

Church in Regina

Living and Serving According to God's Economy Concerning the Church—Week 2

Advancing in the Deeper and Higher Truths

The entire situation of Christians has remained in shallowness for centuries. To continue in that is easy, but for us to go out to preach the gospel with the deeper truths is somewhat of an uphill battle. **The shallow things could never stir up people's attention.** Especially in such a leading country as this, people are tired of listening to the old shallow things. Due to this, many preachers tried their best to create stories and illustrations to stir up people's interest. Actually, not much reality of the bequests of the New Testament is preached as the glad tidings. But now, the brothers going out have preached the riches of the bequests of the New Testament. It is no wonder that so many love to hear this. Thank the Lord for this.

...When you **sow** the rich seed, your **harvest** surely will be rich. If you sow the poor seed, regardless of how much you labor, the harvest eventually will not be that rich because what you sow is poor. **Do not take the easy way or go the shortcut way. It is wise to take the proper way.** Today in the Lord's recovery the proper way is to care for these deeper truths.

...The **word of wisdom** is the word concerning Christ as the deeper things of God predestined by God for our portion. The **word of knowledge** is the word that imparts a general knowledge of things concerning God and the Lord. **The word of wisdom is mainly of our spirit through revelation; the word of knowledge is mainly of our understanding through teaching.** The former is deeper than the latter. However, both of them, not the speaking in tongues nor any other miraculous gift, are listed as the first and topmost aspects of the manifestation of the Spirit, because both are the most profitable ministries or services for the edification of the saints and the building up of the church to carry out God's operation.

In 1 Corinthians 14 Paul says, "Whenever you come together, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation" (v. 26). In chapters 12 and 14 Paul was trying his best to uplift the Corinthians from their low estate to a higher one. The Corinthians were too low and too shallow (3:2-3). In these days, in the Lord's recovery, we should try to leave our kindergarten state. **Why would we not go further and higher? We surely need to advance.**

...You have to go higher from the earth to the heavens, from the good word of God to the word of righteousness, from **the word as milk** to **the word as solid food**. Paul says clearly that milk is for infants and that solid food is for the mature ones. Whether we are the infants or the mature ones depends upon what kind of food we take. If you still take milk, you are just an infant. Are we still in that stage, not able to take any solid food? We should have left that stage already.

"Let Us Go On"

Christians today are shallow because they would not **pay the price to labor adequately.** These riches are all here in the Bible, just like gold in a mine, but nearly no one would labor to dig them out. Just to buy a few pieces of gold is not our job. Our job is to dig the gold mine. We are to do the mining work. This is the Lord's recovery. I hope, brothers, that in your localities you would not repeat the old things. We should **learn to go on, to learn the things in the heavenlies, and to learn to speak these higher and deeper things.** The book of Revelation, for example, has never been opened up to the Lord's children as it is today. This is now an absolutely transparent book to us. All the points have been covered in the Life-study messages and the footnotes of the Recovery Version. If you want to know them, you can go to the printed pages, and you will get them. **This will require your time.** To dig out the gold is not that easy. I would encourage all of us to go on in this way. Otherwise, the Lord would not have much of a way to go on; we will delay Him, retain Him, hold Him back. Some of us even repeat the things we taught twenty-three years ago. What we are teaching holds people back. In education if you hold even a problem student in the same grade for a couple of years, he will be spoiled. You even have to encourage the problem student to go to the next grade. We should go further. Let us go on. There is real hope for us to go on in His recovery (Excerpts from CWWL, 1985, VOL. 3. pp.370-375).

Local Announcements:

1. Prayer Mtg—Mar. 19 (Group 1—Zoom; Group 2—In person)
2. Brothers' Meeting—Mar. 24
3. Church Pursuit—Mar. 29
4. YP Conference—Mar. 29-31
5. College Training in Seattle, WA—July 17 to 21 (Registration deadline—April 15)

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, we don't want doctrine and we don't want mere knowledge. Give us a zeal to seek after You, for in You we have life, light, truth, and reality. Continue to recover and shine on the truths in the Scriptures.
2. Lord, we give ourselves to know the truth, be constituted with the truth and come to the full knowledge of the truth. Give us not just the proper understanding but also the experiences that we need.
3. Thank You, Lord for giving us the faith and capacity to know and come to the full knowledge of the truth. May we endeavor to continually be in Your word to have the apprehension and appreciation of the truth.
4. Fill us with Spirit and life. Cause the objective truth to be subjective to us. Give us a deeper realization of what the truths are, not neglecting the subjective aspect but being full of spirit and life for the producing of church.
5. Strengthen us into our inner man and fill us unto the fullness of God. Save us from religious thoughts and natural concepts. Gain us for Your full expression.
6. Equip us with the truth and the high gospel to the extent that we can present such truth to others. Have mercy on us that we would never compromise the truth for religion, tradition, or old, natural concepts.

North America/Europe/Other Burdens

1. Please pray for the Spring European Conference in the Netherlands on March 22 to 24. May the Lord free many European university students to attend this conference and may He gain many for the building up of His Body in Europe.

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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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