

Church in Regina

NEW LANGUAGE

CHRIST, IS THE SEED OF ABRAHAM (GAL. 3:16)

Crystallization-Study of 1 and 2 Kings—Week 9

APPROVED BY GOD

1 Thessalonians 2:4 says, "But even as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God, who proves our hearts." *God's entrusting depends on His approval by Histesting...* According to our opinion, since God already knows everything, it is not necessary for Him to test us. Yes, before we were born, He already knew what kind of person we would be. *Why, then, does God test us?* God's testing is not mainly for Himself; *it is primarily for us.* God knows us, but *we do not know ourselves.* Because we do not know ourselves adequately, we may think that we are upright, honest, and faithful. However, when we are put to the test, we shall see what we really are and discover that in ourselves we are not honest, faithful, or trustworthy. God's testing, therefore, proves us to ourselves. Only after God proves us in this way shall we have approvedness.

NOT SEEKING GLORY FROM MEN

In verse 6 Paul goes on to say, "Nor seeking glory of men, neither from you, nor from others, when we might have stood on our dignity as apostles of Christ." *To seek glory of men is a real temptation* to every Christian worker. Many have been devoured and spoiled by this matter....Apparently, seeking glory from men is not as evil as covetousness. However, it is more subtle. The fall of the archangel was due to the seeking of glory. He became God's adversary because of his glory-seeking. Even though he was a leading angel with a very high position, he was still seeking glory. That was the cause of his fall. According to the New Testament, anyone who seeks glory of men is a follower of Satan. The seeking of glory is a trap spread by Satan to snare Christian workers. Therefore, it is very important that all Christian workers *learn to avoid the snare of glory-seeking.* However, not many have escaped this trap.

How much we shall be used by the Lord and how long our usefulness will last depend on whether we seek glory of men. If we seek glory, our usefulness in the hand of the Lord is finished. The seeking of glory for the self always kills one's usefulness. Therefore, may we all, especially the young, be warned never to seek glory in the Lord's work.

(Excerpts from LS of 1 Thessalonians, Msg. 12)

Why do some Christians not please the Lord? A big reason is that *they love the glory of men* more than the glory of God. John 12 shows us that many of the rulers believed in the Lord, yet because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him so that they would not be put out of the synagogue (v. 42). They dared not become Christians openly. The problem with them was that they loved the glory of men more than the glory of God (v. 43). Brothers and sisters, are we like this? Do we love the glory of men more than the glory of God? Some Christians dare not confess the name of the Lord Jesus in public. They dare not say that they are Christians in public, and they dare not give thanks for their meals in public. They have long ceased living a life of praying and studying the Word, and they have long ceased meeting with Christians. Why? This is because they are afraid of men's mocking. They do not want others to say that they are superstitious. They love the glory of men more than the glory of God. Brothers and sisters, *if you truly love the Lord*, you will surely want to *please Him.* If you really want to *please Him*, you *cannot love the glory of men* more than the glory of God.

(Excerpts from CWWN, 1934, Vol. 37, "General Messages (1)," ch. 37: Pleasing the Lord)

Announcements:

- ◆ Brothers' Meeting Jan. 29
- ◆ Prairie College Conference Feb. 18 to 19 in Calgary (Registration deadline Feb. 5.)
- ◆ Children's Fun Day Feb. 11

Church Meetings:

- ◆ Lord's Table, Lord's Day, 10:00-12:00PM
- ◆ Prayer Meeting, Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00PM
- ◆ YP & College Meetings, Fridays, 6:45-8:30PM
- ◆ Children's Meeting, Saturdays, 10:00-11:00AM
- ◆ Small Group, Fridays & Saturdays, 7:00-9:00PM

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Prayer Burdens:

1. Lord, cause us to enjoy not only the cloud upon the Tent of Meeting, but also the inward glory of the tabernacle. May we not remain outside, but enter into the tabernacle and see the glory.
2. Lord, thank You that You came down from the heavens to the earth and for attracting us with Your glory. May we continue to stay with You so that You can transfuse Yourself into us, infuse us, saturate us and permeate us.
3. Lord, thank You that we are in the process of becoming Your fullness, Your expression. We praise You as the Lord of glory, our life today and our glory in the future. We believe that You've called us to this glory, and will also bring us into it.
4. Lord, we are short of Your glory; but, thank You that we are vessels unto honor made to contain You and prepared unto glory! Daily transform us from glory to glory until we can fully participate in Your eternal glory and even become the glory of God.
5. Thank You, Lord for separating us from everything outside of You. Lord, cause us to deny ourselves and live by the divine life. Perfect us into oneness to manifest and glorify You.
6. Lord, we pray that the church life will also bear Your glory, manifest it and express You. Thank You for the two-way traffic that enables Your glory to be wrought into us, and allows us to give the glory back to God.

North America/Other Burdens

1. Please pray for the blending brothers & Co-workers particularly their health and their continual service.
2. Please pray for the Spirit's speaking to the churches in this year's 7 feasts.
3. Please pray for all the saints in the Lord's recovery to enter in and to be constituted with the truth (HWMR, the life studies, and high peak truths).
4. Please pray for the saints in Oxbow. Raise up your lampstand. Strengthen Sister Karen for Your testimony in this village.

Church in Regina:

1. Lord, we pray for the new immigrants—Dimarucot Family (Vicky, Michael, Vaughn, Mikhaela and Mikay) and Morco Family (Marlon and Mechelle).
2. Pray for the upcoming Prairie College Conference in Calgary on Feb. 18 and 19. Release all our college students especially the newly baptized ones so that they can see Christ and enter in practice of the church life.

Memorization Hymn—O God of Glory

(1) O God of glory, You've changed my destiny.
Oh Lord, Your mercy, In love appeared to me.
O God of glory, You have attracted me!
My heart responds to Thee, And turns spontaneously.

Chorus 1: O God of glory, You have appeared to me.

Dear Lord, Your beauty, My God, has captured me!

(2) In darkness once I groped, A person with no hope.
But light in darkness shined, My heart enlightened.
You came to me as Light, And shattered all my night.
Your glory, what a sight! You made me, Lord, so bright.

(3) To You my heart was drawn, It wasn't on my own.
Your beauty made me turn, And caused my heart to burn.
You touched my hardened heart, And softened every part.
I saw Your shining face. Now nothing can erase.

(4) Lord, I could not believe, But, Lord, You still appeared.
Your life in me conceived, Dear Lord, I now believe.
You called not being as being, In me conceiving.
Your life transfusing, I'm now reacting.

Chorus 2: O God of glory, You're now my story.

Dear One, I can't refuse! By You, I've been transfused.

(5) Like father Abraham, To You, dear Lord, he ran.
Your glory has infused, Dear Lord, we can't refuse.
You came to fallen man, As, Lord, the Great I Am.
In us dispensing, The blessing to mankind.

Events, Conferences & Trainings:

Chinese-Speaking Conference

February 17-19, 2023, Anaheim, CA USA

March ITERO

March 24-26, 2023, Anaheim, CA USA

Memorial Day Conference

May 26-29, 2023, Chicago, IL USA

July Semiannual Training

July 3-8 2023, Anaheim, CA USA

October ITERO

October 5-7, 2023, TBD

Thanksgiving Conference

November 23-26, 2023, Dallas, TX USA

Dec. Semiannual Training

December 25-30, 2023, Anaheim CA USA