

CHURCH IN REGINA

Acts 26:19 "Therefore...I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision."

HWMR Week 8—The Intrinsic Significance of Gideon as God's Valiant Warrior

The book of Judges records seven cycles of Israel's miserable history of forsaking God. In reading through these cycles in Judges, it is difficult to understand how someone as positive as Gideon could become so negative. Between his success and his failure, it must have been that a demon entered him, because he forsook God and joined himself to Satan.

This principle can be seen even more in the case of Samson. His birth was a miracle initiated by the appearing of the Angel of Jehovah. When Samson was in the bosom of his mother, he was sanctified to be a Nazarite. As he grew up, he was clean and pure according to God's ordination, and he was empowered by the Spirit of God. When the Israelites were under the tyranny of the Philistines, the Spirit of God as the holy, economical Spirit came upon Samson, and he became powerful.

However, Samson's unique problem was in the matter of sex. He was not genuine in seeking for a spouse; rather, his contacting of women was just to indulge his lusts. He indulged his lust with a Philistine woman, with a harlot in Gaza, and with a woman named Delilah. Although he had been empowered by God, he was damaged and destroyed to the uttermost because of his indulgence in lust...

The sisters should clothe and cover their body in a proper way. First Timothy 2:9 charges the sisters to "adorn themselves in proper clothing with modesty and sobriety, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly clothing." The word proper denotes fitting to the sisters' nature and position as saints of God. In Greek the word for clothing implies deportment, demeanor. A sister's demeanor, of which clothing is the main sign, must befit her saintly position. The word modesty means, literally, "shamefastness," denoting being bound or made fast by an honorable shame..., implying not forward or overbold but moderate, observing the proprieties of womanhood. The word sobriety means "sobermindedness, self-restraint; the restricting of oneself soberly and discreetly." The sisters in a local church should clothe themselves with these two virtues—shamefastness and self-restraint—as their demeanor.

Hebrews 13:4 says, "Let marriage be held in honor among all," because through marriage mankind continues to exist on earth and is propagated to replenish the earth. God created a need and desire within man to be married. A desire to be married is not sinful; on the contrary, it is according to God's ordination. However, the time to consider marriage is after graduation from college. All the brothers and sisters should consecrate to the Lord, giving themselves to Him and promising that they will live for Him and even live Him their entire life. Then they should pray to see if there is the leading of the Lord in this matter, rather than trying to be too selective. Keeping these items will be a great protection to the young people (Excerpts from the Life Study of Judges, Msg 8).

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

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NEW LANGUAGE

**All that God is,
is in Christ.**

The Vision of Consecration

...[F]allen people are bound by a cord composed of three strands: the **flesh**, the **self**, and the **world**. The flesh is the human body corrupted by the sinful nature of Satan. Sin is nothing less than the sinful nature of Satan injected into the human body, which had been created by God for His purpose. In Romans 6 and 7 sin is personified and likened to a living person who dwells in us, works in us, and reigns in us. As we have the flesh in the body, so we have the self in the soul. The self is the soul plus the satanic mind, the satanic thought.

The human body has become the flesh, and the human soul has become the self, but what has happened to the human spirit? There seems to be nothing wrong with the human spirit, for, in contrast to the body and the soul, there is nothing evil or sinful in it. No, there is nothing sinful in the human spirit, but nevertheless the human spirit has been deadened. The spirit has been deadened by the sin in the body and by the self in the soul. The more sinful we are, the more our spirit is deadened. Likewise, the more self-seeking we are, the more our spirit is deadened.

Human beings are bound not only by the flesh and the self but also by the world. Satan has systematized **all the things on earth** which are necessary for human existence. These things include food, marriage, clothing, housing, and transportation. **The Lord provides everything necessary for our existence so that we may live to fulfill His purpose.** However, Satan has come in to systematize these things into a system... Originally, all these things were on earth for human existence, and there was nothing wrong with them, but Satan came in to change the earthly things into worldly things. Satan transmuted the human body into the flesh and changed the human soul into the self. In the same principle, Satan has changed the earthly things—the things that were originally on earth for man’s existence—into worldly things. These things have become elements of Satan’s system, the world, in which all **people are imprisoned**. Man has been **systematized** by Satan and has **no freedom** to fulfill God’s purpose.

