

# CHURCH IN REGINA

## Local Announcements

1. Prayer Meeting—Group 1 by Zoom; Group 2 in person — Mar. 11
2. Bible Distribution at Univ of Regina—Mar. 14
3. Brother Robert Lim's Visitation—Mar. 12-15
4. YP Conference in Calgary—Mar. 28-30. Registration due on Mar. 16

## Conferences & Training

1. Chinese-Speaking Blending Conference—Feb. 14-16, Anaheim, CA
2. International Training for Elders & Responsible Ones—Apr. 4-6, Anaheim, CA
3. Memorial Day Blending Conference—May 23-26, Phoenix, AZ
4. Summer Training—June 30-July 5, Anaheim, CA
5. International Training for Elders & Responsible Ones—TBD
6. Thanksgiving Blending Conference—Nov. 27-30, Indianapolis, IN
7. Winter Training—Dec. 22-27, Anaheim, CA

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## Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (1) - Week 8

The life of a Christian is the life of the altar and the tent. The **altar** is **toward God** while the **tent** is **toward the world**.

### The Life of the Altar

Genesis 12:7 says, "The Lord appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the Lord, who appeared unto him." In this verse we see that **the altar is based on God's appearance**. Where there is no divine appearance, there is no altar. No one can offer himself to God unless he has first met God. Unless God has appeared to a man, he cannot offer his all to God. Consecration is not the result of man's exhortation or persuasion but of God's revelation. No one can voluntarily offer up all he has on the altar if God has not first appeared to him...**Even when a man does want to offer himself to God, he finds that he really has nothing to offer...** Man cannot come over to God's side. However, when man meets God, consecration takes place spontaneously in his life. If you catch sight of God just once and touch God just once, you are no longer your own. God is Someone who cannot be touched lightly! **Once a man touches God, he can no longer live for himself...**

God appeared to Abraham, and Abraham built an altar. This **altar** was not for a sin offering but **for a burnt offering**. A sin offering is for redemption, while a burnt offering is **an offering of ourselves to God**. The altar here does not refer to the Lord Jesus' vicarious death for us; it refers to the consecration of ourselves to God. It was the kind of altar spoken of in Romans 12:1: "I exhort you therefore, brothers, through the compassions of God to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable service." The mercy of God caused the Lord Jesus to die for us. The mercy of God provided the cross on which we died with Him and on which the devil was dealt with. By the mercy of God we have His life within, and by His mercy He will bring us into glory. **It is on the ground of His mercies that God beseeches us to offer ourselves as a living sacrifice to Him.**

In connection with the burnt offering, we should note that a person of ample resources may have offered a bullock, one with less resources may have offered a sheep, and one whose means were even more limited may have offered a turtledove or pigeon (Lev. 1:3, 10, 14). But whether one offered a bullock, a sheep, or a turtledove or pigeon, **the offerer had to offer up the whole...** God wants everything whole; He does not want a half offering. He cannot accept anything less than utter consecration.

### The Life of the Tent

The altar has its issue in the tent. Genesis 12:8 says, "And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent." From then on, Abraham lived in God's house—Bethel. From then on, he lived in a tent...

**What is a tent?** A tent is something **movable**; it **does not take root anywhere**. Through **the altar God deals with us**; through **the tent God deals with our possessions**. At the altar Abraham offered up his all to God. Was he thereafter stripped of everything, even his clothing and belongings? No! Abraham still possessed cattle and sheep and many other things, but he had become a tent dweller. What was not consumed on the altar could only be kept in the tent. Here we see a **principle**. **Everything we have should be placed on the altar**. But there is still something left. These are the things that are for our own use. However, they are not ours; they are to be left in the tent...Some people ask, "If I give my all to God, do I have to sell all my possessions and dispose of all my money? If I consecrate myself to God, how many chairs and tables may I have in my home and how many garments in my wardrobe?" ...[W]e need to remember that we have two lives. We have **a life to live before God**, and we also have **a life to live in the world**. In our life before God everything must truly be on the altar, but for our life in the world we still have need of many material things. While we are living in the world, we need clothing, food, and a dwelling place. We ought to consecrate our all to God and live for Him alone; but if He says we may retain a certain thing, then we may retain it. Nevertheless, we must apply the principle of the tent to all the physical things that He permits us to retain, because they have been given back to us to meet our need in the world. If we do not need them, we should dispose of them. We may use them, but we must not be touched by them. We can have them or let them go; they can be given, and they can be taken away. This is the life of the tent (Excerpts from General Messages (1), CWWN, vol. 37, ch 16).

# PRAYER BURDENS

1. Lord, You are the reality of the Feast of the Passover and the Feast of tabernacles, the reality of the beginning and consummation of our Christian life. Judicially, You have redeemed us as our Passover Lamb. Organically, we are enjoying Your full salvation in the feast of tabernacles.
2. Remind us that we are still travelling in the “wilderness”, waiting for our rest in the eternal tabernacle, the New Jerusalem. As we remember You, we remember our need to drink that we would not only be satisfied but also overflow.
3. Appear to us again and again as You did with Abraham so that spontaneously, we can live the life of the altar and the tent. We turn our back to the world and give ourselves to You.
4. Thank You, Lord for Your two great “becoming” – becoming a man to bring God to man, and becoming a life-giving Spirit to give us access to the tree of life and to drink of the river of water of life.
5. Lord, it is as the Spirit that You can enter into us, live in us, abide in us, and be realized in us. It is only through You, as the life-giving Spirit, that we can be qualified to carry out Your commission.
6. Lord, saturate us all the time. We need the continuous application, the continuous sealing of the compound ointment. May we know and experience the Spirit more.

## North America/Europe/Other Burdens

1. Please pray for the Spring University Students Conference in the Netherlands on March 21 to 23. May the Lord grant each attendee to find mercy and receive grace to have a keen ear, to be in the right spiritual position, to have a sprinkled and cleansed conscience and a pure heart, and to be poor in spirit to receive freshly from the Lord, without bias or spiritual pride.

## Church in Regina

1. Pray for the propagation work in Saskatchewan. Strengthen the saints in Foam Lake, Yorkton and Stenen. Encourage them and supply them that there would be a lampstand in Yorkton for Your testimony. Remember Bro. Isaac, Bro. Charles, and Bro. William.
2. Pray for our upcoming Bible distribution at the University of Regina on March 14. Bring the hungry ones to receive the Bible. Pray for our new ones—Matthew, Daine, Zara, Christine.
3. Pray for the continuing of the Chinese-Speaking Bible Reading. Remember Bro. Nathan, Sis. Cassie and our new ones: Doris Di, Julie Cao, Wendy Wang, and Tina Huang.
4. Pray for positive and immediate approval of all the permanent resident immigration papers:
  - > Alforte Family (Radam and Rosalina)
  - > Orolfo Family (Wilson and Jenny and their three children)
  - > Jerome Family (Pravin and Abinaya and their two children)
  - > Temonio Family (William and Melanie 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
- Home Meeting—Wednesdays 6:00-7:00PM
- Chinese-Speaking Bible Reading—Wednesdays 8:00-9:00PM
- College Meetings—Fridays 7:30-8:30PM
- YP Meetings—Sundays 3:00-4:30 PM
- Children's Meeting—Saturdays 10:00-11:00AM
- Small Group Meetings—Fridays/Saturdays 7:00-9:00PM