

# Church in Regina

An Overview of the Central Burden and Present Truth of the Lord's Recovery Before His Appearing—Wk 5

The burnt offering indicates a life absolutely for God. Such a life is absolutely out of a pure source, with no element of the fall, no defect, and no sin. This kind of life is pure and holy. **In ourselves we cannot live this kind of life.** We have fallen to such an extent that we have become the world, which is altogether dirty. Actually, the world is we ourselves, and we are the world. Every part of our substance, our essence, our fiber, our element, is dirty. We could never be a burnt offering to God. Therefore, we must take Christ as our burnt offering.

Christ's being the burnt offering altogether refers to His being absolute toward God. In all His experiences as the burnt offering to God, Christ was a real man who was absolutely for God. This was the reason He could be the replacement of all the offerings. His being the burnt offering qualified Him to be the sin offering. If Christ had not been the burnt offering, He would not have had the qualification to be the sin offering.

As the burnt offering, Christ was slaughtered, stripped, and cut into pieces. Why was He willing to be slaughtered? Because He was absolute toward God. Why was He willing to be stripped and cut into pieces? Because He was absolute toward God. The reason we are not willing to be slaughtered, stripped, and cut into pieces is that we are not absolute toward God.

Why do Christians still have problems in their family life? Why are there problems among the brothers and sisters in the church and among the elders and the co-workers? Since we all have been saved and love the Lord Jesus, there should not be any problems... **The reason we have problems in our married life and in the church life is that we are not absolutely for God.**

Even in doing things for God, a married couple may argue and fight. A brother and his wife both love the Lord, but they may still quarrel, even about loving the Lord. They may also argue about offering money to God. One party may want to give an amount of money for a certain purpose, but the other party may want that money to be given for another purpose. Sometimes a brother and his wife may disagree over what hymn to use in praising the Lord in a home meeting. Because of this disagreement, the meeting is damaged. This quarreling is caused by the lack of being absolutely for God.

In Acts 15 we see that there was a problem between Barnabas and Paul (vv. 35-39). It was Barnabas who had brought Saul of Tarsus into the fellowship of the Body (Acts 9:26-28). It was also Barnabas who sought for Saul in Tarsus and brought him into the New Testament ministry (Acts 11:25-26). However, in Acts 15, after gaining the victory over the problem of circumcision, they separated from each other. We may give different reasons for this separation, but in the eyes of God the problem was due to one thing—not being absolute toward God.

Because Christ is altogether absolute for God and we are absolute for God only to a limited extent, we cannot experience Christ as our burnt offering to the uttermost. **We may be absolute for God, but we are not utterly absolute for Him. Therefore, we can offer Christ to God as the burnt offering only in a limited way.**

If we would offer Christ to God as the burnt offering, **we need to experience Christ in His experiences, and then, according to our experiences of Christ, offer to God the Christ whom we have experienced.** Suppose in our married life and in our church life we experience Christ in His being brought to the slaughter. If this is the situation, there will not be quarrels in our married life or problems in the church life. As long as we still quarrel with our spouse, we cannot offer Christ to God as the burnt offering in the church meetings because we have not experienced Christ in His experience of being slaughtered. If we do not experience Christ in His experiences as the burnt offering to God, all our talk about Christ as the burnt offering will be in vain. We will have no burnt offering to offer to God unless we experience Christ in His experience (Excerpts from LS of Leviticus, Msg.8).

## Local Announcements:

1. Combined Prayer Mtg—Jan. 2 at AECC
2. Love Feast—Jan. 14
3. Sisters' Meeting—Jan. 14
4. LS Reading—Life—Study of Jeremiah, Msgs 16-20

## Conferences and Trainings Information:

1. Chinese-Speaking Blending Conference—Feb.10-11, Taipei, Taiwan
2. International Training for Elders & Responsible Ones—Apr.12-14, Anaheim, CA
3. Memorial Day Blending Conference—May 24-27, Bellevue, WA
4. Summer Training—July 1-6, Anaheim, CA
5. International Training for Elders & Responsible Ones—Oct.4-6, Warsaw, Poland
6. Thanksgiving Blending Conference—Nov.28-Dec.1, Atlanta, GA
7. Winter Training—Dec.23-28, Anaheim, CA

# Prayer Burdens

1. Lord, not only are You our life, but also our Example – we want to learn Christ as the reality is in Jesus. Mold us to be conformed to Your image.
2. Save us from walking in vanity and lead us to walk in reality, in truth, which is the way You lived. May everything we do be in God, with God, and for God that our living will be in God and He with us.
3. Lord, only Your life can ascend to God and satisfy Him. We then lay our hands on You as the burnt offering. We are identified with You, one with You, and live the kind of life You lived on earth.
4. Lord, we allow You to burn us so that we may be a continual burnt offering for Your expression. Show us the importance of being ashes – when to others it is nothing, to You we are precious materials for Your building.
5. Make us people who take our satisfaction in God. Cause us to be a man of prayer, a man who is one with God, living in the presence of God continuously, trusting in God and in whom Satan has nothing.
6. Lord, we abide in You so that the life we live would be one that love others habitually. Inwardly You are our content, and outwardly You are our expression. Have mercy on us that we would consider ourselves as nothing so we can bear one another.

## North America/Europe/Other Burdens

1. Bible Distribution at the 2024 Summer Olympic Games in Paris
  - > For the gospel of the kingdom to be preached all over France in 2024
  - > For Satan to be bound and for his kingdom to suffer loss
  - > That the gates of the New Jerusalem will be open in every direction in France
  - > For the French people to repent and to receive forgiveness of sins
  - > That during the Torch Relay Christ's triumphal procession will move from city to city all over France
  - > That we will be able to distribute Bibles freely in every city that we go to and that the distribution will be carried out righteously before God and before men
  - > For the church to be raised up in at least ten key cities.

## Church in Regina

1. Pray for a genuine revival and the Church in Regina's direction for 2024. Revive us, Lord, to rise up, take action, labour on the All-inclusive Christ as the Good Land. May this year be a new beginning with much labouring to produce a rich and overflowing surplus. May we all gain You individually to exhibit You corporately. May You gain all the glory and have the true worship You yearn for in all truthfulness.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF 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
- College Meetings—Fridays 7:30-8:30PM
- YP Meetings—Saturdays 10:00-11:00 AM
- Children's Meeting—Saturdays 10:00-11:00AM
- Small Group Meetings—Fridays/Saturdays 7:00-9:00PM

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