

Church in Regina Newsletter

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ENJOYING HYMNS

It is important that we know the hymns in order to have meetings that are according to the Scripture (1 Corinthians 14:26; Hebrews 10:25). We need to know the crucial points of the **contents** of the hymns, the **standard** of the hymns, the **sensation** of the hymns, the **wording** of the hymns, and the **tune** of the hymns. Additionally, the **hymns are not only for singing, but also for speaking in meetings**. By speaking the proper hymns to one another and singing them to the Lord, He will enrich, enliven, uplift, refresh, and strengthen the meetings.

1. Understanding the Content

To know the hymns, we have to know some of the crucial points of the contents of the hymns. First, we must be familiar with some of the hymns on the **blessing and experience** of the Triune God. The word blessing is used here not to refer to the good things the Triune God has given us, but to the praise, **the blessing that we offer to Him**. An example of a good hymn on the blessing of the Triune God is #7—"Glory, glory, to the Father!" A good hymn on the experience of the Triune God is #608—"What mystery, the Father, Son, and Spirit." It is also important to know hymns on the praise of the Father and the praise of the Lord.

We also need to know hymns concerning identification with Christ. We are not just united to be together with Christ, but we are actually one with Christ. A number of these deeper, excellent hymns by A. B. Simpson are included in this section of Hymns.

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The experience of Christ is another crucial point of the content of the hymns. Hymn #499—"Oh, what a life! Oh, what a peace!" and #501—"O glorious Christ, Savior mine" are excellent hymns in this category. We also need to know that hymns on the crucial points of the inner life, the church, the assurance of salvation, consecration, and comfort in trials (see #720). We should also **be familiar with the hymns on the crucial points** of spiritual warfare, the gospel, the church meetings, the hope of glory (#948 and #949), and the ultimate manifestation (#972).

"This Week's Pursuit: Crystallization-Study of Exodus (2)"

The Vision of God in a Transparent and Clear Heaven and the Heavenly Vision concerning the Desire of God's Heart to Have a Dwelling Place with Man on Earth

Scripture Reading: Exo. 24:9-11, 16-18; 25:1-9; 29:45-46; 33:11a, 18-23; Matt. 5:8; Job 42:5; Rev. 22:4

I. "They saw the God of Israel, and under His feet there was something like a paved work of sapphire, even like heaven itself for clearness...And they beheld God"—Exo. 24:10-11:

Related to the matter of seeing God, especially seeing God's face, there is a theological problem for which there is no solution. On the one hand, according to Exodus 33:20 and 23b, Jehovah said to Moses, "*You cannot see My face, for no man shall see Me and live...My face shall not be seen*"; on the other hand, verse 11a says, "*Jehovah would speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his companion*." In a sense, we can talk to God face to face, but in another sense, we cannot see God's face; this is a matter not of contradiction but of degree or extent. Christ is the cleft rock, the everlasting rock cleft for us; only in the crucified Christ can we see God.

"*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God*." God is light; light is the nature of God's expression. The Triune God, as revealed in the light of the gospel, is light. **To see God is to see light, and to see light is to see God. The condition for seeing God is having a pure heart.** A pure heart **desires only God** and is **focused on God**; it is a heart that is for nothing else in the universe except God. Those who seek God out of a pure heart have God as their only possession and their unique desire on earth; God is their unique goal. To be pure in heart is to be **single in purpose**, to have the single goal of accomplishing God's will for God's glory. If in seeking God we are pure in heart, single in heart (the ground where Christ as the seed of life grows, we will see God.

Upcoming Activities

- ▶ February 28, 2016 - Brother's Meeting
- ▶ March 03, 2016 - Love Feast
- ▶ March 25, 2016 - Church Pursuit, Experience of Life, Message Two
- ▶ March 27, 2016 - YP Conference

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Meeting Schedule:

Lord's Table Meeting

Lord's Day
10:00AM to 12:00PM

Prayer Meeting

Tuesdays & Wednesdays
Saints Homes
8:00PM to 9:00PM

YP Meeting

Fridays
7:00PM to 9:00PM
Brother Hedrick's Place

Small/Home Meeting

Friday Evening
Saint's Home

Seven Annual Feasts

1. International Chinese-speaking Conference, Anaheim, CA
February 12-14, 2016
2. International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (Spring)
Anaheim, CA - April 8-10, 2016
3. Memorial Day Conference
Washington, DC
May 27-30, 2016
4. Summer Training
Anaheim, CA - July 4-9, 2016
5. International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (Fall)
Gold Coast, Australia -
October 6-8, 2016
6. Thanksgiving Conference
San Jose, CA - November
24-27, 2016
7. Winter Training
Anaheim, CA - December
26-31, 2016

PRAYER BURDEN

1. *“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”* Lord, cause our **heart** to desire only You and focus on You, You are our only possession, our unique goal with a **single purpose** of accomplishing Your will.

2. Lord, we want to **gain** You, to receive You in Your element, in Your life, and in Your nature so that we may **be constituted** with You.

3. Lord, give us a clear atmosphere so we can receive the heavenly **vision** concerning Your heart desire to have a **dwelling place with man** on earth.

4. Lord, give us the proper understanding of the **“pattern on the mount,”** that everything concerning the building of Your dwelling place is according to Your ordained way. Make us faithful in carrying out Your will.

