, Wednesday	Review 1 - 6:30 to 7:00pm	Testing 1 - 7:00 to 7:30pm	Message 2 - 7:30 to 9:00pm
December 23, Thursday	Review 2 - 6:30 to 7:00pm	Testing 2 - 7:00 to 7:30pm	Message 3 - 7:30 to 9:00pm
December 24, Friday	Review 3 - 6:30 to 7:00pm	Testing 3 - 7:00 to 7:30pm	Message 4 - 7:30 to 9:00pm
December 25, Saturday	Review 4 - 2:30 to 3:00pm Corporate Review 5 - 6:30 to 7:00pm	Testing 4 - 3:00 to 3:30pm	Message 5 - 3:30 to 5:00pm Message 6 - 7:00 to 8:30pm
December 26, Sunday	Review 6 - 6:30 to 7:00pm	Testing 6 - 7:00 to 7:30pm	Message 7 - 7:30 to 9:00pm
December 27, Monday	Review 7 - 6:30 to 7:00pm	Testing 7 - 7:00 to 7:30pm	Message 8 - 7:30 to 9:00pm
December 29, Wednesday	Review 8 - 6:30 to 7:00pm	Testing 8 - 7:00 to 7:30pm	Message 9 - 7:30 to 9:00pm
December 30, Thursday	Review 9 - 6:30 to 7:00pm	Testing 9 - 7:00 to 7:30pm	Message 10 - 7:30 to 9:00pm
December 31, Friday	Review 10 - 6:30 to 7:00pm	Testing 10 - 7:00 to 7:30pm	Message 11 - 7:30 to 9:00pm
January 1, Saturday	Review 11 - 6:30 to 7:00pm	Testing 11 - 7:00 to 7:30pm	Message 12 - 7:30 to 9:00pm

## Prayer Burdens:

- 1. Lord, we want to continually take, experience, and enjoy you as our king, our Lord, our head and our husband. Lord, we repent because we are rebellious. Cause us to be under your ruling and enjoy you as our blessing.
- 2. Lord, cause us to be like Deborah. To take the lead, to be willing to follow and fight for your interest. Lord, we want to be Nazarites of today. A person full of hair and full of submission.
- 3. Lord, we are willing to submit. We want to take you in as our supply of life, our enjoyment of grace, our working of the cross and the denial of ourselves. Lord, we want to be submissive even as we are submissive.
- 4. Lord, thank you for this transferred and transformed life that you have given us. Lord, may we be patterns of Paul who did not determine to know anything but the all inclusive Christ and the crucified one.
- 5. Lord, we want to exercise our spirit of prayer and faith to be real mothers. Lord, cause us to become serving nurses who take care of the church. Lord, cause us to grow and to mature by loving one another.
- 6. Lord, we want to be those who have great resolutions in heart and great searchings of heart. Lord, we want to have one heart to love you, to seek you and to live you. Lord, we want to be absolutely consecrated to you for your up to date recovery in the building up of the body of Christ.

## **Other Burdens:**

- 1. Pray for the word of God to reach all parts of Canada, especially the remote areas. Pray that many genuine seekers of the Lord will receive a copy of the New Testament Recovery Version.
- 2. GTCC: Abbotsford, BC; Airdrie, AB; Guelph, ON. Pray for the burden of gaining more Caucasian believers and gospel contacts to be brought into the church life. May the localities gain a stable meeting place and a shepherding atmosphere where everyone will be ushered into the church life.

## Church in Regina:

- 1. Pray for the purchase of a lot property and meeting hall.
- 2. Pray for the small group meeting and that the brothers and sisters in the church to be vitalized. Release this burden, the prayers and the one accord.
- 3. Pray for a "one piece" view of our labor for the children, young people and the college students. May we all see the church life as one, offer no strange fire, and go on steadfastly in 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. Pray for all the saints to pick up the burden to spread the truth embodied in the New Testament Recovery Version so that it would become part of their daily living.
- 6. Lord, we pray for our individual pursuit of the Life-study messages. Prepare our entire being for the upcoming semiannual training.