

CHURCH IN REGINA

2 COR. 8:15 ...HE WHO GATHERED MUCH HAD NO EXCESS, AND HE WHO GATHERED LITTLE HAD NO LACK.

NEW LANGUAGE

CHRIST IS THE
FIRST AND THE
LAST.

Church Meetings:

Lord's Table

Lord's Day, 10:00 - 12:00 PM

Prayer Meeting

Tuesday, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

College Meeting

Friday, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Young People's Meeting

Saturday, 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Children's Meeting

Saturday, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Small Group Meeting

Friday, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Conferences & Trainings:

Chinese-Speaking Conference

February 18-20, 2022

April ITERO

April 1-3, 2022

Memorial Day Conference

May 27-30, 2022

July Semiannual Training

July 4-9 2022

October ITERO

October 6-8, 2022

Thanksgiving Conference

November 24-27, 2022

Dec. Semiannual Training

December 26-31, 2022

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Material Offering and the Lord's Move Today - Week 1

What should be the attitude of a Christian worker, a servant of God, towards money? This is quite a serious question, and unless a worker has a **definite breakthrough** in this matter, he cannot work for the Lord. If a worker has a problem towards money, he cannot go very far. A worker finds frequent occasions to touch money. What is at stake, therefore, is a very fundamental question.

Mammon stands **in opposition to God**, and we should reject **its influence**. This is the **proper Christian view towards money**. We must **be on the alert** lest we come under its power. No worker who is bound by the power of mammon can persuade others to be freed from its power. This is not possible. If we are bound and controlled by mammon, it will be impossible for us to help the brothers and sisters to be free of its control and bondage. A worker should hate laziness, and he should also loathe the power of mammon. Otherwise, he will be useless in God's work. Money is a great matter...

In the New Testament Peter spoke of **the way of Balaam**. He showed us what it is: "Having eyes full of adultery and not ceasing from sin; enticing unstable souls, having a heart exercised for covetousness, children of curse" (2 Pet. 2:14). Here the emphasis is on the **habitual exercise of covetousness**. Covetousness is a matter of the heart, yet it can become a habit. When a man is taken over by covetousness once, twice, or many times, his covetousness becomes his habit. "Forsaking the straight way, they have gone astray, following the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness" (v. 15). What happens when a person falls into habitual covetousness? He forsakes the straight way, goes astray, and follows the way of Balaam, the son of Beor! Brothers and sisters, **God has set before us "the straight way."** Which way should we go? Some have forsaken the straight way, gone astray, and followed the way of Balaam. What is "the way of Balaam"? He was a prophet who loved the wages of unrighteousness. This shows us clearly that the way of Balaam is a way that involves the selling of one's prophetic ministry for a profit. But the gospel is not sold, and the prophetic ministry is not sold. We can neither sell God's gospel nor the ministry of the prophets. Yet here was a person who sold his prophetic ministry. His way was wrong. His heart was filled with covetousness. This is the reason he went astray as soon as temptation came. Balaam did not accept Balak's offer as a result of one thought of covetousness; it was the result of habitual coveting. Brothers and sisters, have you seen this point? It was a habit. This was the reason he went astray as soon as Balak offered him the money. If the **power of mammon** is not eradicated from us, our feet will run after it as soon as its bait is dangled before us, and we will sacrifice our usefulness. If we want to run a straight course, we have to **deny mammon absolutely**. Otherwise, we outwardly may be seeking for leading, praying for guidance, and pursuing God's will while our feet remain on the wrong path. Balaam prayed, pursued God's will, and waited on God. Yet he still took the wrong way. Please remember that **as long as money occupies a place in our heart and covetousness becomes a habit**, we can pray all we want for God to stop us from going to a certain place, but money will eventually direct our footsteps. We will be unable to run a straight course.

~ Excerpts from *The Character of the Lord's Worker*, Chapter 9

Prayer Burdens:

1. Lord, reveal and destroy all idols inside us. We simply want to worship You. Save us from the enemy's deception and exploitation. Remove mammon as an idol from our midst.
2. Deliver us from the power of mammon. Lord, You are the only One who can truly touch us on this matter. May we all be willing to give up everything in order to enter Your kingdom. Humble us to see Your work of salvation.
3. We praise You, Lord, for saving us completely, not just from our sins but also from mammon. Teach us to be rich in You and to put our money in the "heavenly bank."
4. Make us faithful ones to be willing to give You everything. Thank You for being the First to give everything to us.
5. Lord, teach us to know and practice how money should be used properly. We pray that we would see everything from Your view. Have mercy on us, Lord to give everything that we have to Your building.
6. Lord, fully deliver us from mammon. We want to have a proper testimony and be proper Christians. Lord, cause us to serve You in a full way, even making us "sell all that we have".

Europe/North America

1. The Church in Rostov-on-Don is seeking to purchase a meeting hall. Today the church has approximately 90 saints. The brothers there have found a suitable meeting facility at a cost of a little over 400,000 USD. The amount needed to complete the purchase with renovations is 200,000 USD. The first installment of 30% will be paid on January 10, and the remaining amount is due by May 1.

Church in Regina:

1. Pray for the **2022 church direction**, especially our priestly service and our practical services. Grant each one of us a real searching of heart and a great resolution in heart.
2. Pray for the purchase of a **lot property and meeting hall**.
3. Pray for a **regular bible distribution** and the **continual preaching of the gospel**. May our living be a testimony for the gospel.
4. Lord, we pray for our individual pursuit of the **Life-study messages**.
5. Pray for Bro. Antonio Miranda and Sis. Cecil Miranda's **final medical review**. Pray that they can come within the next two months.
6. Pray for everyone's **health** and **complete recovery**. Bind the work of the enemy and preserve each family. Thank You, we are all in Your hands.

A Timely Speaking

Those who love the Lord, wait for His coming, and love His appearing will overcome.

Loving the Lord's appearing is a **proof** that we love the Lord and live for Him today; hence, it also becomes a **condition** for us to receive His reward.

To love the Lord's appearing does not mean that we should not live a normal life; rather, the more we love His appearing, the more we need to **live a normal life** today.

As those who love the Lord Jesus, take Him as our life, live Him, and magnify Him, we should **await His coming and love His appearing**; this should be our heart's desire and our living as those who hope to enter into His joy, be saved into the Lord's heavenly kingdom, and receive the crown of righteousness.

~Excerpts from Outline, Loving the Lord's Appearing

Local Announcements:

1. **Brothers' pursuit meeting** on January 30 at 6pm via Zoom.
2. **Sisters' fellowship meeting** on February 13 at 2pm via Zoom.
3. **International Chinese-Speaking Conference** on February 18-20 via Zoom. No registration required and English translation will be available.