5. Pray for **Europe**:
The first Lord’s table meeting will be held on March 13, 2016 in Budapest, Hungary. Pray for the establishing of a shining golden lampstand for the Lord’s testimony in Europe.

6. Pray for **South America**:
For the young people in Argentina—that they, a new generation be raised up as age-turners solely for God’s economy.

7. Pray for **India**:
For the 2016 goal of raising up 50 churches and gain 1000 new ones.

For gaining solid English-speaking families to enter into the church life and strengthen the church in Dwarka, New Delhi.

8. Lord, we pray for the church in **Regina**.
The building of the tabernacle were offered to God by His people as a heave offering which signifies that the church is built up not with any natural materials but with the very Christ who has been gained, possessed, enjoyed, and experienced by God’s people in resurrection and in the heavenlies.

Thy dwelling-place, O Lord, I love; It is Thy Church, Thy home; In it I would forever live And never longer roam.

“I had heard of You by the hearing of the ear, / But now my eye has seen You.” In the New Testament sense, seeing God equals gaining God. To gain God is to receive God in His element, in His life, and in His nature so that we may be constituted with God. All of God’s redeemed, regenerated, sanctified, renewed, transformed, conformed, and glorified people will see God’s face. Seeing God transforms us, because in seeing God we receive His element into us, and our old element is discharged; this metabolic process is transformation. To see God is to be transformed into the glorious image of Christ, the God-man, that we may express God in His life and represent Him in His authority.

When we come to Exodus 24:1-2 and 9-18, we are at the threshold of the heavenly visions contained in the following chapters; unless we come to this threshold, we will not be able to see the heavenly vision of God’s dwelling place. Beneath God’s feet Moses and the leaders of Israel saw something that had the appearance of a large, transparent stone; Moses could only liken what he saw under God’s feet to a transparent sapphire stone, which was like heaven itself for clearness. In our fellowship with the Lord, we may have a clear sky and see a work of sapphire stone beneath Him—the vision of God in a transparent and clear heaven. Only when we are in such a clear atmosphere can we receive the heavenly vision of the building of God’s dwelling place. In our fellowship with the Lord, our sky will become clear and transparent, and it will seem that in front of our eyes there is something that resembles the body of heaven itself for clearness. In such an environment we will see God and the heavenly vision concerning the desire of His heart to have a dwelling place with man on earth.

Moses was actually the only one to receive the direct vision of the tabernacle; Moses was on the top of the mountain, dwelling with God under His glory and receiving the vision of His dwelling place. It took Moses forty days and forty nights to see the revelation of God’s dwelling place; this indicates that receiving revelation from God requires a long period of time, which is a trial or a test to us.

II. “Let them make a sanctuary for Me that I may dwell in their midst”—25:8; cf. 29:45-46:

The book of Exodus reveals that the goal of God’s salvation is the building of God’s dwelling place on earth. At the mountain of God, through Moses God’s people saw the revelation of the desire of God’s heart—to have a dwelling place on earth. The physical tabernacle as God’s dwelling place was actually a symbol of a corporate people, the children of Israel as the house of God.

In the Bible the word tabernacle is used in three ways:

It refers to **the tabernacle** built at the foot of Mount Sinai.

It denotes **the Lord Jesus** as God’s tabernacle with man; the tabernacle in Exodus is a type of Christ as the tabernacle of God.

It refers to **the New Jerusalem**—the ultimate, consummate, enlarged tabernacle of God—which includes God’s redeemed people from both the Old Testament and the New Testament.

“Tell the children of Israel to take for Me a heave offering. From every man whose heart makes him willing you shall take My heave offering.” The heave offering typifies the uplifted Christ, the Christ who was lifted up in His ascension. The fact that the materials for the building of the tabernacle were offered to God by His people as a heave offering signifies that the church is built up not with any natural materials but with the Christ who has been gained, possessed, experienced, and enjoyed by God’s people in resurrection and in the heavenlies.

All the materials for the building of the tabernacle signify the virtues of Christ’s person and work. Twelve kinds of materials were used, in three categories: minerals, signifying Christ’s building life; plants, signifying Christ’s generating life; and animals, signifying Christ’s redeeming life. The redeeming life is for the generating life, and the generating life is for the building life. That the minerals are mentioned as the first category indicates that whatever Christ is and whatever He has done and is doing are all for God’s building. In the New Jerusalem, the ultimate consummation of God’s building, there will be only minerals—gold, pearl, and precious stones; however, in order to arrive at God’s goal, the redeeming life and the generating life are needed.

“According to all that I show you, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, even so shall you make it.” In building the church, God works according to a prescribed and revealed plan. The most important thing in our spiritual work is a knowledge of the pattern shown on the mountain. The pattern shown on the mountain is the plan; if we do not understand God’s plan, it will be impossible for us to do God’s work. The pattern of the tabernacle and all its furnishings is a full type of both the individual Christ and the corporate Christ as the Body, the church, including many details of the experience of Christ for the church life and a full picture of the church life with all its details.

WEEK	LORD’S TABLE MEETING	PRAYER MEETING	YP MEETING	HOME MEETING	OFFERING
Feb. 14 - Feb. 20, 2016	23	11	12		\$100.00
Feb. 21 - Feb. 27, 2016	22	11	12		\$100.00