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Church in Regina

NEW LANGUAGE

ADAM IS A TYPE OF CHRIST. (GEN.2:7; 1 COR. 15:45,47; ROM 5:14)

An Overview of the Central Burden and Present Truth of the Lord's Recovery Before His Appearing—Wk 2

We want to...see the divine facts in the mystical human life of the first God-man, who was a man of prayer. His mystical human life was a divine realm, and this realm is the kingdom of God. The genuine and proper prayer should always be divine, not just spiritual. This means that the Triune God prays with us and that we pray by living with the Triune God. He is indwelling us and is one with us. The New Testament reveals clearly that the consummated Spirit, the Spirit of God as the life-giving Spirit and the Spirit of Christ, indwells us (Rom. 8:2, 9-11). 2 Timothy 4:22 says that the Lord is with our spirit. The consummated God today as the compound life-giving Spirit indwells us. We are human beings, no doubt, but the divine person has been added to us.

For us to be spiritual is inadequate. We have to see that God has made Himself one with us and made us one with Him. Thus, each of us believers is a God-man. In this sense we are God in life and in nature but, of course, not in His Godhead. This is because we have been born of Him to be of His species (John 1:12-13). We are one kind with Him. Based upon this revelation we can see that genuine prayer should be the divine expression. If we pray by ourselves, that is the human expression. If we pray by living with God and moving with Christ, we pray from this person, and our prayers are divine. I feel that this is a new revelation to us in these days.

Only a divine person could pray, "Our Father who is in the heavens, Your name be sanctified" (Matt. 6:9). A divine, human person is a mystery. He is altogether mystical. There is a realm in this universe that is divine and mystical. The worldly people do not know this realm. They are in the physical, fallen, sinful, evil world. But we have been separated from being common; we have been sanctified and separated unto our God, who is holy. Now we are in the divine and mystical realm of the consummated Spirit (Excerpts from The God-Man Living, ch. 11).

People today are studying and working for the purpose of enjoying good eating, good drinking, and a good marriage. They have no thought concerning the things of God. How prevailing is this lack of sense concerning God today! It is prevailing especially in the educational sphere and the commercial sphere. So many in the universities have been drugged by their pursuit of an education. Their education is merely for eating, drinking, and marriage. Those in the commercial field have also been drugged by the desire to make money, also for the purpose of having better eating, drinking, and marriage. This has caused many divorces. When a young man is poor, he may marry a certain woman. But when he makes more money, he may divorce his wife and marry another in his desire for a better wife. This situation will continue until it reaches the climax during the Lord's parousia. During the days of Noah, this climax was reached a little before the flood which came in with the judgment of God. In a sense, the parousia of Christ will be like the flood coming with God's judgment. The flood brought judgment upon the drugged people of Noah's day. The parousia will bring God's judgment upon this drugged world. Christ will descend to earth and execute God's righteous judgment upon this drugged and rebellious world.

...We need to work diligently and do our duty in a proper way. When we are in the field or at the mill, we may be raptured. The sisters who are wives and mothers must do the best grinding and learn how to prepare the most healthy meals for their families. Sisters, if your husband and children are not healthy, you will be held responsible for this before the Lord. If you take care of this matter before the Lord, you will be truly holy. Do not spend your time in talking about holiness, but spend it in cooking healthy, digestible, delicious meals. You need to prepare good meals to preserve the life of your husband and to build up the health of your children. This matter is included in the Lord's reference to grinding at the mill.

The brothers who are fathers and husbands also need to work diligently at their jobs to earn the money needed to take care of their families. Those who work simply to have a great deal of money in the bank are drugged. But we need to labor in order to provide the best things for our children. Otherwise, we are faithful neither to God nor to our children. As parents, we must do the best to educate our children. We should not have the attitude that it is good enough for them to graduate from high school and work in a menial job. To be in the field means that we care that our children are fed well and educated in the best way. We should not be those who love the world and work to make money for ourselves. But we should be those who work diligently to earn money for our family. As those with a fallen human nature, it is easy for us to excuse ourselves for not spending so much time in the field or at the grinding. If you do this, you will not be raptured. I repeat, you will be raptured while you are working in the field or grinding out the grain (Excerpts from The Life-Study of Matthew, ch. 63).

