

# CHURCH IN REGINA

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1 Timothy 2:4, "Who [God] desires all men to be saved and to come to the full knowledge of the truth."

## This Week's Pursuit:

HWMR - Crystallization Study of Numbers (1)

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## CHURCH MEETINGS:

### Lord's Day

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

### Prayer Meeting

Tuesdays - Saints' Home  
7:30 Pm - 8:30 PM

### Young People Meeting

Fridays  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

### Small Groupings

Fridays & Saturdays  
Saints' Home

## Seven ANNUAL FEAST

- International Chinese-speaking Conference**  
Anaheim, California  
February 15-17, 2019
- ITERO (Spring)**  
Anaheim CA  
April 5 - 7, 2019
- Memorial Day Conference**  
Seattle, WA  
May 24-27, 2019
- Summer Semiannual Training**  
Anaheim, CA  
July 1-6, 2019
- ITERO (Fall)**  
Bangalore, India  
October 3-5, 2019
- Thanksgiving Conference**  
Houston, TX  
Nov. 28 - Dec. 1, 2019
- Winter Semiannual Training**  
Anaheim, CA  
December 23-28, 2019

## Message Three

### The Service of the Priests and the Levites for God's Move

Scripture Reading: Num. 3:1-39; 4:1-33

We concluded Message 2 with a wonderful view of the children of Israel **encamped** in a particular military formation. The fact that the Israelites were in military formation indicates that they were **ready to fight**. Nevertheless, Numbers 3, which follows immediately after the military formation in chapter 2, is on **the holy service** of the priests and the Levites for **God's move**.

We need to pay attention to the last three words of the message title—for **God's move**. The service of the priests and the Levites was for God's move. Actually, this service is how God moved and was God's move. Thus, we must be impressed with the phrase for God's move. Numbers is a book of service, and chapters 3 and 4 cover the holy service. Thus, these two chapters should show us something **about** our **service**, about the **arrangement** of our **service**, and about the **way of our service in the church life**.

A number of years ago, when I was asked to participate in a service that I felt unqualified to carry out, I told one of the older brothers that I thought that they had asked the wrong person to take care of this service. However, he responded, saying, "*Brother, you cannot volunteer for this service, and you cannot get out of it.*" This response has nourished me for a number of years. That older brother was saying in essence that **the service is apportioned to us by Christ** the Head according to our **organic function in life**. This is why the service is orderly and without chaos.

There were two classes of **serving ones in the Old Testament**—the **priests** and the **Levites**—but **in the New Testament these two classes are one**. All the New Testament believers are priests as well as Levites. Hence, when we as priests do any Levitical work, we must be under the supervision of the priestly view... We should **not say**, "*Since I am only cleaning the meeting hall, I do not need to pray. If I were going to preach the gospel, I would need to pray. I am only arranging chairs right now. Why do I need to pray in order to arrange chairs?*" To reason in this way is a mistake.

In Acts 6, when the apostles wanted to **appoint** brothers **to serve** food, they said, "*Look for seven well-attested men from among you, full of the Spirit and of wisdom*". The **requirement** was to **be full of the Spirit**. I would have said, "*Look for some people who have restaurant experience on their resumé.*" This is different from the thought of the apostles. In their thought, to serve physical food to the saints was not something different or separate from the priestly service; it was to minister Christ in that service... **We should not separate the priestly service from the Levitical service**. Stephen was one of the seven men who were chosen to serve food in Acts 6, yet in Acts 7 he gave a message that ended in his martyrdom... In Acts 8 **Philip**, who also was one of those **who served food**, could be **led by the Spirit to preach the gospel** to an Ethiopian eunuch... In the New Testament we may be serving food at one moment and preaching the gospel the next. We do not separate these two things. Similarly, in the full-time training, you may be arranging chairs at one moment and prophesying at the microphone the next. This is normal, and it means that we are both priests and Levites.

