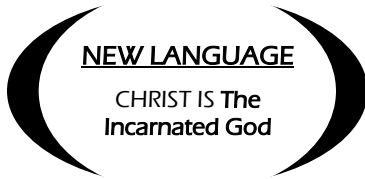


CHURCH IN REGINA

I SAM. 1:11 AND SHE MADE A VOW AND SAID, O JEHOVAH OF HOSTS, IF YOU WILL INDEED LOOK UPON THE AFFLICTION OF YOUR FEMALE SERVANT AND...GIVE TO YOUR FEMALE SERVANT A MALE CHILD, THEN I WILL GIVE HIM TO JEHOVAH FOR ALL THE DAYS OF HIS LIFE, AND NO RAZOR WILL COME UPON HIS HEAD.



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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Crystallization—Study of 1 and 2 Samuel—Week 1

GOD'S HEART BEING DUPLICATED IN SAMUEL

Because God's heart was duplicated in Samuel, Samuel did not care for his own **interest or gain**. At the end, Samuel **gained nothing** but a tomb to be buried in. Due to the situation at the time, Samuel appointed his sons to be judges, but, contrary to Saul, he had no intention to build up a **kingdom** for them. His sons did not follow in his ways but went after **unjust gain, took bribes, and perverted justice** (1 Sam. 8:1-3). When the people asked Samuel to appoint a king, he was not offended by anything related to his sons; on the contrary, he was offended by their desire to replace God (vv. 4-7). Because he had no intention to build up a kingdom for his descendants, **Samuel's concern was not for his children but for God's people**. In such a situation it was easy for God to bring in the kingdom.

A PERSON WHO CARED ONLY FOR GOD AND FOR GOD'S INTEREST AND PROFIT

Samuel would never have cooperated with God if he had been a **self-seeking person**. As we will see in the next message, the day before Saul came to Samuel, God revealed to Samuel what He wanted him to do. God said to him, "At about this time tomorrow I will send to you a man from the land of Benjamin, and you shall anoint him as the leader over My people Israel" (9:16). When Saul and his servant came to Samuel, Samuel did exactly as God had instructed. He did not care to gain anything for himself or for his children.

Now we can see why Samuel was so useful in the hand of God. He had no self-seeking nor any thought of self-gain. Instead, as a Nazarite, who allowed no razor to come upon his head and who did not drink any wine, he was absolutely for God. He was happy to go wherever God wanted him to go and to do whatever God wanted him to do. He was a man according to God, a man according to God's heart. Therefore, he was a man whom God could use to carry out His economy.

We should not think that Samuel did not have any kind of human concept. One day Jehovah said to him, "Fill your horn with oil, and go; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite; for I have selected for Myself a king among his sons" (16:1b). When Samuel heard this, he said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me" (v. 2a). This indicates that Samuel was very human and had human concepts. Nevertheless, he was not a self-seeking person. All of his seeking was for God and for God's elect. He cared for God and for His interest and profit, and He prayed for God's people.

(Excerpts from the Life-study of 1 & 2 Samuel, msgs.7.)

Prayer Burdens:

1. Lord, cause us to cooperate and to be bound with You for the fulfilment of God's economy. Enter in us and mingle Yourself into us, make us one with You, having one life and one living.
2. Lord, we not only want to defeat the enemies and to take full possession of the good land but for us to set up a kingdom in the land for Your expression.
3. Lord, cause us to be like Samuel, who was the duplication of God's heart desire. Lord, cause us to put aside our own interest and do what is according to Your heart to bring in the kingdom.
4. Lord, cause us to be like Hannah, a person who prayed and cooperated with You to accomplish Your will. Lord, make us those who make a vow and to bring forth many Samuels for the building up of the kingdom.
5. Lord, reveal to us Your sovereign hand in the Divine Trinity portrayed in prophecy and typology. Operate in the Divine Trinity to bring forth Samuel and David so that the kingdom of God might be brought in.
6. Lord, we need You today as the embodiment of God and the reality of the offerings for the fulfilment of God's dwelling place. Lord, we want to cooperate with Divine Trinity to pray prevailing prayers for God's goal.

Europe/North America/Other Burdens

Pray for the 2022 Gospel Trips:

1. **For the 1045 material distributed in Warsaw** to be read and used by the Lord to save many.
2. **For the follow-up contact with all the invitees in Krakow**, whether in meetings or more intimate visitations (A total of 25 adults and 7 children attended, all new ones)
3. **For all the teams in Poland in their going out on the gospel.** We pray that they would enjoy Christ as their wisdom to contact Ukrainians and may God would have a way to touch them and spread in them.

Church in Regina:

1. Pray for the purchase of a **lot property and meeting hall**. We pray for the Lord's leading in our seeking of our Mortgage approval from the Banks.
2. Pray for a **regular bible distribution** and the **continual preaching of the gospel**.
3. Lord, we pray for our individual pursuit of the **Life-study messages**.
4. Pray for **Marlon** and **Mechelle Morco**, also **Antonio** and **Cecille Miranda**. We trust in Your sovereignty and pray that they will leave religion and see the reality of Christ and the church.
5. Pray for **three new ones** who have been regularly attending the Young People's Meeting - **Jinger, Hao, and Luka**. We pray that they will continue to attend. Keep their hearts soft and spirits open. We pray that their families will also see the change in them and see Christ and the church.

A Timely Speaking

The Divine Element of the Triune God and Christ

This life is the divine element of the Triune God and Christ. God gives His chosen people repentance unto this life and has appointed, ordained, them to receive this life (Acts 11:18; 13:48). I grew up as a Chinese person in an old, conservative, pagan country. How could I believe in Christ? This could only have taken place because of God's ordination. Eventually, God gave me the gift of **repentance**, and I **accepted, received**, Christ. This was ordained by God. All the believers were ordained by Him to receive eternal life.

Thus, Christ as life to us is of three ages. In the **present age** **Christ as life is a gift**; in the **coming age** He will be a **reward**; and in the new heaven and new earth, in the **eternal age**, He will be the **supply**. In the next age, for those who have become the overcomers, Christ will be a reward. Then after the millennium all the defeated ones will also be made overcomers. They will join the early overcomers to enjoy Christ as life, as the eternal, bountiful supply, in the New Jerusalem in the new heaven and new earth.

(Excerpts from The Ten Great Critical "Ones" for the Building Up of the Body of Christ, ch. 5)

Announcements:

1. **Love feast on May 8**
2. **Sisters meeting on May 8**
3. **The local registration deadline for the July Semi-annual Video Training is on May 6, 2022.** See the church schedule attached. The cost is \$165.00 Cad. Put your name and label "Summer Training 2022" when put in the offering box.
4. **Home meeting on May 14 at Sister Venus' house at 4:00pm.**