

# CHURCH IN REGINA

*"Heb. 10:39 But we are not of those who shrink back to ruin but of those who have faith to the gaining of the soul."*

## HWMR Week 3—The Losing of the Soul-life, Participating in the Rapture of the Overcomers, and Receiving the End of Our Faith—the Salvation of the Soul

### The Kingdom of God and the Rapture of the Overcoming Believers

#### Being Filled with Christ

In 17:31-36 the Lord indicates that the kingdom of God is related to Him and the rapture of His overcoming believers. This means that even the rapture of the believers is part of the kingdom of God. In fact, the **rapture is also the Savior Himself**. We can understand this **if we realize that if we did not have Christ within us, we could never be raptured**. The rapture in which we shall participate will be Christ Himself. When we have Christ in us to a **sufficient degree**, we shall be raptured.

We may compare ourselves to a balloon and the indwelling Christ to the air that fills the balloon. The more a balloon is filled with air, the more it will rise up. In a similar way, in order to be raptured, we need to be filled with Christ. The rapture, therefore, is a matter of being filled with Christ to the uttermost. By the time of the rapture, the "air," the indwelling Christ, will rapture us, the "balloon" filled with this air, this pneuma.

#### The Warning concerning Lot's Wife

The overcomers **do not seek to preserve their soul life**. In view of the warning concerning Lot's wife, they **do not love or care for material things**. Verse 31 says, "In that day, he who shall be on the housetop and his goods in the house, let him not come down to take them away; and he who is in the field, likewise, let him not turn back to the things behind." This verse reveals that **lingering in the earthly and material things** will cause us to miss the overcomers' rapture described in verses 34 through 36.

In verse 32 the Lord says, "Remember Lot's wife." Lot's wife became a pillar of salt because she took a lingering, backward look at Sodom. **That look** indicated that she **loved** and **treasured** the evil world which God was about to judge and utterly destroy. She was rescued from Sodom, but she did not reach the safe place that Lot reached (Gen. 19:15-30). She did not perish; neither was she fully saved. Like the salt which becomes tasteless (Luke 14:34-35), she was **left in a place of suffering shame**. This is a solemn warning to world-loving believers.

The warning concerning Lot's wife is related to the warning concerning tasteless salt in Luke 14:34 and 35. When we put together 14:34 and 35 and 17:32, we see that **a person who belongs to the Lord may become tasteless salt**, even a pillar of tasteless salt. We may say that Lot's wife had salt, but the salt had lost its flavor. What a shame!

We have seen that in 14:35 salt may be in one of three locations: the soil, the manure pile, or a place outside, neither in the soil nor in the manure pile. In the case of Lot's wife, there are also three locations: the city of Sodom, the place where Lot was taken, and the place in between, a location of shame, where Lot's wife remained as a pillar of salt.

Not many Christian leaders and teachers have seen this third location. Most teach that there are only two locations, a place for the saved and a place for the lost. But **according to the New Testament revelation, there is definitely a third location**. This is not the location of the saved nor the location of the lost; it is **a location of suffering shame**.

If we love the Lord and are warned by the case of Lot's wife, we shall not care for material things or set our hearts on them. **Instead of preserving our soul by loving material things, we shall be filled up with Christ as the heavenly air. Then we shall rise in rapture** (LS of Luke Msg. 39).

#### Church Meetings:

##### Lord's Table Meeting

Lord's Day

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

##### Prayer Meeting

Tuesdays

7:00 - 8:00 PM

##### Young People's Meeting

Saturdays

7:00 - 8:30 PM

##### Small Group Meetings

Fridays & Saturdays

7:00 - 8:30 PM

#### Conferences & Trainings:

##### International Chinese-Speaking Conference

February 13-14, 2021

##### April International Training for Elders & Responsible Ones

April 16-18, 2021

##### International Memorial Day Conference

May 28-31, 2021

##### July Semiannual Training

July 5-10, 2021

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## NEW LANGUAGE

Lose the soul-life for the Lord's sake.

Be the salt of the earth. Prevail to escape all these things.

Be watchful at every time. Have faith to the gaining of the soul.

Unto praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

**Prayer Burdens:**

1. Lord, make us willing to **lose our soul life today**. We admit that cannot do this in ourselves; encourage us to patiently wait for the coming enjoyment. We choose to lose our enjoyment today so we can gain it at the coming age.
2. Thank You Lord for Your **encouragement**, **warning**, and **reminder** to keep ourselves in the enjoyment of Christ today. May we function as salt on the earth **to kill and eliminate the earth's corruption** and be fit for the land.
3. Lord save us from loving the things of the world and from giving a **lingering look**. We want to **pay the price** that we may follow You. We **forsake mammon** and **serve You prudently**. Cause us to overcome the stupefying effects of living in this age.
4. Lord, help us prevail to escape the great tribulation. Grant us the strength and ability to be watchful and to beseech. We want to stand before You on the throne in the heavens.
5. Lord, **prove our faith** unto praise, glory, and honor at Your coming. **Bring salvation even to our soul**. Although we are suffering in this age, our hope is to enter into Your joy.
6. We want to participate in Your joy at the coming kingdom. We are willing to lose the enjoyment of our soul for Your sake today. May we **not shrink back to ruin** but be those who **have faith** to the gaining of the soul.