The Consecration in the Upper Room

Acts 1 speaks of the upper room in Jerusalem. In this upper room a group of about a hundred and twenty prayed for ten days in one accord. They not only prayed, but they also consecrated themselves to the Lord, offering themselves to Him in a **very real and practical way**.

Three and a half years earlier, the Lord Jesus came to Peter by the seashore, and Peter offered himself to Him. Peter left his job and began to follow the Lord (Matt. 4:18-20). We may say that Peter consecrated himself to the Lord. However, Peter’s experience in the upper room was something else. Here Peter had a new kind of consecration, not an ordinary consecration but something specific. At the seashore Peter gave up his job, indicated by his leaving his fishing nets, but in the upper room he gave up much more. We need to itemize the things Peter gave up in order to be in the upper room.

- 1) The first thing Peter gave up was **Judaism**. The heavenly vision was contradictory to the **religion** of his forefathers. Peter’s attitude was not to stand with his forefathers’ religion but to stand with the heavenly vision.
- 2) In order to be in the upper room, Peter also gave up his **country**. Peter was from Galilee, but he left Galilee and came to the upper room in Jerusalem.
- 3) As a native of Galilee, Peter surely had **relationships** with his neighbors and friends in Galilee. For Peter to be in the upper room required that he give up these relationships.
- 4) Peter also gave up his **relatives**. I doubt whether Peter brought his parents with him into the upper room. There is no hint to this effect. Actually, Peter’s parents might have remained in Judaism.
- 5) Finally, Peter was in the upper room at the risk of his **life**. He was ready to give up his life. At that time Jerusalem was a threatening place to Peter and all the others in the upper room, yet they were willing to risk their lives to be there.

The Kind of Consecration We Need Today

During those ten days in the upper room, everything was dedicated in a **practical way** and was **dedicated at any cost**—at the cost of their forefathers’ religion, at the cost of their country, at the cost of their relationships with neighbors and friends, at the cost of their relatives and families, and at the cost of their lives. **The only thing they cared for was the heavenly vision.** They were “drunken” with this heavenly vision. They were “married” to this heavenly vision; their whole being was held by this heavenly vision; and they were beside themselves with this heavenly vision. This is the kind of consecration we need today (Excerpts from The Heavenly Vision, ch. 6).

Announcements:

1. The local schedule of our Winter Training sessions is posted in our newsletter.
2. Winter Training Registration Fee: \$165 CAD. Please label the payment in the offering box accordingly.
3. Brothers’ Pursuit Meeting on December 26 at 6:00pm via Zoom.

Cost \$165 CAD / \$125 USD

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, give us a proper ear to hear Your word. We want to listen to Your words today. We also want to obey and act on Your word. Make us those who learn obedience in suffering as You have learned it.
2. Lord, tear down any idols in our being. We want to give You the first place in all things. Fill us with the all-inclusive, processed, consummated Spirit every day.
3. Cause us to know ourselves, see the heavenly vision, offer ourselves to You and tear down idols in our being. Bring ourselves to an end so You can have a beginning with us. May what we do be according to Your will.
4. Reveal to us the victory of the cross. Test us and expose us of our real condition. Make us overcomers who are absolute for Your glory, who are afraid of nothing and who allow the cross to deal with us.
5. Lord, You are the barley loaf in us – the resurrection life operating in us making us one. Cause us not to lose heart. Grant us Your mercy to minister and live in the reality of Your economy.
6. We have no right to divorce You and we have no reason to forsake You. Save us from our ambitions and lust. May we all take You, love You, honor You, respect You, regard You, exalt You, and cling to You. Do this in us that the enemy will be put to shame.

Other Burdens:

1. Strengthen the brothers and sisters in the Church in Saskatoon. Remind them of their first love. Woo them and shine in each one that they may see You in every situation and return to You as the reality of all positive things.
2. Pray for the release of the word and the burden for this Winter Semiannual Training. Speak to the churches Your up-to-date speaking. May we all enter in the burden of the training and be constituted with the intrinsic significance of 1 and 2 Samuel.

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 semiannual training.
7. Preserve sister Diana Ballao’s family in Leyte. Strengthen them and comfort them as they recover from the recent typhoon.