

Church in Regina

Being a Vessel Unto Honor, A Fully Equipped Man of God, By Being Empowered in the Grace
Which is in Christ Jesus to Fully Accomplish Our Ministry in the Unique Ministry of God's Economy—Week 3

TASTE

"How sweet are Your words to my taste! / Sweeter than honey to my mouth!" (Psa. 119:103). **Whenever we come to the Word**, it would be good to pray, "Lord, **grant me a sweet taste for Your Word**. Make it so precious to me." When we come to the Word, we come not only with our mind and with our eyes but also with our heart. **Taste is related to the heart**. We need a heart that loves and appreciates the Lord's precious Word.

GOD'S BREATH

"All Scripture is God-breathed" (2 Tim. 3:16). Just as the nature of a table is wood, so the nature of the word in the Bible is the divine breath. If you consider the Word as only letters on a page, you will use only your mentality in reading it. But **because it is God's breath, we must breathe it in**. How do we do this? **By praying**. When we are taking in the Word for nourishment, we need to pray over the words we read. We should use the very words of the Bible to pray; our prayer will turn the printed matter into breath. The verses, in other words, become spirit to us.

But how can we say that 2 Timothy 3:16 tells us the Scripture is for breathing? Does not the rest of the verse say, "and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness"? Is instruction breathing? Is correction breathing? Is conviction breathing? To argue this way shows blindness. **If you use only your mentality when you study the Word, you may read that it is "profitable for...correction" and feel that you do need to be corrected and convicted for your attitude toward your wife. This is not the life way to take the Word...** Rather than exercising your mentality, exercise your praying spirit. Do not bring in your thought. Do not interpret. Do not explain. Do not even pray for the Lord to help you to understand the verse. Just breathe all the words into your being. "O Lord, profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction. Lord, for instruction in righteousness." Eventually, the verse will be wrought into you as a life supply. Because the nature of the word is divine breath, when you breathe it in, it becomes life to you. "The words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life" (John 6:63). The words become spirit and life through your prayer, through your breathing.

FOOD

Matthew 4:4 makes it clear that the Bible is good for food: "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out through the mouth of God." So does Jeremiah 15:16: "Your words were found and I ate them, / And Your word became to me / The gladness and joy of my heart, / For I am called by Your name, / O Jehovah, God of hosts." **How can we eat God's words?** To eat is to take food into us and digest it so that it becomes part of us. **To eat God's words is to take them in by prayer while exercising our whole being to enjoy them**. This verse in Jeremiah says that the word "became to me / The gladness and joy of my heart." We must keep pray-reading the Word till it becomes our enjoyment and rejoicing; then we have eaten it.

MILK AND SOLID FOOD

In 1 Peter 2:2 the word is referred to as milk: "As newborn babes, long for the guileless milk of the word in order that by it you may grow unto salvation." The portions of the Bible that are easy for us to take in are **milk**. They are also called **"the good word"** (Heb. 6:5) and **the word of grace** (Acts 14:3; 20:32). When we read some parts of the Word, we feel like a child enjoying a refreshing glass of milk. Other portions of the Word, though, have more weight to them; taking them in is like eating a steak. These weightier portions are referred to in Hebrews as **solid food** (5:12) and as **the word of righteousness** (v. 13). When we can receive them, they give us the **weight of maturity**.

RAIN AND SNOW

Notice how the word is described in Isaiah 55:10-11: "Just as the rain comes down / And the snow from heaven, / And does not return there, / Until it waters the earth / And makes it bear and sprout forth, / That it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater; / So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; / It will not return to Me vainly, / But it will accomplish what I delight in, / And it will prosper in the matter to which I have sent it." **The word is likened to rain in summer and snow in winter, watering us to produce the seed for fruit-bearing and the bread for our satisfaction**. This is a marvelous picture of our experience in taking the word.

THE WORD WITHIN

"I have written to you, fathers, because you know Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong and the word of God abides in you and you have overcome the evil one" (1 John 2:14). This word that makes us strong and able to overcome the wicked one is no longer only external; it is **the word of God abiding in us**. This means that we have taken it into us **by breathing, by praying, by eating, and by digesting**. It is now **the word in our life experience, not just the word in knowledge** (Excerpts from Life Messages Volume 1, CWWL, 1978, vol.2).

Local Announcements:

1. Prayer Meeting Grp 1 by Zoom; Grp 2 in person
2. Brothers' Mtg—Sept 29
3. Love Feast—Oct 13
4. Sisters' Mtg—Oct 13
5. Church Pursuit—Oct 14

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, bring us into the realization of our spirit, that we have to learn how to do everything in our spirit. Have mercy on us, and remind us of Your ways. Whatever we do and say, may we be persons living in the spirit.
2. Empower us not with knowledge but in grace. Make us faithful ministers of the truth – keeping the healthy words and carrying out Your New Testament economy. May we all guard the good deposit in us.
3. Lord, train us to be good soldiers fighting for Your interest and free from any sorts of entanglement. Expose the subtly of the enemy that blinds us from seeing what the church is. We simply remain under Your headship and fight against death.
4. Lord, bring us to the position of ascension in Your salvation and the position of order in Your Body. Stir up the desire for us to reign. Save us from being loose and lazy so we may release life and swallow up death.
5. Give us patience, as farmers waiting for their produce, realizing that we are God's cultivated land that needs to grow in life. Your building is a building of life and in life. Thank You for Your word that builds up and preserves us.
6. Lord, make us contenders of the truth – bearing and upholding the truth. Enlighten this darkened generation and bring us back to the proper track, to see Your economy, the reality in the truth.

North America/Europe/Other Burdens

1. Pray for the establishment and first Lord's Table Meeting in Vicenza, Italy on September 29.

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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. Pray for the new semester and the college/campus work. Bring more seeking students who are hungry for the truth to the campus meeting every Friday. Gain young people to see You, know You, and love You. Show them the real purpose and meaning of their human lives.
3. Special petition and prayer for Sister Diana Ballao and her pregnancy. May she have a normal delivery of the twin boys with no complications.
4. 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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