

CHURCH IN REGINA

COL. 4:2 PERSEVERE IN PRAYER, WATCHING IN IT WITH THANKSGIVING.



NEW LANGUAGE

CHRIST IS
the Son of Man.

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 2

The Waters of Marah

[In the book of Exodus, we see that] God led the people to **Marah**, which means **bitterness**. Exodus 15:23 says, "And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter: therefore the name of it was called Marah." The fact that God led His people to Marah indicates that as we walk in the realm of resurrection, God will lead us to a place of bitterness, to Marah. The pillar of cloud led the people to a place where there were waters, but these waters were bitter. When the people discovered that the waters were bitter, they "murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink?" (v. 24). Like the children of Israel, we also have complained and murmured about our bitter situations. Many times we have said in a complaining way, "What shall I do? What shall we drink? What kind of help is this?"...[A]s a true servant of the Lord, instead of striving with this murmuring and complaining people, Moses cried out to the Lord (v. 25).

In response to his cry, the Lord showed him a **tree** (v. 25). When Moses cast the tree into the waters, the waters were made sweet. First Peter 2:24 indicates that this tree signifies **the cross of Christ**. Thus, **the tree that healed the bitter waters denotes the cross on which the Lord was crucified**. The cross of Christ, the unique cross, is the healing cross.

This picture corresponds to our **spiritual experience**. After we are baptized and begin to walk in newness of life, we are troubled because we have no natural water. On the one hand, we are like the people who complained and murmured. On the other hand, we are like Moses who cried to the Lord. When we cry out to the Lord in prayer, He shows us the **vision of the crucified Christ**. We need to see a vision of the cross. Seeing this vision, we apply the cross of Christ to our situation, and immediately the bitter waters become sweet...*(Excerpts from LS of Exodus, ch. 30)*

Many times we think that the Lord is great. Even though our Lord is great, He does not neglect the small things. We may think that what we tell Him must also be something great, or else He will not listen. Little do we realize that **our Lord never neglects the small things**. There is nothing that is too small for the Lord to listen to. He is willing to listen to everything. He is willing to listen to everything concerning us...We can tell the Lord our sorrow. He will not rebuke us as being too worldly, too affectionate, or too attached to our dead ones. **He knows** our emotion, and He sympathizes with our heart. Some may have never experienced the sorrow of losing their parents, wife, brothers, or relatives. Nevertheless, when they lose something, they still feel as if their "John" has died, and they are left in despair and disappointment. They feel that the sky above them is no longer blue and that everything around them has lost its ardor; they find no way out. At such times it is most unprofitable to not bury the corpse, to cry, and to be sorrowful over it all the time. They should bury the corpse, like the disciples of John did, and go and tell the Lord. We should realize that when we have a **thorough talk with the Lord and pour out our heart to Him**, our intimacy with the Lord is one step further, and we know Him a little more. **Intimate contact with Him at these times is hundreds of times better than our ordinary fellowship with Him. By these contacts we advance in life.** We should bring our problems to the Lord and tell Him about them. He can comfort us and help us. If a person has never shed tears before the Lord, if he has never shared his joy or sorrow with the Lord, and if he has never talked with the Lord about his private matters, he has never had any intimate fellowship with the Lord; he has never had any deep acquaintance with Him. We are not saying that you cannot ask others to pray for you or ask others to help you. We are saying that one can only be drawn closer to the Lord through telling Him everything.

(Excerpts from Tell Him)

Prayer Burdens:

1. Lord, we want to be today's Zion. Build us up and make us Your overcomers. Thank You for this life within which can perfect us and mature us to be God-men.
2. Lord, make us desperate to pray at any cost and to pay the price just as the apostle Paul did. Vitalize us and cause us to be living and active in oneness just as You are living and active in building Your Body today.
3. Lord, in today's chaotic world, may You find us desperate like Hannah. We want to echo what is in Your heart and produce Samuels who would keep the line of life and bring forth the kingdom.
4. We praise You as our real origin. You sovereignly and secretly arrange all our environment to motivate us to cooperate with You. We consecrate ourselves anew, so You can gain Your real purpose.
5. Cause us to participate in "the Hannah ministry" – to bring the kingdom with Christ as the King. Strengthen us during all hardships and trials. May our prayers be prayers to produce Your overcomers.
6. Lord, we pour out our soul before You. We cast the tree into the bitterness of our situations. Change the bitter water into sweet water with Your presence and through the vision of the crucified Christ.

Europe/North America/Other Burdens

1. Pray that the Lord's testimony in Ukraine would be preserved, and pray for the Lord's shepherding of the saints that are still in Ukraine.
2. From Berlin, Germany: Pray for their receiving of the saints from Ukraine, particularly those who will come from Gut Elim to Berlin. Pray that many saints in Berlin will participate in the care of these saints in a way that will minister life to 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**. 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 One Body

The one Body, the one organism, is the accomplishment of God's economy according to the good pleasure, the heart's desire, of His will (Eph. 1:5). This Body is **built with Christ's life as its element**, the **Spirit of reality as its essence**, and the **person of God as its source** (4:4-6) and **built up** by the **perfected saints** who are perfected by the gifted members (vv. 11-12). If we are going to build up the Body, we must be perfected. The apostles, prophets, evangelists, and shepherds and teachers have the ability to perfect the saints. Then the saints are good for the building up of the Body of Christ.

(Excerpts from The Ten Great Critical "Ones" for the Building Up of the Body of Christ, ch. 6)

Announcements:

1. **Sisters' Meeting on May 8**
2. **The local registration deadline for the July Semi-annual Video Training is on May 8.** The cost is \$165 CAD. Please put your payment in the offering box and label the envelope with you name and indicate "Summer Training 2022".
3. **Campus Gospel Preaching on May 13** at Candy Cane Park at 6pm.
4. **Home meeting on May 14** at Sister Estela's house at 4:00pm.
5. **Church pursuit on May 23** at 4pm through Zoom.