Announcements:

- Love Feast & Service Meeting— December 10
- ◆ Children's Fun Day—December 16
- ◆ Brothers' Meeting—December 17
- ◆ Winter Training—December 25 to 30

Church Meetings:

- ♦ Lord's Table & Prophesying, Lord's Day,10:00-12:00PM
- ◆ Prayer Meeting, Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00PM
- ◆ Chinese-Speaking Bible Reading MWF 8:30-9:00PM
- ◆ YP & College Meetings, Fridays, 7:30-8:30PM
- ◆ Children's Meeting, Saturdays, 10:00-11:00AM
- ◆ Small Group Meeting, Saturdays, 7:00-9:00PM

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Prayer Burdens:

1. Lord, give us a clear view, a vision of the divine and mystical realm. Save us from being disillusioned with the mere physical realm. May we appreciate everything that is heavenly, organic, subjective and mystical. Bring us to enter into a realm, a kingdom higher and beyond what we can see.

- 2. Praise You, Lord that the divine and mystical realm is of the consummated, Pneumatic, life-giving Spirit. Remind us, Lord daily not to be troubled with the things of this earth. May we all endeavor to see another realm, the mystical realm of the Triune God, where peace is.
- 3. Guide us, Lord into all the reality concerning Your economy for the Body. Thank You that in our experience, we actually become part of the divine and mystical realm of the consummated Spirit.
- 4. Lord, may we all not just know but live in the divine and mystical realm; receive the Spirit as the all-inclusive blessing; receive the transmission; experience Your organic salvation; live in the kingdom of God; live in the fellowship of the divine life; live according to the law of life; live a life of truthfulness; and be mingled with the processed Triune God for the keeping of oneness.
- 5. Lord, we give ourselves to learn and spontaneously live a full human yet divine and divine yet human life. In everything that we do, even in our prayers, may we all exercise to live in these two realms.
- 6. Save us, Lord from spirituality that blinds us. Cause us to be those who are divine yet mysterious, all the while living a properly balanced human life until we reach full maturity in life. We give ourselves to be faithful to our duties and be ready to be raptured and meet You at Your second coming.

North America/Other Burdens

- 1. 2023 Brussels Conference in Belgium on December 15 to 17.
- 2. Meeting halls in Malaga and Barcelona, Spain; Paris, France; and Stuttgart, Germany. Please pray that the Lord will continue to provide for the remodeling of these properties.

Church in Regina:

- 1. Pray for our campus work and the new students who are attending regularly: Chiara, Hope, Lysa, Matthew, Daine. Preserve these new ones and pray for their baptism.
- 2. Pray for Brother Radam and his wife's permanent residence application to Canada.
- 3. Pray for the Church in Regina's direction for 2024. Revive us, Lord, to be shepherds feeding people. Increase our capacity to learn to feed, to shepherd, and to flock together.

Misaiming Concerning Heaven

Misaiming: Our home is being built for us by the Carpenter from Nazareth. Building is His trade...Jesus didn't say to His disciples, 'I've already prepared a place for you in heaven,' but, 'I am going there to prepare a place for you.' This means heaven has undergone some remodeling between the time He spoke and the time we join Him there" (Randy Alcorn, In Light of Eternity: Perspectives on Heaven. Colorado Springs: Waterbrook Press, 1999, p. 36).

Truth: According to LE, heaven has been undergoing remodeling for nearly two thousand years,.. the Carpenter has been exercising the tools of His trade to construct literal, physical rooms in which each believer will live cozily. The truth, which stands in sharp contrast to this misaiming, is revealed clearly in Matthew 16 and John 14. After Peter received the revelation from the Father that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Lord Jesus prophesied, saying, "I will build My church" (Matt. 16:18). To be sure, the church that He is building is not a physical structure but, as Peter tells us, a spiritual house (1 Pet. 2:5). The Father's house in John 14 is this church, this spiritual house, in which all the believers have a place. Our abode, our home, is not a physical room in heaven— it is the place prepared for us in the Father by the Lord. Because we are in God as our eternal dwelling place, we are spontaneously in the building of God— the Father's house, the Body of Christ—as our eternal dwelling place. Far from spending centuries to remodel heaven in a physical way to make it a suitable dwelling place for us, the Lord in His present, heavenly ministry is building the church, which is His Body, of which we are members, and God's house, in which we dwell (Eph. 1:22-23; 4:16; 2:21-22; 1 Tim. 3:15). To teach, as LE does, that the Lord Jesus is remodeling heaven by making physical improvements is to distract the believers from the central thought of God revealed in the Scriptures—that God in Christ is building Himself into us and building us into Himself to produce the Body of Christ, which consummates in the New Jerusalem. (Affirmation and Critique, Misaimings, Vol. XI. No. 2. Oct 2006)

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