

Church in Regina

Laboring on the All-Inclusive Christ Typified by the Good Land for the Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ, for the Reality and the Manifestation of the Kingdom, and for the Bridge to Make Herself Ready for the Lord's Coming—Week 6

The Progressive Development of the Sabbath Rest

Beginning at Genesis 2, this matter of [the Sabbath rest develops progressively](#). In Genesis 2 we see that [God's first Sabbath was immediately after He had gained a man on earth in His image to express Him and with His authority to represent Him](#). Immediately after securing a man on earth in His image and with His dominion, God rested. That was the first Sabbath. God's second Sabbath was with the children of Israel. [After the children of Israel had gained the good land of Canaan and had built there a temple, which was filled with God's shekinah glory, God had His second Sabbath on earth](#). The temple in the good land filled with God's glory signified that God had secured on earth a people to be His dwelling place, a place where He could dwell, express Himself, and exercise His dominion. This was God's second Sabbath with man on earth. Thus, in the Old Testament we have two outstanding stories concerning God's Sabbath: the first in [Genesis 2](#) and the second in [1 Kings 8](#).

As we saw in the last message, [when the Lord Jesus came, He also was God's Sabbath](#). Following the Lord Jesus, [we have the church as the Sabbath rest to God](#). Christ is the Head, and the church is the Body. When we come to the day of Pentecost in Acts 2, we see that the glory of God filled the temple once again, and [God again secured a dwelling place with man on earth for His rest. We may say that this was the third Sabbath](#). God had gained a man on the earth. Although God did have something with Noah, Abraham, and the Lord Jesus Himself, in this message we need to focus on the three main Sabbaths: the first Sabbath, after the *creation of man* in God's image and with God's dominion; the second, when the *temple* was built on earth and filled with God's glory; and the third, when the *church*, as the new man, was built with people in God's image.

The Growing Sabbath and the Sabbath of Maturity

God has sown Himself into a part of mankind, which became the church and which includes everyone who has received the Lord Jesus. But after receiving the Lord Jesus, there is a problem: [How are we going to allow the Lord to grow in us?](#)...Have you been regenerated? Have you received the Lord Jesus? What will be the issue? This is the very thing that many Christians miss today. Yes, the church life is a Sabbath rest to God, but it is not a Sabbath with maturity... The church life is wonderful as far as the seed goes, but we have not yet reached the harvest. There is a Sabbath for God in the church life today, but this Sabbath is not yet complete, perfect, or mature. Hence, [there will be another stage of the Sabbath—the age of harvest at the time when the Lord Jesus comes back](#). When the Lord Jesus comes the second time, that will be [the age of the harvest](#)...

We all can be in the growing Sabbath, but whether or not we are in the harvest Sabbath depends completely on our maturity... Today's [growing Sabbath is the real church life with the riches of Christ](#), and all true Christians should be encouraged to be diligent to enter into this Sabbath...

A Reward for Proper Growth

We are in the church life as the growing Sabbath today, but the problem is how we are growing. Are we growing [properly and adequately](#)? Are we growing in such a way as to cooperate continually with the Lord's grace? How we grow in this growing Sabbath determines whether or not we will share in the next Sabbath. Practically speaking, [the Sabbath in the next age will be a prize](#) for our proper growth during this present Sabbath. The next Sabbath, the Sabbath of maturity, will be actually and practically a reward for those who have grown properly in this present growing Sabbath. In other words, if you do not grow well in this growing Sabbath, you will miss the next Sabbath, the Sabbath of maturity. The thought here is very logical; it is God's wisdom. God is wise to use the coming Sabbath as a reward to encourage us to enjoy the present Sabbath. If we miss the present Sabbath, we will certainly suffer the loss of the coming Sabbath...

Our wise Father uses [the coming Sabbath in the millennium as an encouragement for us to run the race properly today](#). How are you running the race? Do not run sloppily. If you do, you probably will not mature very well. Perhaps now you are in the church life enjoying today's Sabbath, the growing Sabbath, but will you be there in the next Sabbath, in the Sabbath of maturity? We all must be careful about this (Excerpts from The Life-Study of Hebrews (2nd ed.), ch. 20).

Local Announcements:

1. Prayer Mtg—July 23—
Group 1 in person; Group 2 by Zoom
2. Children's Bible Camp in Winnipeg—Aug 22-25,
Registration due July 21
3. Brothers' Meeting—July 28

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. Thank You, Lord, for doing everything for us and in us. We want to enter into Your rest today. Lord, we want You to be satisfied and be at rest, for when You are at rest, we are also at rest. Bring us into the Sabbath rest with You!
2. Lord, You are our rest in our spirit. You are the reality of the Sabbath rest, typified by the good land of Canaan. We want to diligently seek You today. We strive to forget about yesterday with its failures and successes. We simply want to enjoy You today.
3. Lord, may we see that Your yoke is easy and Your burden is light! May we take Your yoke upon us and learn from You so that we may find rest for our souls. Grant us to have perfect peace and full satisfaction.
4. Lord, we want to enjoy You and be refreshed with You. Fill us, Lord, until we're fully one with You to work in You and with You as the One who fills us.
5. Lord, operate in us and pierce through our being. We give You the permission to divide our soul from our spirit. Bring us on from our wandering mind to the rest in our spirit. We want to enjoy the all-inclusive Christ in our spirit.
6. Lord, we come forward to You today by exercising our spirit. We want to be those who take care of our spirit, take heed to our spirit, and live in the spirit so that we may enjoy and partake of the heavenly Christ. Save us from wandering in our soul. May we all press on and enjoy You as our everything!

North America/Europe/Other Burdens

1. Please pray for the gospel move in France and the strong call for those burdened to migrate and strengthen the Lord's testimony there. Please pray that by summer 2025, there will be a team of 20 full-time serving ones in Paris to take care of the Lord's need throughout France.

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1. Pray for our contacts: Abe Friesen, Shane McClellan, David Hyman, Lianne and Jeff Racette, Anthony and Celeste Sernat and family, Orlando Sernat and family, Jun and Divine Linantud, Charles and Janet Argawanon (Yorkton SK), and William Mejares Temonio and family (Stenen SK).
2. Special petition and prayer for Sister Diana Ballao and her pregnancy. May she have a normal delivery of the twins with no complications.
3. Pray for positive and immediate approval of all the immigration papers:
 - > Alforte Family (Radam and Rosalina) - PR Application
 - > Orolfo Family (Wilson and Jenny and their three children) - PR Application
 - > Jerome Family (Pravin and Abinaya and their two children) - PR Application
 - > Miranda Family (Ann Margarete and her family) - PR Application
 - > Pagunsan Family (Alfonso and Renita) - Supervisa Application

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

- Lord's Table & Prophesying—Lord's Day 10:00-12:00PM
- Prayer Meeting—Tuesdays 7:00-8:00PM
- Home Meeting—Wednesdays 6:00-7:00PM
- 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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