

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

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

Message Four

The Lord's Jealousy over the Church as His Wife

Scripture Reading: Num. 5:11-31; Rev. 19:7-9, 11-16; 2 Cor. 11:2-3

We will crystallize this matter of the **divine jealousy**, not only as an **attribute** of God [but also] in the context of warfare, in the context of the fighting army that God needs on the earth today to secure His interests. A great light comes forth from this curious account with its curious dealing—the light concerning the **Lord's jealousy**. We are touching these points to bring out how jealousy is such a great and crucial matter that **our response** to it **will form us** into a huge **fighting army** of the Lord.

The Lord's overcoming army will be all female. In Galatians both jealousy and envying are mentioned as works of the flesh. In other words, these two emotions are considered as something sinful, something bad, and something belonging to the corrupt human flesh. However, jealousy is different from envy. **Envy** is a feeling of discontent or resentment that comes from seeing something that someone else has and at the same time wanting and desiring to have it for ourselves.

We may illustrate this with a nice house that belongs to another person; they have the full right over it, but that causes us to desire it with unhappiness at not having it. This is envying. Jealousy, however, is not the same, especially in the context of Numbers 5. **Jealousy is an intolerance to rivalry or unfaithfulness.** Usually this jealousy is related to having the **right over something**. The primary context for jealousy is a marriage situation, a marital relationship. Jealousy is one of the most intense **human emotions**. When a person is taken by a spirit of jealousy, this emotion can cause him to do extreme and crazy things, even to kill. Unlike **envy**, which is a reaction over **something that belongs to someone else**, **jealousy** is always over **something that a person already possesses**. **Jealousy** is related to **vigilance in guarding one's own possession**. What is the **possession** in the context of Numbers 5? The possession here is a husband's wife. Jealousy is activated whenever anything comes in to rival that relationship, comes in to try to share in that relationship, or comes in as a substitute for the husband in that relationship.

We are speaking about a certain holy and righteous **jealousy of the Divine Being**, the jealousy of God Himself... The Old Testament is full of Scriptures in which **God declares how He is a jealous One**, and in reading those portions we find that accompanying such declarations, there is always another matter—anger. Anger is associated with jealousy. We can understand this in the human realm, and so it is with God.

The Lord's **fighting army** is characterized not by strength or power but by chastity. **Chastity** is the qualification for this army. God is not looking for those who are bold and powerful; rather, He is looking for those who are **chaste, pure, and undefiled**. **He wants those who have no one in their heart other than the Lord as their Husband and who have no interest aside from the Lord's interest.** This is how we are qualified to become part of the Lord's fighting army. **The Lord is calling His recovery to be formed into such a fighting army.** We need to **allow the Lord to expose and remove every substitute for God**, every idol. These are, in a sense, His rivals. His desire is that His people would not love any other gods. When the Old Testament speaks of **jealousy** and **anger**, it usually **has to do with Israel going after other gods**—the Baals, the Asherahs, and other replacements for Jehovah.

By the end of this message we will find how truly jealous God is. **God is jealous**; in fact, His name is called Jealous (Exo. 34:14). Brothers and sisters, **God is a jealous God!** I pray to the Lord that we will not be those who lightly touch this attribute of God. Paul told the saints in Corinth that he was **jealous over them with a jealousy of God** and that he had **betrothed** them to one husband to present them as a pure virgin to Christ (2 Cor. 11:2-3). Anything outside of God can become a replacement for God in our lives. Even our work for the Lord can become a replacement for Him. In the Lord's recovery, may there be a **pure, chaste, and single** church in the midst of today's atmosphere of mixture and corruption. In this adulterous generation, may the Lord's recovery be characterized by chastity and purity toward Christ as the unique Husband. This will afford the Lord a way to come back.

Revelation 19:7 "Let us rejoice and exult, and let us give the glory to Him, for the **marriage of the Lamb** has come, and His wife has made herself ready."

Prayer Burden

1. Lord, we just **love You**. Thank You for loving us as our **Husband**. Cause us to **spend more time** to fellowship with You in Your word. **Infuse** us more with You divine element that we may be one with You as Your **spouse**, the **same as You are** in life, nature, and expression.

2. Thank You, Lord for making us, the church, Your **counterpart**, **one with You** in life, nature, **image** and **form**. You **chose** us out of the world and redeemed us to be in a **love relationship** with us. **We love You**, Lord.

3. We praise You, Lord for **regenerating** us to be Your **bride**. Thank You, for Your life that qualifies us to become Your **counterpart** to **match You**. May we be the **warriors**, the overcomers, who You will **marry You**. May we be **faithful** to the end **fighting** the battle against Your enemy.

4. Lord, **infuse** us more of Yourself that You may be our **wedding garment**. May You be **lived out** of us as our daily **righteousness** even now. We want to be **qualified** not only to **attend** the **wedding** but even more to **fight** with You against Antichrist. We pray to be one with You as Your **dwelling** place, be **beautiful** and **lovely** in Your eyes, and be **terrible** before the enemy.

