

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 Ten

The Major Types and the Prophecy concerning Christ

Scripture Reading: Num. 17:8; 19:2, 9; 20:8; 21:4-9; 35:6-7; 24:17

Aaron's Budding Rod

The background concerning the budding rod is **rebellion**. Among the approximately two million children of Israel, the two hundred fifty who rose up to rebel were **well-known men**. We must realize that we are not following "well-known men"; instead, we are following the vision of God's eternal economy. The **heavenly vision** must be what controls and governs us...[W]hen these men rebelled, they sinned against their own lives.

Jehovah spoke to Moses [to] speak to the children of Israel, and take from them rods, one for each father's house (twelve rods), and [to] write the leaders' name upon his rod. The rod of whom Jehovah chooses shall bud to stop all **murmurings**. Aaron's rod that budded signifies the **resurrected Christ**. It is a rod not for beating people but for **feeding them**. The more food we have to feed the children of God, the more spiritual authority we will have. If we have a lot of spiritual food to feed God's people with almonds in resurrection, we will have spiritual authority. Thus, we should pray, "*Lord, be my budding rod today. When I serve with the junior-high-school students, the high-school students, or those in the community, be my budding rod.*" All our service should be with, by, and through the resurrected Christ, who is budding, blossoming, and bearing ripe almonds to feed people with Himself as the resurrection life.

Red Heifer

The red heifer, the principal component of the water for impurity, signifies the **redeeming Christ**... The **high and dignified** Christ and the **lowly and humbled** Christ in His redemption were elements for the composition of the water for impurity.

The Rock

The rock in Numbers 20:8 typifies the **crucified** and resurrected Christ, and the water that flowed from the rock typifies the Spirit as the living water... [We] know that the rock to which he refers was **cleft** and that enough water gushed out for the approximately two million children of Israel to drink and to water their livestock. How much water must have come out of that rock! God did not tell Moses to strike the rock, because the rock had already been struck and cleft. Instead, God told Moses, "*Speak to the rock*". One of the best ways for us to enjoy the divine dispensing is to **speak to Christ** as the rock. We need to open our heart to Him and speak to Him **honestly** about our situation.

The Bronze Serpent

The bronze serpent in Numbers 21:4-9 is a type of the Lord Jesus, who was crucified in the likeness of the flesh of sin as our Substitute and Replacement that we might "look at" (believe into) Him and have eternal life. The Lord told Nicodemus... that He is the reality of the bronze serpent that was lifted up in the wilderness to which the rebellious people **could look** in order to live. This should have caused Nicodemus to realize that although he was a good, honorable, and seemingly righteous man, he was actually **serpentine in his nature** and needed to believe in Christ as the bronze serpent so that his serpentine nature could be nailed to the cross, on which the evil serpent was destroyed.

Cities of Refuge

We are mistake-making people, but we have Christ as our city of refuge, and we can **flee into Him**... There were six cities of refuge, three on each side of the Jordan; the number six signifies **mistake-making man**, who was created by God on the sixth day were to be not only for the children of Israel but also for the strangers and sojourners among them, signifying that the Triune God as the refuge for mistake-making man is for **all mankind**... When we realize that we have made mistakes, we do not need to worry, because we have Christ as our city of refuge. We can flee into Him

Balaam's Prophecy

Christ as the morning star is not only in the millennial kingdom but also for **today**... The morning star appears before the sun comes up. We need to enjoy Christ as the morning star in the **present age** so that He will be our prize as the morning star in the next age. The history of Israel in the book of Numbers signifies the history of the church; at the end of these histories, **Christ will appear** as the Star and the Scepter to shine on all the peoples and to rule the whole earth; at that time everything on earth that harasses God's people will be removed, and God's people will no longer suffer.

Prayer Burden

1. Lord, may we see and learn that the principle to every service lies in the **budding rod** - resurrection. We want our service to pass through death and resurrection to minister life. **Deliver us** from ambition and from serving in the natural realm.

2. Thank You, Lord for being the redeeming Christ. You are the reality of the **heifer**, without defect, blemish and never been under any yoke. Praise You for being the **lowly and humbled** Christ in Your redemption and for becoming the real water for impurity.

3. Praise You, Lord as the crucified Christ to become a **Rock** who follows us. We thank You for the life-giving Spirit, who is always with the church to supply us with the water of life. Cause us to **identify ourselves** with You and "speak to the rock" all our days.

4. Lord Jesus, we **take You** as our sin offering so that our sin may be dealt with and so that we may minister You as the sin-dealing life to others. Lord, thank You for dying for us on the cross as our Substitute, as the reality of the **bronze serpent**; You bore our sin and You terminated sin in our nature.

5. Lord, we take You as our **city of refuge**; we are mistake-making men, and today we made so many mistakes. We repent, Lord, under Your shining light, and we apply the precious blood of Christ. We come forward to You to **flee into You** as our city of refuge.

6. Lord Jesus, we want to **give heed** to Your word by prayerfully considering it, reading it, and praying it back to You. Lord, we are watching for Your appearing. **Shine** on us through Your word and may Your word shine on us as a lamp in a dark place until the morning star rises in our heart!

7. Please pray for:

UK & IRELAND BLENDING CONFERENCE

- Pray for the **blending** conference on the weekend of 24-25 August 2019 in Nottingham, UK.

NETHERLAND

- Pray for the conference on the weekend of 18-20 October 2019 in **Baarlo**, The Netherlands. That the saints will experience a rich feast and the Lord's blessing in the fellowship and blending among all the saints.

