

Church in Regina

NEW LANGUAGE

CHRIST IS THE CURSED ONE HANGING ON A TREE
(DEUT. 21:22-23; GAL. 3:13).

Crystallization-Study of 1 & 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther—Week 7

Nehemiah Going to Ezra for Helping Reconstituting the Nation of God's Elect

Nehemiah was a head, a ruler, of a nation, but he was altogether **not ambitious**. This is indicated by the fact that he recognized his need of Ezra. In reconstituting the nation, Nehemiah realized that he did not know God's Word. But Ezra, who was famous for his knowledge of the Word of God, was still alive, and Nehemiah was willing to go to Ezra for help...Nehemiah knew that without Ezra he could not reconstitute the people of God.

RE-EDUCATION FOR RECONSTITUTION

In order to reconstitute the people of God, there is the need to **educate them** with the word that comes out of the mouth of God, which expresses God. This means that **to reconstitute the people of God** is to educate them **by putting them into the Word of God** that they may **be saturated with the Word**.

The Israelites had been in Egypt for at least four hundred years. During those years they must have been constituted with Egyptian learning. Then they were brought to Babylon for seventy years. Zerubbabel, Ezra, and Nehemiah were all born and raised among the Babylonians. After the people of Israel returned from Babylon, they mixed themselves with the Canaanites. Thus, the Israelites were constituted with the Egyptian, Babylonian, and Canaanite culture. Nevertheless, they returned to be the testimony of God. But how could a people with a constitution of Egyptian, Babylonian, and Canaanite culture be God's testimony, the expression of the God-man? Such a people were not the God-men. How could they express God? **In order to be the testimony of God, His expression, they needed to be re-educated in the Word of God.**

THE RETURNED ISRAELITES BECOMING GOD'S TESTIMONY

In addition to being re-educated, the people of Israel needed to be raised up in much the same way as parents raise their children. Parents not only educate their children but spontaneously and unconsciously impart themselves, nearly their whole being, into their children. Parents transfuse what they are and what they think into their children. Eventually, this constitutes their children to be the same as they are. This is what the children of Israel needed.

Before Nehemiah came back, the nation of Israel was a mess. The duties of the priests were not certain, and no one was taking care of the Levites and the serving ones. The singers were there, but no one had opened the way for them to sing and to be formed into companies. Nehemiah, with the help of Ezra, totally reconstituted the nation. Then Israel became a particular nation, a nation sanctified and separated unto God, expressing God. They were transfused with the thought of God, with the considerations of God, and with all that God is, making them God's reproduction. Everyone became God in life and in nature by this kind of divine constitution. As a result, they became a divine nation on earth expressing the divine character. They were reconstituted personally and corporately to be God's testimony. The returned captives became God's testimony through the reconstitution which took place under the leadership of Nehemiah.

The central and crucial point of the recovery books, which end with Nehemiah, is the matter of **proper, adequate leadership**. Whereas the record of the leadership in Judges, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, and 1 and 2 Chronicles is dark, the record in Ezra and Nehemiah is bright. In Ezra and Nehemiah three leaders are mentioned: Zerubbabel, Ezra, and Nehemiah. They were all excellent leaders, but the best and the highest was Nehemiah. Nehemiah was the perfect leader, the best leader in human history. Only under the leadership of such persons as Zerubbabel, Ezra, and Nehemiah could Israel be reconstituted to be the testimony of God, the expression of God on earth, a people absolutely different from the Gentile nations. This is a type of what God wants the church to be today.

(Life-study of Nehemiah, pp. 29-33)

Announcements:

- ◆ Bible Distribution—June 9 & 23
- ◆ Winnipeg Conference—June 10-11
- ◆ Children's Fun Day—June 17

Church Meetings:

- ◆ Lord's Table & Prophesying, Lord's Day, 9:30-12:00PM
- ◆ 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, we pray that we will have dispensational value to You in this special time. We aspire to be the special believers to do a special work in this age. May we be those who will not shrink back and come forward to the Holy of Holies, to the throne of grace and to You.
2. Lord, we want to be one with You as the leading Overcomer. We depend upon You in all things. Apart from You, Lord, we can do nothing. We trust in You for everything.
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, that we would be a part of Your eternal purpose and fulfill our rightful responsibility even in this age. We want to gain the ground for You and take up the church's responsibility to hasten Your return.
4. Lord, like Nehemiah, we pray that we would learn to have the proper aggressiveness in the Lord's recovery today. Make us those pure and aggressive, not cowardly.
5. Lord, we lay down all our natural capacity, ability, and virtues and bring it to pass through the cross that it all be useful for the accomplishment of Your economy.
6. Lord, give us a heart to love You and love Your interests on the earth—Christ, the church, and the kingdom of God. May we be those who stand on Your word, pray according to it, and become Your representatives today.

North America/Other Burdens

1. Pray for the migration of burdened saints to six designated European cities and strengthening of new lampstands: Barcelona, Brussels, Dublin, Lisbon, Rome and Zurich.
2. Pray for the spreading of the translated, interpreted, and understood divine truths in Europe for the Lord's recovery and restoration.

Church in Regina:

1. Pray for the meeting hall purchase and our meeting with realtors. Give us the best place at the best price.
2. Lord, we pray for our new gospel contacts: Julie, Sandy, Lysa, Chiara, Katelyn and Su. Strengthen their faith and recover them fully. Attract them with Yourself and open them to see the unique ground of oneness to leave degraded Christianity.
3. Pray for the upcoming National College Training in Champaign, Illinois. We pray for our college students to be fully opened to the Lord that He may have a free way to speak and work in them.
4. Pray for the regular Bible distribution—Month of June: 9th and 23rd.

Using the Life-Studies

The Factor for Rich Meetings

Today pastors and preachers in Christianity must search everywhere to find a good word for their sermons. Some pastors do not have anything to talk about, so they speak about things such as sanitary practices and personal hygiene. Some are a little better and speak about matters such as redemption, the washing away of sins, and justification. There are some who are even deeper and speak about things such as how to fellowship with the Lord and how to enjoy the peace given to us by the Lord. But even this is not enough. We have seen from our experience and our research that **the richest meetings are those with the Life-study messages as their content**. If every Lord's Day we would take two Life-study messages as the content of our fellowship, the meeting would be very rich.

The Life-study messages are like a salad that is made not with just one kind of vegetable but with all different kinds. However, we must have our staple food, our center. **Christ as life is the center of the Life-study messages**, so when we read the Life-study messages, they help us to grow strong and healthy in life.

(Excerpts from (CWWL, 1984, vol. 5, "Truth, Life, the Church, and the Gospel—the Four Great Pillars in the Lord's Recovery," pp. 364-366)

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, Manila, Philippines

Thanksgiving Conference

November 23-26, 2023, Dallas, TX USA

Dec. Semiannual Training

December 25-30, 2023, Anaheim CA USA