5. Lord, remove all kinds of **individualism** in us that we may be the **corporate warrior** to fight for You against the enemy. Align our will with Your will that we may be the **victors** who constantly **triumph** as Your **terrible army with banners**. In this age of degradation, we declare we **are one** with You, **warring** with You even in the midst of sufferings.

6. Lord, **preserve** us to be **chaste** before You and love no one and nothing else but You. May our love for You always be **unique**, **single**, and **whole**. Keep our **minds** single and our entire being **focused** on You. **Capture** us more day by day with Your **love as strong as death**.

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 24, 2019, Monday: (Message 16)

The Hope of the Christian Life

The holy life for the church life is a life with a future, **a life with hope**. This **hope** is not merely the Lord's coming; it is **the Lord's coming with resurrection and rapture**. The coming back of the Lord Jesus will cause the resurrection and the rapture to occur. As we have just pointed out, resurrection and rapture are both in addition to life. Today **life is our possession**. **We have life, we are in life, and we are enjoying life**. However, **we are awaiting the Lord's coming, and His coming will bring resurrection and rapture**. (Life-Study of 1 Thessalonians, chapter 16)

June 25, 2019, Tuesday: (Message 17)

Watchfulness and Soberness

To be **watchful** and to be **sober** are related to safeguarding the three basic structures of the holy life for the church life: **faith, love, and hope**. Verse 8 indicates this: "*But we who are of the day, let us be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and a helmet, the hope of salvation.*" The words breastplate and helmet both indicate **spiritual warfare**. The **breastplate** is of faith and love, **covering and protecting our heart and spirit** according to God's righteousness. The **helmet** is the hope of salvation, **covering and protecting our mentality, the mind**. Faith, love, and hope are the three **basic structures** of the genuine Christian life as depicted in 1 Thessalonians 1:3. **Faith** is related to our **will**—a part of our heart—and to our conscience—a part of our spirit. **Love** is related to our **emotion**, another part of our heart; and **hope** is related to our understanding—a function of our **mind**. All of these need to be protected that a genuine Christian life may be maintained. Such a life is watchful and sober. (Life-Study of 1 Thessalonians, chapter 17)

June 26, 2019, Wednesday: (Message 18)

Cooperation with the Divine Operation (1)

We need to be **longsuffering** toward all. We should not dream that the church will be a **utopia**. On the contrary, the church life is full of problems. If a believer does not have any problems, it is not likely that he will come into the church life. Those who have no problems have no need for the church life. In a sense, the church is a hospital filled with those who are sick. For this reason, we need to be **longsuffering toward all the saints**. Do not be bothered when others come to you with problems, even with problems that seem to be small and insignificant. In particular, those who are little-souled may come to you with minor problems. To such ones, even a hair is like a heavy weight. Instead of being angry at them for bringing such a small thing to you, **help them to deal with their problems**. However, an elder may be irritated by one who brings a little problem to him. Elders, **learn to be longsuffering, especially toward the weak and those with a little soul**. Any brother who expects to be an elder must be **longsuffering**. Paul's word in verse 14, however, is not limited to elders; it is a word for all the saints. (Life-Study of 1 Thessalonians, chapter 18)

June 27, 2019, Thursday: (Message 19)

Cooperation with the Divine Operation (2)

If we would live a **holy life** for the church life, we must **cooperate** with God's **operation**. God is now dwelling in us. **The indwelling Triune God is operating within us all the time**. This is the reason we should **not quench the Spirit**. Actually, the Spirit is the processed Triune God. The inward burning of the Spirit is the operation of the Triune God within us, an operation with which we need to cooperate. We cooperate by taking care of all the matters covered in verses 12 through 22. On **our side, we need to cooperate**. On **God's side**, God is **operating within us**. The God of peace Himself will sanctify us wholly. The Triune God indwells, and we are the ones indwelt by Him. Hence, there must be two sides: God's side and our side. He operates, and we cooperate with His operation. (Life-Study of 1 Thessalonians, chapter 19)

June 28, 2019, Friday: (message 20)

Our Heart to be Established Blameless in Holiness (1)

In verse 13 of chapter three we see the specific reason we need to be **perfected in faith** and to **increase and abound in love**: it is that the Lord may establish our hearts **blameless** in holiness. The establishing of our heart is the issue, the result, of the **perfecting** of our faith and of the increase and **abounding** of our love. The Lord is doing a work of building. This building work is to establish our heart. **Our heart needs to be built up, to be established blameless**. Instead of having an established heart, most Christians have a changeable, movable heart. **We need a heart that is solidly established, not a heart that is changeable**. According to our natural birth, however, our heart is changeable. The most changeable thing about us is our heart. Although we need our heart to be established, we are not able to do this ourselves. Only the Lord can establish our heart. Therefore, we need Him to cause our heart to be solidly established and built up. (Life-Study of 1 Thessalonians, chapter 20)

ANNOUNCEMENTS and SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

1. The Brothers Meeting, June 30, 2019, is at Brother Hendrick's house at 6 PM.
2. The Church Pursuit, July 1, 2019, is at Brother Hendrick's house at 6 PM.
3. Combined prayer meeting, July 2, 2019, is at Brother Nan's place at 7 PM.
4. Small Group Meeting, July 5, 2019, is at Brother Joseph's place at 7 PM.