ISRAEL

- Continue to pray for the gathering of the saints in **Galilee**.

FULL-TIME TRAINING IN LONDON & USA

- That the Lord will **gain** the **young generation** to turn this age.

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

- Pray for the **increase** of meeting ones and to gain local saints.
- Pray for the contacts
- The university students and for the **Campus Work** at the University of Regina
- The **Bible distribution** at the U of R on September 4, 2019
- The children, YP and College work
- All the saints will enjoy the readings of the **Life-Study** messages, and have a daily personal pursuing of the truth.

LIFE-STUDY OF 1 JOHN
"One Life-Study a Day Makes One Holy"**August 05, 2019, Monday: (Message 11) The Divine Light and the Divine Truth (3)**

All the different realities revealed in the New Testament are related either directly or indirectly to the unique reality—the **Triune God**. Therefore, for us Christians the knowledge of what is true or real must come through our **experience of the Triune God**. In 2 John 1 the apostle John uses the word truth in two ways: "The elder to the chosen lady and to her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all those who have known the truth." First, John speaks of loving in **truth**. In this case truth denotes the revealed divine reality—the **Triune God** dispensed into man in the Son Jesus Christ—becoming **man's genuineness and sincerity**. Therefore, truth in this sense denotes a human virtue. However, this virtue is not produced by our natural being; rather, it **issues from the enjoyment of the divine reality**. This is the divine reality becoming our genuineness and our sincerity. In this verse John also speaks of knowing the truth. Here truth denotes the divine reality of the gospel, especially concerning the Person of Christ. (Life-Study of First John, chapter 11)

August 06, 2019, Tuesday: (Message 12) Conditions of the Divine Fellowship (4)

We all should be clear that after regeneration we still have **sin in our nature** and that it is still possible for us to commit sin. Do not believe that because you have been regenerated you no longer have sin in your nature or that you can no longer sin. This is a **deception**. Because we still have sin in our nature, it is always possible for us to sin. If you sin, you need to **confess** your sin to God. He has promised in His gospel to forgive us, and He will be **faithful** in His word. Furthermore, in redemption God judged Christ on our behalf. This means that He will not judge us for our sins if we **confess** them through the redemption of Christ. As the righteous God, He will surely **cleanse** us from our unrighteousness. In this way we may **preserve** our **fellowship with Him** and **enjoy** Him day by day. (Life-Study of First John, chapter 12)

August 07, 2019, Wednesday: (Message 13) Conditions of the Divine Fellowship (5)

The Greek word rendered **Advocate** is *parakletos*, and it denotes one who is called to another's side to **aid** him, hence, a **helper**; one who offers legal aid or one who **intercedes** on behalf of someone else, hence, an advocate, counsel, or intercessor. The Lord indicated to the disciples that they did not need to be sorrowful, for He would ask the Father to send them another Paraclete, another **Comforter**. *Parakletos* is an all-inclusive word. It implies the thought of **helping** and **nourishing**, the thought of **counseling**, and also the thought of **consoling**. It includes the concept of an advocate, an attorney, who takes care of our case. In this verse we have two important titles—Advocate and Father. The title **Father** indicates that we are in the **divine family** enjoying the Father's love. The reason we have a problem and the Father has a case against us is that we are the wrong ones. Because we are the ones who are wrong, we need the **righteous One** to take care of our case. (Life-Study of First John, chapter 13)

August 08, 2019, Thursday: (Message 14) Conditions of the Divine Fellowship (6)

We thank the Lord that we have the **divine life** and that this life **moves, works, and acts** in us. The moving of the divine life within us issues in **fellowship**. Hence, fellowship is the issue of the marvelous divine life we have received. In this fellowship we **enjoy** God, we **enjoy** the apostles, we **enjoy** the believers, and we **enjoy** the church and even the churches. All this enjoyment depends on the fellowship of the divine life, and this fellowship issues out of the divine life itself. Although we have received the divine life and enjoy God, the apostles, the believers, and the church life in the fellowship of the divine life, we still need to be **watchful** concerning sin. (Life-Study of First John, chapter 14)

August 09, 2019, Friday: (Message 15) Conditions of the Divine Fellowship (7)

The second requirement for, our fellowship with God is the requirement that we **keep the Lord's word and love the brothers**. In verse 4, truth denotes the revealed reality of God as conveyed in the **divine word**, which reveals that our **keeping** of the **Lord's commandments** should follow our knowing of Him. If we say that we know the Lord experientially in the New Testament way, then we should keep the New Testament commandments. But if we do not keep these commandments, this is a sign that actually we do not know Him, even though we say that we do. According to John's word in verse 4, if we say that we have known Him, yet do not keep His commandments, we are a liar, and the truth is not in us. And in verse 5, we **love God** by the love that is generated in us through our experience of the **divine love**. Although we may have this love and may love God with this love, our love is still very limited and far from perfect. Therefore, our love for God **needs to be perfected**. As we grow in the divine life, our love for God also will grow. (Life-Study of First John, chapter 15)

ANNOUNCEMENTS and SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

1. We strongly encourage the saints once again to subscribe to the Ministry Digest publication that will help us get into the ministry. To subscribe, please visit www.lsm.org.
2. We will have our annual Bible Distribution at the University of Regina tentatively on September 4, 2019. Please prepare for this important date and be available for the Lord's move in Regina. More details such as the sign-up sheets for the time-slots (Morning/Afternoon) will be given in the following weeks care of brother Eric.