

Church in Regina

NEW LANGUAGE

GOD'S THRONE IS FOREVER; AND THE SCEPTER OF UPRIGHTNESS IS
THE SCEPTER OF HIS KINGDOM (PSA. 45:6-7).

Crystallization-Study of 1 and 2 Kings—Week 12

The Experience of Reigning

We must seek the experience of reigning. For this, two things must not be lacking.

Knowing Our Position

First, we must know our position...[T]he basis of spiritual authority is the **position of ascension**. *To have power depends on one's **condition**, but to have authority depends on one's **position**.* A car with sufficient gasoline and horsepower will have power. This is a matter of condition. But a traffic policeman standing at his assigned post has authority to direct the cars, that they may proceed in order. This is a matter of position. Therefore, **authority depends entirely on position**. If we are in the position of ascension, we have authority and can reign. If we are not in the position of ascension, we do not have authority and cannot rule.

Even in the case of the Lord Jesus, the basis of reigning depended on His position of ascension. Not until after His resurrection and ascension did He obtain all authority in heaven and on earth (Matt. 28:18) and have dominion over all things (Eph. 1:20-22). Therefore, **if we would reign, we must be in the position of ascension**.

But if we want to be in the position of ascension and reign for God, we need to **accept** all the **dealings of the cross**, that we may pass through death into resurrection and thereby experience ascension. In other words, the experience of reigning is the result of all the foregoing experiences. Only after we have experienced *death, resurrection, and ascension*, can we obtain the experience of reigning.

God's children today show forth very little of the **reality of reigning**. The main reason is that we are not in the position of ascension. Many still live in an earthly condition. They are still involved with sins and the world. They have not put off the flesh and their temper. They have not denied the self and their natural constitution. There are some who have put these off and have a little experience of ascension, yet because they cannot maintain this experience, they become defiled again with those things pertaining to the old creation; thus, they lose the position of ascension. Both conditions can cause us to lose the basis of reigning, and as a consequence we cannot rule for God.

Desiring to Reign

Second, we must have the **desire to reign**. This means that we must **positively** and **actively** reign for God, ruling over all things. Once we have the position of ascension and order, we may reign. If our experience has reached this stage, we ought to reign. Some brothers and sisters, however, have neither the thought nor the desire to reign. Their spirits are loose and lazy. They neither care for the difficulties arising in the church nor inquire about the problems springing up in the Lord's work. They simply allow Satan to work and destroy at will. Hence, according to their growth of life, they are able to reign, yet in reality, due to their **laxity** and **unwillingness** to reign, they still cannot obtain the experience of reigning. Therefore, if one desires to reign, his spirit must not be lax or timid but **willing to exercise God's authority** and positively and actively deal with all the works of the enemy. Thus, God's authority will immediately be manifested in the church, and many rebellious and unlawful matters in the church will be subdued.

(Excerpts from The Experience of Life, chapter 17)

Announcements:

- ◆ Download HWMR: Loving the Lord and Loving One Another for the Organic Building up of the Church
- ◆ ICSC Feb. 18 to 19 via Zoom
Feb. 19 — 5pm
- ◆ Church Pursuit Feb. 20 @ 4pm

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, thank You that we were saved to be kings, priests and prophets! May we live daily the genuine Christian life, the life of an overcomer, and be those who have received the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness to reign in life.
2. Thank You, Lord, that we are the spiritual descendants of Abraham. Cause us to heed Your sevenfold call and declare by faith that we belong to the race of the overcomers! You are our way and we also pray to be Your way to come back.
3. Lord, open our eyes to see that we have been regenerated with a divine, spiritual, heavenly, kingly and royal life. Praise You, Lord as the seed sown into us and developing into a kingdom within us.
4. Lord, keep us under the ruling of the divine life to practice the restriction and limitation in the divine life. Instruct, govern, rule and control us by Your word. Keep us saturated with Your word so that we may be reconstituted with God.
5. Lord, just like Joseph, we want to live a mature and reigning life and be under the rulership of the Spirit. May we all remain under Your guidance and be self-denying persons, who has no self-interest, self-enjoyment, self-feeling, self-ambition or self-goal.
6. Thank You, Lord, that the destination of the flowing Triune God is eternal life! Day by day, may we enjoy this flowing, just receiving the abundance of grace, to become the New Jerusalem.

North America/Other Burdens

1. Pray for the vitalization of all the churches in the Lord's recovery through the exercise and practice of all aspects of the God-ordained way to become a living testimony of Jesus in all the localities for an anti-testimony to the degradation around us.
2. Pray for a lampstand in Oxbow. Strengthen Sister Karen to reign in life to be a testimony and recover her whole family to stand in the unique ground of oneness.
3. Pray for Brother Isaac and Marie Hiebert who plan to move to Foam Lake at the beginning of April. May this move be one with the Lord's move for raising up a lampstand in that town.

Church in Regina:

1. Lord, we pray for our contacts. Recover them back to the genuine ground of oneness. Remember the Sernat Family (Anthony, Orlando and Feby), Reema Vaidya & Family, Mugisha Family & Dadie Family.
2. Please pray for the arrival of Morco family. May they be able to settle in Regina and be gained to see Christ and the church.

Misaiming Concerning the Kingdom

Misaiming: "...all things you have prayed about will work together for good. You see, the Apostle Paul is the one who wrote this verse, and he didn't even believe that everything which happened worked together for good... We make a mistake when we try to make Romans 8:28 fit into every situation in life, when Paul used it only in reference to praying in the Spirit"

(Charles Capps, *Kicking Over Sacred Cows*, 1987, pp. 184-185).

Truth: The key word for understand how "all things work together for good" is because in verse 29: "Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers." All things specifically work together for good to conform us to the image of His Son. *Good* does not refer to some temporal pleasure, happiness, or improvement in circumstance. If this we so, then verse 28 surely would not "fit into every situation in life." This verse is applicable only when we realize, from the perspective of God's economy, that this "good" is the result of the inward activity of the indwelling Christ who desires to spread in our being. This activity is aided by "all things," and it has the consummate goal of making us sons of God who are so constituted with Christ that we become His expression. When a believer sees the truth of God's economy, he is freed from slavery to environments, situations, and conditions. When we see that the consummate good is our conformation to Christ, then all things in our environment will serve us by helping us to rely and focus on the subjective Christ, the One who desire to "make His home in your hearts" (Eph. 3:17)

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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