

Church in Regina

NEW LANGUAGE

CHRIST IS THE MESSIAH TO RESTORE AND TO BUILD
JERUSALEM (DAN 9:25-26; JOHN 19:14-16).

Crystallization-Study of 1 & 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther—Week 10

Vision and Revelation

A person who serves and works for the Lord must **be called**, and he must **have a vision** and **revelation**. Seeing a vision and receiving revelation are necessary matters for all the Lord's serving ones.

The Vision and Revelation of Paul

Paul is a pattern of a worker for the Lord in the New Testament, and he often spoke of his service. In Acts 26:19 he said, "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision." This shows that **his service and work came from a vision**.

In order to serve God, **one must have a vision from God**. If a household servant works as he pleases and does not listen to the owner of the house, he will not be useful, and it would not be wise to hire such a person. A good servant asks what he needs to do because his work is not related to his own things. A servant should be willing to follow directions. This is a basic point in our service. It is a fearful thing when a brother brings only things that he sees as being good and proper into the service of the Lord.

Vision and Revelation Being the Way and the Life of Service

We need a **vision for the way of our service** and a **revelation for the life of our service**. Saul's way of serving God was not sinful, but it was a way that was according to the Old Testament, Judaism, and the law. When the heavenly light flashed around him, he knew that he could no longer take his old way. His old practices had to be abandoned, and he turned completely in his way of serving God. He did not pursue his former course; rather, he stopped. Nevertheless, it was not enough for him to change his outward way; his inner life also needed to change. His old way was unacceptable, and his old life had to be terminated...

We must have vision and revelation in order to serve God. The way to serve God comes from the vision, and the life to serve God comes from revelation. **Nothing human** should be brought into the service to God, that is, **nothing from our past**, nothing that is Chinese, **nothing that is foreign**, **nothing that is old**, and even **nothing that is new**. No religious system, no person, no human method, no social practice, and no personal ideas are allowed in the service to the Lord. In his service as Saul, Paul brought the things from the Old Testament into his service, the things given by God to his fathers. From a human perspective, there is nothing better than the things that Saul brought into his service. We can bring in things that are Socratic or Confucian in nature, but these things cannot compare to the things of the Old Testament, Judaism, and the law, things that God wanted Saul to abandon. If God did not want these things, how could He have any regard for things that are merely social, worldly, and human? **Simply because something reflects a current trend does not mean that it should be brought into the service of the church**. The heavenly vision stops the earthly practices and methods of God's serving ones. **The heavenly vision adjusts us**.

How to See a Vision

How can we see a vision? What is the way to receive a revelation? Although the circumstances related to seeing a vision and receiving a revelation are not the same for every person, the principles are the same. **Visions come from God**; they do not depend upon anything of our self. If God wants us to see, we will see; if God does not let us see, we cannot see. Nevertheless, **we still bear some responsibility** related to our **heart**, to our **willingness to let go of worthless things**, to **wait on the Lord**, to **be pure in heart**, and to **be open to the Lord**.

(Excerpts from The Vision, Ministry, and Leading of the Lord's Serving Ones, CWWL, 1952, vol. 2)

Announcements:

- ◆ Brothers' Meeting—June 25
- ◆ Church Pursuit—July 1
- ◆ Combined Prayer Mtg—July 4 (with Edmonton visiting saints)
- ◆ Video Training—July 5

Church Meetings:

- ◆ Lord's Table & Prophesying, 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, erase our natural concept of leadership and increase our spiritual capacity. May we see that we are nothing but slaves and that You are our one Head and we are Your organism, Your Body.
2. Lord, shine on us to see that Your word has authority. Spare us from any kind of factions and divisions. May we keep the oneness of the Spirit for the Body of Christ.
3. Lord, thank You for showing us God's delegated authority in the New Testament ministry. Unveil us even more that we will see the unique New Testament ministry is for building up and not for organization.
4. Thank You, Lord for unveiling God's eternal economy through the apostles. Cause us to recover the proper understanding of Your recovery. May we all have a personal seeing of the vision of Your recovery, so that we may be governed, controlled, and directed by it.
5. Lord, we want to be those who are faithful in this age. Turn us away from anything that distracts us from a vision of the recovery. We pray that this vision be renewed in us day by day, until the vision controls us in all our life, work, and activity.
6. Lord, save us from being individualistic. We want to be those who can carry out the building work by being matched. Cause us to see the urgent need for the true work to build up Your Body.

North America/Other Burdens

1. Pray for the students from Europe attending the North America College Training. Pray that there will be an unprecedented move of the Holy Spirit in this generation, and that these 230 students and serving ones will offer themselves willingly and hasten the Lord's return.
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.

Promoting the Life-Studies— Being Nourished with the Riches of Christ to Raise the Standard of the Church Life and Hasten the Lord's Move

If we are not nourished with the riches of Christ by reading the Life-study messages, the standard of the church life will remain low. It is by receiving spiritual nourishment in the messages that we can uphold the high standard of the church life. In recent years many churches in the Far East have experienced a revival by obtaining spiritual nourishment in the Life-study messages. The saints in these churches not only enjoy the riches of Christ by reading the messages but also enliven and supply the church meetings by sharing these riches with one another in the meetings. In order to raise the standard of the church life and hasten the progress of the Lord's move among us, we need to partake of the riches of Christ in the Life-study messages.

(Excerpts from CWWL, 1977, vol. 1, p. 516)

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