

Church in Regina

NEW LANGUAGE

CHRIST IS THE HOLY ONE OF JEHOVAH WHOSE SOUL JEHOVAH WOULD NOT LEAVE IN HADES AND WHOM HE WOULD NOT PERMIT TO SEE CORRUPTION (PSA 16:8-11).

Crystallization—Study of 1 & 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther—Week 11

The Priesthood and the Kingship

Haggai speaks first to the governor and to the high priest because **for the building up of the house of God** there is the need of the **kingship** and the **priesthood**. The **priesthood** is the **ministry that brings the people into the presence of God and helps them to contact God, be saturated, and even be occupied by God**. In the building up of the house of God, there is the need of such a ministry. We do need this kind of saturation, fellowship, and oneness with God for the building up of the local churches. We do not need the knowledge of the teachings, but we do need the **saturation**, the **oneness**, the **fellowship**, and the **living contact with God**. This is not the ministry of teaching but the ministry of the priesthood, and this ministry will help us to be real priests. We all must learn to contact the Lord and be saturated with the Lord. This is the first need for the building up of the local churches.

Then there is the need of the **kingship**. The kingship is **simply the headship of Christ, the divine authority**. In the local churches the government is not like that of the world. In the world there are different types of governments. Some are run by the people, and some are run by a dictator. But the government in the local churches is neither by the people nor by a dictatorship. In the local churches the government must be the divine authority, which is the headship of Christ, the kingship with divine authority.

Consider Your Ways

The second thing that the prophet Haggai told them was to **consider their ways**. "You have sown much, but you bring in little; you eat, but there is no satisfaction; you drink, but there is no being filled with drink; you dress yourselves, but there is no warmth in doing so; and he who earns wages, earns wages to put them into a bag with holes. Thus says Jehovah of hosts, Consider your ways. Go up to the mountain and bring wood and build the house, and I will take pleasure in it and will be glorified, says Jehovah. You looked for much, and yet it amounted to little; and when you brought it home, I blew on it. Why? declares Jehovah of hosts. Because of My house that lies waste while you each run to your own house" (1:6-9). Then the Lord said, "I called for a drought" (v. 11). The Lord called for dryness upon all things. Whatever they did, they had the sense that it was so dry.

Look at today's Christianity. There is so much labor—they sow the seed, they try to eat and drink, they try to clothe people, they try to earn something, but eventually they get nothing. In most Christian work today there is a sense of drought. All their preaching and teaching is dried up. Why? Their prayer meetings, their reading of the Bible, and all other kinds of meetings are so dry. Why? It is simply because they have **neglected the house of God** (*Excerpts from The Recovery of God's House and God's City, CWWL, 1969, vol.2*).

In the last of the seven conditions concerning God's listening to the prayers of His elect, three things are stressed (v. 48): **the holy land**, typifying Christ as God's allotted portion to the believers (Col. 1:12); **the holy city**, signifying the kingdom of God in Christ; and **the holy temple**, signifying God's house, the church, on the earth. These three things—the holy land, the holy city, and the holy temple—are the **three crucial things regarding God's economy...This indicates that God will listen to our prayer in the way that our prayer to God must be toward Christ, the kingdom of God, and the house of God as the goal in God's eternal economy**.

The spiritual significance of **God's interest is Christ Himself**. This indicates that no matter for whom we are praying, our prayer must be aimed at Christ as God's interest. We need to pray for the saints, but we should not aim our prayers at them. On the one hand we pray for them, but on the other hand we pray for them because of God's interest. If in our prayer we aim at the one for whom we pray, this will bring in the enemy's attack. This is a spiritual strategy in the spiritual warfare...We need to remember that **prayer involves three parties: us, God, and Satan**. Sometimes when we pray for a certain person, Satan comes to attack him, and his situation becomes worse. The reason for this is that our interest is in that person, not in God's economy. No matter for whom we are praying, we should aim our prayer at God's Christ, who is God's interest in His economy (*Excerpts from Life-study of First and Second Kings, msg. 6: The Reign of Solomon, p.38*).

Announcements:

- ◆ Combined Prayer Mtg—July 4
- ◆ Visiting Saints from BC Schedule
- ◆ Video Training—July 5 to 13

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, give us a heart to serve You according to the vision of the age. In this age of degradation, may we be those who live out and work out the New Jerusalem by being purified and educated in Your Word.
2. Lord, we want to stay in the process of being purified from all mixture, taking You and Your interest as our unique goal. Purify us through the process of enlightenment, exposure, and judgment. Terminate and eliminate anything that does not match You by the cross. Cleanse and wash us through Your blood, and saturate us with the Spirit.
3. Lord, we want to learn to speak "the language of Judah" in our Christian life and church life today. Increase our appetite to feed on the living Word that it may educate us and reconstitute us.
4. Praise You, Lord for Your grace. Constitute us with grace upon grace day by day. Enlarge us to do only one work—the work of the New Jerusalem.
5. Lord, shine on us and expose our love of money and of commerce. Cause us to be real lovers of God, and not lovers of self, of money, or of the world. Purify us that our Christian life will be without the love of money, and our Christian work will not be a money-making trade.
6. Lord, make us builders today. We want to build up the wall to protect the church as the house of God. We stand with You in Your recovery to restore the normal condition of Christ within the proper church as Your expression.

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.

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— The Truth Enabling Man to Receive Light and Freedom

The Lord Jesus said that the truth shall set us free (John 8:32). There is **light in the truth**, and **once we receive the light, we are set free**. During the time of the Lord Jesus, the Pharisees and lawyers also read the Old Testament, but they studied only the letter without the light of the truth. However, once the Lord Jesus gave the explanation, the truth was revealed. For example, there was a group of Sadducees who did not believe that there was such a thing as resurrection, so they went to question the Lord. The Lord Jesus said to them that in Exodus 3:6, the section concerning the burning bush, Moses clearly pointed out that God is the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. The Lord also told them that God is not the God of the dead but of the living (Mark 12:18-27; Luke 20:27-38). Since God called Himself the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, this proves that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, who had died, will be resurrected. This example shows us that the Lord Jesus' knowledge of the truth and the light of the Scriptures was very thorough, and the way He expounded the Scriptures was not only according to letter but also according to the life and power implied within them. This is also the focus of the Life-studies. Thus, we must **make an effort to read the Bible and study the Life-studies in order to know the truth**.

We do not need to worry about the shortage of material or about the way for us to pursue the truth. The only need is for us to **be willing to spend the time and effort** on this matter...(CWLL, 1984, vol. 5, "Truth, Life, the Church, and the Gospel—the Four Great Pillars in the Lord's Recovery," ch. 8, p. 446)

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