

# CHURCH IN REGINA

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**Matthew 5:8** says, “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.” **2 Corinthians 3:16** goes on to say, “Whenever their heart turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.” These two verses reveal that in order for someone **to see God and receive His shining**, the most important thing is that he must either **be one who is already not covered in any way, or he must have his coverings removed**. The pure in heart shall see God because they are not covered by anything. When a veil is put on someone’s face, it covers his eyes, but when the veil is taken away, he is able to see the light.

## Removing the Veil to Receive Light

By removing everything that covers him, a person will see light. This is based upon 2 Corinthians 3:16, which reveals that whenever the Corinthians would turn their heart to the Lord, their veil would be taken away. When the heart of the Corinthians was turned away from the Lord, the veil was still on their heart; **their turned-away heart was the veil**. Whenever the veil was taken away and their heart was turned to the Lord, the Corinthians would receive God’s shining. Therefore, **the reason man does not receive God’s shining is not because God does not shine, but because there is a veil and a covering within man**. If man can solve the problem of being covered, then he will see light. Matthew 5:8 says that the pure in heart shall see God, and 1 John 1:5 says, “God is light.” Thus, **no one can see God without seeing light**. God is light, and all those who see light are in God and must be in God alone. However, the requirement of God is that man must be pure in heart. To be pure in heart means that everything that covers the heart has been removed. Once a person’s heart is not pure and has mixture, that mixture becomes a covering. **Only the pure in heart do not have any covering; only those who do not have any covering can see light**.

Psalm 73:1 says, “Surely God is good to Israel, / To those who are pure in heart.” This is the psalmist’s appreciation. In verse 16 he says, “When I considered this in order to understand it, / It was a troublesome task in my sight.” However, when he entered into the sanctuary of God, he understood everything (v. 17). So in verse 25 the psalmist declares, **“Whom do I have in heaven but You? / And besides You there is nothing I desire on earth.” This is to be pure in heart**. One who is pure in heart pursues only the Lord in heaven and desires only the Lord on earth. To be pure in heart is to live on this earth desiring only God and to have no desire other than God. When our heart is single and pure toward God, we are those who are without any covering. Hence, the Bible shows us that in order to see the light, it is necessary to remove the covering.

## Removing All That Covers the Light

**Everything in this universe, besides God Himself, can be a covering to us**. First John says that God is light. Thus, anything that is not God Himself can cover the light of God within us. Other than God Himself, there is nothing that is not a covering of the light. Therefore, we all must know that besides God, everything can become a covering to us. Only God Himself is light, and only light itself cannot cover light. **We have to remember that all other people, matters, and things outside of God can cover the light**. We should not think that good things will not become coverings of the light. **In fact, what hinders many people from seeing light is not bad things but many good things**.

...The biggest problem among [us] is the matter of **comparison**. If two people are working in the same place and one is praised, the other will feel bothered within. This feeling covers the light. When others receive praise, we have a certain kind of feeling; when we receive praise, we have another kind of feeling. These feelings are a covering—covering the light and causing our heart to not be pure. What is a pure heart? If I have a pure heart, when people say that I am wrong, I have no particular feeling; when people say that I am right, I also have no particular feeling. When people praise me, I have no particular feeling, and when people do not praise me, I also have no particular feeling. I do not desire the praise of others; rather, I desire God Himself. **If we want too many things and our desires are too complicated, then anything, even our spiritual pursuit, can become something that covers the light**. For instance, some people love to boast, so boasting becomes a great problem to them. Undoubtedly, they are very lovely and learned, but because they do not have light, they just love to boast. Whatever they do, they have to boast a little. This is a covering to them. **If we want to see the light, we must remove everything that covers us** (Excerpts from The Pure in Heart, CWWL, 1950-1951, vol.2).

*Go therefore and disciple all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
~ Matt.28:19*

## Church Announcements:

1. Combined Prayer Mtg (Online) – Apr 7
2. Gospel Tract Distribution – Apr 12
3. Bible Distribution during FIFA World Cup (Vancouver) – Registration due – Apr 12
4. Church in Edmonton Conference – Apr 24-26 Registration due – Apr 12
5. Church in Winnipeg Conference – May 2-3 Registration due – Apr 19

## Conferences & Trainings

1. Chinese-Speaking Conference – Feb. 13-15 Anaheim CA USA
2. Spring ITERO – Mar. 20-22 Anaheim CA USA
3. Memorial Day Conference – May 22-25, Dallas TX USA
4. Summer Training – Jun. 29-Jul.4 Anaheim CA USA
5. Fall ITERO – Sept. 24-26 Amsterdam Netherlands
6. Thanksgiving Conference – Nov. 26-29 Denver CO USA
7. Winter Training – Dec. 21-26 Anaheim CA USA

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## PRAYER BURDENS:

1. Empty and unload our spirit of old experiences and knowledge. May we be poor in spirit, not storing anything other than Your new, fresh and up-to-date way. Save us from being proud and cause us to be humbled.
2. Lord, we want to continually be emptied out and continually be filled up. Bring us to situations where we cannot rely on our past spiritual victories. Stir in us a hunger for You that we would be empty vessels ready to receive You.
3. Make us pure in heart – to be single in purpose and to have a single goal of accomplishing Your will for Your glory. Unveil us that we may see You and be transformed from glory to glory, beholding and reflecting You.
4. Lord, keep our heart open towards You and let the Spirit execute the work of the cross in us. Sanctify us through the word and may we all aspire to have an enlarged heart.
5. Renew us that we would be as new as the New Jerusalem by walking in the newness of life and building the New Jerusalem by serving in the newness of spirit. Thank You for the provision of the cross, the Holy Spirit, and our mingled spirit.
6. Fully possess our hearts that we would habitually exercise our spirit to touch You. Save us from the vanity of our mind and rid all of our old concepts. Renew us, especially when we sit at Your table.

### North America/Europe/Other Burdens

1. Pray for the Lord's move in Iceland. Please pray for the Lord to raise up and gain the seeking ones who can become His testimony in Iceland.
2. Pray for the translation of the Italian New Testament Recovery Version. The translation work into Italian, which is the last major European language, is expected to begin this Spring. Please pray for the Lord's covering of the serving ones and His blessing on every aspect of this project.

### Local Burdens:

1. Pray for the purchase of the meeting hall.
2. Pray for the two college brothers (Bro. Eric and Bro. Matthew) joining the FTTA for a short-term training on April 28 to May 3. Grant them much grace to see the purpose and goal of the training and stir in them a consecration to be trained.
3. Pray for the young people. May they treasure their youth and give their precious teenage years to the Lord (Michael, Henry, Zion, Alfred and Yeska).
4. Pray for positive and immediate approval of the permanent resident immigration papers of Alforte and Gonzales families.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

- ✓ Lord's Table & Propheying—Lord's Day 10:00-12:00PM
- ✓ Prayer Meeting—Tuesdays 7:00-8:00PM
- ✓ Chinese-Speaking Bible Reading—Mondays 7:15-8:15PM
- ✓ College Meetings—Fridays 6:30-8:30PM
- ✓ YP Meetings—Sundays 4:00-5:30 PM
- ✓ Children's Meeting—Saturdays 10:00-11:00AM
- ✓ Small Group Meetings—Fridays/Saturdays 7:00-8:30PM