

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 Bride to Make Herself Ready for the Lord's Coming—Week 9

Pomegranates and golden bells were on the bottom part of the high priest's robe, which signifies the church... God charged Moses to make garments for Aaron and his sons... A garment in the Bible signifies expression. The high priest needed to be clothed in such an **honorable** and **majestic** way **for his service to God**. This priestly garment is very particular... This garment was for glory and for beauty. Glory is divine, and beauty is human. This piece of clothing worn by the high priest was to express the divinity of God as glory and the humanity of man as beauty. It is interesting that at the hem of the robe of the high priest's garment there were pomegranates made of linen. In between the pomegranates were golden bells. This was **to ensure that when the high priest went into the sanctuary to function, people could hear him as he walked**. The sound indicated that he was safe. If there was no sound, then there was a problem.

Exodus 28:33-34 says, "And you shall make on its hem pomegranates of blue and purple and scarlet strands, all around its hem, and bells of gold between them all around. A golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, on the hem of the robe all around." Aaron signifies Christ as the High Priest. Aaron's wearing a robe signifies the church as the expression of Christ. Christ wears the church for the expression of Himself. Thus, we have Christ and the church seen here as the high priest with his garment. **The church should be full of life and her humanity; this is the significance of pomegranates made of linen**. The church is composed of human beings, not angels. We are all human beings, but we should not be fallen human beings or natural human beings. We must be human beings who have been redeemed, regenerated, sanctified, and transformed. In this humanity there should be an expression of life, not the human life but the zoe life, the eternal life. This is the divine life of God being manifested in humanity and expressed by man... These are the pomegranates made of linen.

The **church** has **humanity for the expression of the fullness of life** and also **divinity for the sounding of the golden bells**. The fullness of life is expressed in the church's humanity, but the voice of warning is expressed in the church's divinity whether the high priest was still alive or not. Spiritually, in the church, which is signified by this garment, there are golden bells giving off sounds to give us warning. Whenever something is done or spoken, whenever anything crosses the line and transgresses or trespasses God's divinity, bells begin to sound. **The church is not a kind of human religious system for people to get together and do things in any way that they want to**. **The church is the house of the living God**. The way that we do things must be compatible with the divine nature of God. When God's divinity is trespassed, some sounds are made. The sounds are not thundering, or like the ringing of a great bell in a bell tower; rather, the sounds are from many small, ringing golden bells. The sound is rather soft. Nevertheless, there is a sound giving off a kind of warning. These bells are "the testimony, the voices, the sounds, of the divine nature"

When God's divinity is being trespassed, there needs to be the sounding of the bells. Many times, in our church meetings the Lord may use little sisters or little brothers to share and testify something. A sister might share about how she stole something from someone, and how the Lord touched her that she needed to return the item to the owner. She had no peace. A little testimony like this can be the ringing of a warning bell to all the saints. The Lord uses little members to warn us so that we will not live carelessly or loosely. This is very meaningful.

It is interesting that a golden bell was placed between two pomegranates. The placement of the bells and pomegranates was alternating: a bell and a pomegranate, then another bell and another pomegranate, and so forth. However, the way this is recorded indicates that the emphasis should be on the two pomegranates, between which is a bell. **This indicates that if there is any kind of sounding, any kind of warning, the warning should be covered**. The warning should be the realm of the uplifted humanity of Christ's life. Otherwise, **if there are no pomegranates among the bells, then all the sounding of warnings may lead to opinions and criticisms that cause confusion in the church life**. Thank the Lord that the hem of the high priest's garment was full of linen pomegranates. Between these pomegranates were golden bells. Therefore, on the one hand, there is the uplifted humanity of Christ being expressed, expression the life of Christ through human beings in the church. On the other hand, at the same time the pomegranates afford the way for the Spirit to sound off warnings to us according to Christ's divinity to keep us in oneness (Excerpts from the Ministry of the Word, Vol. 28, No. 02, pp. 219-241).

Local Announcements:

1. Prayer Mtg—Aug 13 Grp 1 in person; Grp 2 by Zoom
2. Church in Toronto Visitation—Aug 17-22
3. Love Feast on Aug 18
4. Children's Bible Camp in Winnipeg—Aug 22-25

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, save us from being in the authority of darkness. Cause us to live under resurrection, willing to be restricted out of our love for You so we can grow in the abundance of life.
2. Grant us the vision and occupy us with Your unsearchable and rich extensiveness. Replace every element of our natural human life. We simply let You live in us. May we all grow and become full-grown so You can have Your corporate, full-grown man to express You.
3. Lord, produce in us the proper church life – full of life in humanity and functions in divinity. Bless our speaking in the church, away from gossip and criticism. Alternate our “pomegranates” and “bells” to produce a proper divine sound.
4. Lord, cause our living to be a testimony of Your life four hundredfold. Cover our natural being and only expose the rich expression of Your life. Bring us all absolutely in the atmosphere of the Spirit.
5. Lord, we want to progress in our loving fellowship with You. Make us Your enclosed garden – having the expression of the inner life and the outward beauty that comes from the overflow of life.
6. Lord, we are waiting for that day until we blossom and bear fruit. Continue to give us the opportunity to grow in faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, endurance, godliness, brotherly love and love.

North America/Europe/Other Burdens

1. Pray for the effect of rising tensions in the Middle East on air travel to Israel. Many airlines have canceled flights to Israel and a number of Israeli young people are stranded in Poland following the European Young People Conference. Please pray that the Lord will rule over the situation and will make a way for the young people to return to Israel safely.

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1. Pray for our contacts: Abe Friesen, Shane McClellan, David Hyman, Lianne and Jeff Racette, Patricia Schurman and Daniel Clark, 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 twin boys 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 Margarette and her family) - PR 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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