**Europe:**

1. Completion of construction at Gut Elim blending, conference, and training center in Germany. Current financial need €600,000.

**Church in Regina:**

1. Goal of 50 meeting ones by end of 2021.
2. New revival for year 2021. Preserve each family and renew our consecration to bear fruit, live a God-man life in our daily living.
3. Blending with other churches in the Prairies.
4. Household salvation of Marlon and Mechelle Morco, brother/sister-in-law of Sis. Malou Ballao. Prepare their coming to Regina and may they see not only Christ but also the local ground of oneness.

**Life-Study of Genesis—Messages 56-65**

In **Genesis 21**, **Isaac is born**. The birth of Isaac signifies Christ's being brought forth through us, and the growth of Isaac signifies Christ's being formed in us. Isaac was God's ordained seed, shown by Ishmael's mocking of him, and the casting out of Ishmael and Hagar indicate that our natural life including our natural goodness and effort must be abandoned. **Only by His way and His time can we bring forth Christ for the fulfilling of His purpose**. In this chapter, we also see the well for Isaac. This well is for planting, that we may become like a tamarisk tree flowing with the riches of life, causing us to call on the name of the Lord as "El-Olam" as our eternal life, and eventually causes us to become burnt offerings for Jehovah's satisfaction.

In **Genesis 22**, we see the **offering of Isaac**. This offering is God's testing of Abraham and shows us that God demands that we give back what He has given us in grace as a burnt offering in the place He chooses. Isaac himself was meant to be the burnt offering, hence, **our destiny is to become the burnt offering for God's satisfaction**. After we offer to God what we have received of Him, He returns it to us in resurrection for the fulfillment of His purpose. Isaac typifies Christ not only as the beloved and only son of Abraham, but also as our substitute. The lamb of God who replaced the Son of God was our substitute.

Coming to **Genesis 23**, we have the **death and burial of Sarah**. This chapter is focused on the matter of a burial place, the purchase of a sepulcher, where the tomb was located, and the ownership of the tomb. This place is a window in which we can see the New Jerusalem. Genesis 23 is not a chapter on resurrection, it is a chapter on the gate into resurrection. Abraham did not care very much for the present, he paid attention to the future. In principle, **we should also not pay too much attention to the present but rather to the future**, living in a tent looking for the city which has foundations.

The main point of **Genesis 24** is not that Isaac is a type of Christ as the Bridegroom and that Rebekah is a type of the church as the bride, but rather, it is the **practical living in oneness with the Lord** as seen with each character found in this chapter. Abraham moved in accordance with God's economy. Abraham's oldest servant trusted in the Lord's for his responsibility. Rebekah was one who was absolute and submissive. Laban and Bethuel were in the fear of the Lord, and Isaac did not strive for a wife, he only took what the father had secured for him.

**Genesis 25** reveals to us that **Abraham was not a person matured in life**. He needed to be completed and perfected by the lives of Jacob and Isaac. Actually, these three persons represent the complete spiritual experience of one complete man. Abraham needed Jacob's being chosen. Abraham also needed Jacob's maturity in life who blessed in a clear and full way. Finally, Abraham also needed Isaac's enjoyment of the inheritance.

**Announcements:**

1. Western Canada Brothers' Fellowship on Jan. 14, 2021 at 9pm CST.
2. Western Canada College Conference on Jan. 22-23, 2021. Detailed schedule to follow.
3. Life-Study Reading Genesis Msg. 66 will resume on Jan. 4, 2021.

## The direction of the church in Regina 2021

### Phil 2:16, "... holding forth the word of life..."

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	TOTAL WORDS (ref.: Google)		WORDS PER YEAR	WORDS PER DAY	WORDS PER HOUR	WORDS PER MINUTE
<b>BIBLE</b>	783,137	The written Word (Bible) was completed in 1500 years	522.0913	1.4304	0.0596	<b>0.0010</b>
<b>WOMEN</b>	20,000	Words Women speak per day	7,300,000	20,000	833.3333	13.8889
<b>MEN</b>	7,000	Words Men speak per day	2,555,000	7,000	291.6667	4.8611
<b>Mat 12:36</b> - And I say to you that <b>every idle word</b> which men shall speak, they will render an account concerning it in the day of judgment.						
<b>Mal 3:16</b> - Then those who <b>feared</b> Jehovah <b>spoke to one another</b> , each with his neighbor. And Jehovah gave heed and <b>listened</b> , and a <b>book of remembrance</b> was written before Him of those who feared Jehovah and considered His name.						
<b>Mal 3:17</b> - And they will be Mine, says Jehovah of hosts, <b>a personal treasure</b> , in the day that I prepare; and <b>I will spare them</b> , as a man spares his son who serves him.						
<p>I believe Mal 3:16, "... <b>spoke to one another</b>..." is in the small groups where the Lord is listening.            So, let us be the <b>resurrected</b> "Job and his three friends' vital group" of today - (Heb 10:25).            And the "<b>every idle words</b>" today includes what ever we posted in the social media. Amen.</p>						