

Church in Regina

An Overview of the Central Burden and Present Truth of the Lord's Recovery before His Appearing—Week 12

In the Bible the **tabernacle** is a **living person** as a composition of the divine nature and the human nature. Because of this, the New Jerusalem cannot be a literal city, nor can it be a heavenly mansion. According to the biblical sense, **tabernacle means a living person as a composition of divinity and humanity.**

The Tabernacle and the Temple

Israel first built the tabernacle. Then when they entered into the good land, God revealed to them through David that He wanted to have something solid and not portable. The tabernacle was a "portable" house of God. It could satisfy God temporarily but not permanently. He wanted something solid built on a solid foundation. The temple was not movable or portable but something settled. David knew God's heart and prepared all the materials for the building of the temple. God had given him a son, Solomon, who would build the temple. This **temple** was **the enlargement of the tabernacle.** When it was finished, the things from the tabernacle were brought into the temple, indicating that the two were actually one.

In the New Testament the Lord Jesus in **John 1:14** is revealed **as the tabernacle**, but in **John 2:19-21** He indicated that He is **the temple.** "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (v. 19). Jesus' word here indicates that **His body was the real temple.** He said that He would raise up the temple in three days; He raised up a house of God in resurrection. The house of God that Jesus built up in resurrection is **not only Himself but includes His believers also.** Thus, this temple built in and by the resurrection of Jesus is **a corporate one. The church is the temple.**

The Church—Composed of the Living Members of Christ

Many Christians consider the church to be a physical building. They refer to the building as the church or as the sanctuary. Many think of a church as a building with a steep roof, stained-glass windows, and a bell tower. The Bible, however, reveals that **the church is a living composition of the living members of Christ** (1 Pet. 2:5). It is an organic composition of all real believers. **We are the church.** It is **not a lifeless building. The church is organic.** The church is we, you and I, the persons regenerated by the Spirit with the divine life. It is all the dear saints. The church is an organism. It is living and alive. It is not lifeless, for the components of the church are living persons.

The Church—Humanity and Divinity

The church is also a corporate person composed of the two elements of humanity and divinity. We the believers as the components of the church have two natures—a human nature and a divine nature. We received our human nature by our natural birth. Then in our second birth, a spiritual birth, we received another nature, the divine nature. At our regeneration we received the divine life. If we have life, surely with that life goes the nature. We are partakers of the divine nature; therefore, we have two natures.

...**With Christ** there was **divinity first, then humanity.** **With us** there is **humanity first, then divinity.** Christ as the tabernacle was a person with divinity plus humanity, and we, as the enlargement of Christ, God's dwelling place, the very temple, are a composition of first humanity and then divinity... In nature He and we are the same. The only difference is that He has the God-head, and we do not; yet we do have the divine life and nature as He does. We do not have His headship, His deity.

The Consummation of the Temple

The New Jerusalem is the consummation of such a temple. Based upon this principle, **we cannot say that it is a physical city or a heavenly mansion.** Since the New Jerusalem is the ultimate consummation of all the building of God's dwelling through the generations as the conclusion of God's entire revelation of His economy, it is **altogether organic.** It is human beings mingled with God. This composition will be a mutual abode for God to dwell in the saints and for the saints to dwell in God.

The New Jerusalem is a composition of God's redeemed and regenerated people, who are His sons. This city is also **the aggregate of the divine sonship.** Ephesians 1 says that we were chosen and predestinated unto sonship (vv. 4-5). The aggregate of sonship will be the New Jerusalem. It is a composition of all God's sons (Rev. 21:7). Such a building, the holy city, is a living corporate person because it is called the wife of the Lamb (v. 9). A physical city cannot be a wife. A wife is a person; therefore, this city should be **a living corporate person** (Excerpts from The Basic Revelation in the Holy Scriptures, ch. 10).

Local Announcements:

1. Brothers' Mtg—Feb. 25
2. Prayer Mtg—Feb. 27 by Groups
(Grp 1 in person Grp 2 Zoom)
3. Bible Distribution at UofR—
Mar. 8
4. YP Conference in Calgary—
Mar. 29-31
5. Church Pursuit—Mar. 29

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, show us the New Jerusalem—not merely as a doctrine but as the content of Your heart's desire, the goal of Your economy. Consummate the New Jerusalem in the way of regeneration and resurrection.
2. Constitute us with Yourself that we may be made God in life and nature to be Your corporate expression for eternity. In eternity past, You were a single God; but in eternity future, we will be with You as the corporate God—the New Jerusalem.
3. Lord, prepare us to be Your bride for Your satisfaction. Adorn and consummate the New Jerusalem with God the Father as its golden base, God the Son as its pearl gates, and God the Spirit as its wall of precious stones.
4. Lord, we desire to be Your Shulammite—one who is Your duplication and counterpart. Thank You for coming to court us so we can be the same as You are. Fulfill Your intention and gain us more and more to be Your bride who match You in every way.
5. Lord, constitute us as pillars, built into the temple of God. Transform us by carrying away our natural element and by replacing it with Your divine essence. May we become overcomers who are pillars in today's church life.
6. Lord, write the name of God, the name of the New Jerusalem, and the name of the Lord upon us. We pray that You would continue to be wrought into us as we live the ordinary days under Your dispensing.

North America/Europe/Other Burdens

1. Please pray for the German-speaking Young People's Conference at Gut Elim on March 8-10. Pray for the Lord's cherishing and nourishing of the young people through the meetings and the shepherding by the serving ones.

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1. Pray for the application and processing of the Church in Regina as a charitable institution.
2. Pray for increase through the strengthening of our small group meetings and shepherding of the new ones, especially the college students.
3. Pray for positive and immediate approval of all the immigration papers of the newcomers and their settling down, that their personal lives will be blessed and that their church life will be enriched:
 - > Sorronda Family (Dana and Yeska)
 - > Alforte Family (Radam and Rosalina)
 - > Orolfo Family (Wilson and Jenny and their three children)
 - > Jerome Family (Pravin and Abinaya and their two children)

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

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