**Every one of us is a priest and a Levite**. In all our service **we minister Christ to one another**. The army must be priestly; the apostle must be priestly; the evangelist must be priestly; the minister of the word must be priestly; the elder and deacon must be priestly; the brothers and sisters must be priestly; and the husbands, wives, parents, and children must be priestly. This simply means that **in the Lord's service we must first open ourselves to the Lord and spend time in His presence**. This will enable Him to **fill, saturate**, and even **swallow** us up so that **we may be one with Him**. Then He will be our **content**, and we will be **His expression**. He will be able to say something through us and to express something from within us, whether we are fighting the battle, preaching the gospel, teaching the word, or serving as elders or deacons. Whatever we are will be a **channel** for the Lord to flow out. This must be **our way of living, our way of work, and our way of service**. (Ministry of the Word: Crystallization-study of Numbers)

*"The basic principle of the holy service is based on life. Everything in the holy service is in good order and is under the divine ordination."*

## Prayer Burden

1. Lord, **open our eyes** regarding the matter of our **church service**. May we all have the **seriousness** and **weight** to **learn** the **spiritual regulations** and **spiritual laws** regarding our service and our **taking care** of the Tabernacle of the Testimony of God. May our service be always **based on life**, in **good order**, and **under** the **divine ordination**.

2. Lord, may we be the **priests** of today who function to **minister** to You and to Your people. Grant us the **growth in life** to function as the **priesthood**, supplying others with **Your cross** for **redemption** and **Your riches** for the **life supply**. Put in our hearts to **keep the charge** of the sanctuary, the tabernacle and the altar.

3. Lord, we want to **match** You in Your **activity** and in Your **move**. May we all do our service **not** according to our ways **but** under the **direction** of the **Spirit's anointing**. Grant us a **living** and a heart that **matches** You that we may be one with You and coordinate with You for Your economy.

4. Lord, we desire to be the New Testament **priests** in **reality** and **learn** to do the outward things under the **inward view** of the **priesthood**. **Build** us up into a holy **priesthood** that we may **tell out** Your **virtues** and **minister life** to others.

5. Open our eyes, Lord to **see** that our **service** is a matter of **warfare** and that we are Your **priestly army**. Establish us more as your **warriors** to **fight** the battle for You. Increase our **prayers** and always remind us to spend time in Your presence that we may **be priestly** in all our **living**, our **working** and our **service**.

6. **Cast down** all the **strongholds** in our **concepts**. Bring us and our thoughts into **captivity** and unto the **obedience** of You. Gain us more and more that Your **name** be **sanctified**, Your **kingdom** be **brought** to us, Your **will** be **done** in us, and Your **glory manifested** upon us.

7. Please pray for:

### North America College Training

- Pray for the weather - Mark 1:35
- Pray for safe travel - Psalm 121:7-8
- Pray for on-time arrivals - Matt.8:26-27
- Pray for each one's health - 1 Thes. 5:23
- Pray for the hospitality - Romans 12:13
- Pray for the practical services - Romans 15:5-6
- Pray for safety and security - 1 Peter 5:8
- Pray for the facilities - Phil 4:6
- Pray for the hearts of the saints - Matt 13:23
- Pray for the oneness & one accord - Ps133:1-3
- Pray for the speaking brothers - Acts 2:4

### The Church in Vancouver Meeting Hall

- Pray the completion date.
- Pray for the weather condition.
- Pray that there will no loans.
- Pray for **\$6,000,000.00**

8. Please pray for the church in **Regina**

- Pray for the **increase** of meeting ones and to gain local saints.
- Pray for the contacts
- Brother Jehu and sister JL be preserved in the church (to move in Regina.)
- For the purchase of a lot **property** for the church
- The children, YP and College work

## LIFE-STUDY OF 1 THESSALONIANS

*"One Life-Study a Day Makes One Holy"*

June 17, 2019, Monday: (Message 11)

### The Church Becoming the Embodiment of the Triune God (3)

How blessed we are to **see** that the church is the embodiment of the Triune God! Our ears are blessed to **hear** this word. Many believers in the past never heard or saw anything concerning this. Hallelujah, we are in the church which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! Now we are being **transformed** into the **image** of the Triune God and **conformed** to this **image** to be in **reality** and **practicality** the embodiment of the Triune God, having the Father as our **element**, the Son as our **form**, and the Spirit as our **expression**, shining the glory of the Triune God to the universe. This is the church filled with the Triune God. (Life-Study of 1 Thessalonians, chapter 11)

June 18, 2019, Tuesday: (Message 12)

### The Care of a Nursing Mother and an Exhorting Father

First Thessalonians 2:1-12 shows us how we should **conduct** ourselves as a **pattern** for new believers. In order to be a proper pattern, we need to be **pure in our motives**, especially concerning money. Much of what is written in these verses is related to money, greed, and covetousness. If we are not pure concerning money, if we are not sincere, honest, and faithful regarding it, we may be among those who adulterate the word of God and peddle it. Furthermore, this motive may cause us to use flattery and to have a pretext for covetousness. All these are serious matters. Therefore, if we would be a proper pattern for young saints, our greed must be dealt with, and money matters must be under our feet. **We should never speak words of flattery**, we should **never have any pretext**, and **we should never seek glory for ourselves**. Moreover, instead of trying to please man, we should do our best to please God. Then other believers will have a good pattern to follow. (Life-Study of 1 Thessalonians, chapter 12)

June 19, 2019, Wednesday: (Message 13)

### The Reward of Fostering

If we give **too much** teaching to new ones and young ones, we shall **damage** them. Every mother knows that one of the most important matters in the raising of children is proper feeding. Caring for children is ninety percent a matter of **feeding** and ten percent a matter of **teaching**. This also should be our practice in caring for new believers in the church. We must learn to have ninety percent feeding and ten percent teaching. **Feeding** involves the presenting of patterns either from the Bible or from church history. By reading the biographies of saints throughout the ages, we **nourish** ourselves and experience a kind of **fostering**. The point here is that the best way to feed others and foster them is to **give them a proper pattern**. If there is no pattern, there can be no fostering. Only by having a pattern can we feed others. (Life-Study of 1 Thessalonians, chapter 13)

June 20, 2019, Thursday: (Message 14)

### Encouragement for Faith, Love, and Hope

**Faith** is a matter of seeing a view of the contents of God's New Testament economy. Once we have the view, we shall believe in what we see. This **faith is the foundation of our Christian life**. Out of our faith love will flow forth. In the church life we are living a life of love. We should **love** everyone: those believers who meet with us and those who do not and also the unbelievers. This love is the issue of our faith. Furthermore, we shall then have a life that is full of **hope**. We are **living** for Christ, we are **expressing** Him, and we are even **His Body**. As **we wait for His coming back, we are filled with hope**. **Our hope, destiny, and destination** are not on this earth. They are **altogether focused on the coming back of the Lord Jesus**. (Life-Study of 1 Thessalonians, chapter 14)

June 21, 2019, Friday: (message 15)

### An Exhortation Concerning a Holy Life for the Church Life

**Sanctification** refers more to a holy **condition** before God; **honor**, more to a respectable **standing** before man. Man was created for God's purpose with a high standing, and marriage was ordained by God for the propagation of man to fulfill God's purpose. Hence, marriage should be held in honor. To abstain from fornication is not only to **remain in a sanctified condition** before God, but also to hold and **keep a standing of honor** before man. Whenever someone becomes involved in fornication, he is contaminated, and his sanctification is annulled. Moreover, he loses honor before man. Not even unbelievers honor those who commit fornication. Therefore, **we must know how to possess, keep, preserve, our own body in sanctification toward God and in honor before man**. **We must be those who are sanctified unto God and those who have honor before man**. In order to be such persons, we must absolutely abstain from fornication and not give ground for suspicion in this matter. (Life-Study of 1 Thessalonians, chapter 15)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS and SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

1. The Brothers Meeting, June 30, 2019, is at Brother Hendrick's house at 6 PM.
2. The Sisters Meeting, June 23, 2019, is moved to July 14, 2019, at Sister Malou's place at 2 PM.
3. The Church Pursuit, July 1, 2019, is at Brother Hendrick's house at 6 PM.