

# CHURCH IN REGINA

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## HWMR Week 3—Material Offerings and Full-Time Service

...Of all the reasons affecting the bread-breaking meeting, none is more serious than the one spoken of in **Hebrews 13:15-16**: "Through Him then let us offer up a **sacrifice of praise** continually to God, that is, the fruit of lips confessing His name. But do not forget **doing good and sharing with others**, for with **such sacrifices** God is well pleased." Here two sacrifices are spoken of. The first is the sacrifice of praise, and the second is that of doing good and sharing with others. A sacrifice is **something that is a loss to oneself and a gain to God**. A sacrifice of praise is a **praise that is rendered to God at one's own loss**. A sacrifice of sharing or giving is **giving something to God at one's own expense**.

We do not have adequate praise in the bread-breaking meeting because we fall short in sharing and giving. We must give to the extent that we "feel" our giving. In other words, we have to **give to the extent that we can sense the loss**. Only this kind of offering can be considered a sacrifice. When we do this, we will spontaneously offer up the sacrifice of praise. If we give in a **casual way**, our **praise will not be high**. If we do not have the sacrifice of giving, we will not have the sacrifice of praise. The apostle told us to offer up a sacrifice of praise. Then he spoke of the sacrifice of giving. The word "but" in verse 16 means that something will follow. In addition to the sacrifice of praise, there is still something that follows. The phrase "do not forget" refers to the fact that it is most easy for men to forget. What should we not forget? We should not forget doing good and sharing with others. Then the apostle explained, "For with such sacrifices God is well pleased." The apostle considered doing good and giving as a kind of sacrifice, and he pointed out that they are sacrifices that are well pleasing to God.

Praise and giving are like two legs. If one is shorter than the other, we cannot expect a person to walk properly. Praise and giving are also like two wings. If one is missing, a bird cannot fly. It may still have one wing, but the wing is useless. A bird with only one wing cannot fly. When we come to the meeting, we sometimes find **superficial** ones uttering a few words of praise, but their praise is never high.

### The Heart Being Where the Treasure Is

Our God is a rich God. **He does not need our money**. The cattle of a thousand hills and the goats of ten thousand mountains are His. All the gold and silver are His. Then why does He need our money? It is because where our treasure is, there will our heart be also (Matt. 6:21). Money is a material thing that belongs to the earth. Yet the Bible puts God and mammon together. This proves that man's heart is either touched by God or by money. **God's test of a man's heart toward Him is in the way of man's giving**.

### It Being Unrighteous To Hold Back

Putting this matter in simpler terms, **if we do not give, we are being unrighteous**. The rent and utilities of the meeting hall all cost money. If we do not give, we are not doing our part, and others are paying for us to sit here. This is unrighteousness, and unrighteousness is sin. Do not think that others do not know and that we can cheat. God knows.

### Setting Aside Part of One's Income for Giving

Many people are familiar with the meeting in **Acts 20:7**, but they have forgotten the giving in **1 Corinthians 16**. At that time Paul asked the Corinthian believers to give because the Jerusalem believers were lacking. Today we do not send money to Jerusalem, but there are many local saints who are in need. First Corinthians 16:2 says, "You should." This means that whatever is spoken of is an injunction and a command. Paul said, "On the first day of the week each one of you should lay aside in store to himself whatever he may have been prospered." This means that we should **set aside portions of our income ahead of time**. Of all the money that we receive, we should designate a portion which cannot be touched. Every time we receive anything, we should set aside a portion for giving (The Collected Works of Watchman Nee, vol. 43, ch. 85).

### Church Meetings:

**Lord's Table Meeting**  
Lord's Day  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Prayer Meeting**  
Tuesdays  
7:00 - 8:00 PM

**College Meeting /  
Small Group Meeting**  
Fridays  
7:00 - 8:30 PM

**Young Peoples' Meeting**  
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

Where our  
**treasure** is,  
there will our  
**heart** be also.

**Prayer Burdens:**

1. Lord, release us and gain our consecration. We give ourselves to You and we offer all that we have. Our goal is to become such a transcendent blessing before God and man.
2. We love You, Lord and we fully consecrate ourselves to You. Gain a group of people who are consecrated to serve You in a full-time capacity—those who will serve You through working and offering for the church and not themselves.
3. Lord, we offer sacrifices of praise to You. Enlarge the capacity of our hearts to give even to the extent that we “feel” the loss. We do not want to keep things in our hands. May we learn to hand them over for You and the church.
4. Gain our consecration for our service. Deliver us from all our earthly possessions and remove any obstacles. We give our bodies as a living sacrifice for Your Body.
5. Lord, we live to You and not to ourselves. Make us Your full-timers who present ourselves to You, who are absolute for You and who live to You with no separation. Make us one with You in our living and service.
6. Lord, we take the full-time way living to You. Whatever we do, we do to You and whatever we are, we are to You. Regardless of our occupation, we are one with You and we offer ourselves in a full-time way.

**Europe/North America**

1. Online Baltic-Nordic Blending Conference on January 29-31, 2021.
2. Bless the upcoming 2021 Spring Term of the Full-time Training in Anaheim on February 3, 2021. Bring many seeking vessels to be trained and be perfected. Have Your way even in this present situation and gain the adequate number of first term trainees.

**Church in Regina:**

1. Goal of 50 meeting ones by end of 2021. Synchronized prayer for our contacts every day at 3pm.
2. We pray for Aitong Liu's immigration application. Select them in Your time that they may also come here, be saved, see the church and be Your testimony.
3. We pray for sister Diana Ballao's family in the Philippines. Enlighten them all to see You and Your economy. Make our sister a living and shining testimony.

**Life-Study of Genesis—Messages 76-80****MESSAGE 76 - After Breaking**

In Succoth Jacob built nothing for God. In Shechem, on the contrary, he built nothing for himself or for his cattle; rather, he built an altar for God and erected a tent for his living. This was good, but it was not Bethel. Shechem was good for Jacob, but it could never satisfy God's desire. (Life-Study of Genesis, 76).

**MESSAGE 77 - A Bird's Eye View of God's Building in the Scriptures**

God's economy is not for salvation. It is simply a procedure, a process, to reach God's goal, which is the church today and the New Jerusalem in eternity. We must be deeply impressed that we were not saved merely to be saved. We were saved that we might be a part of God's building. This matter of the building is the main street in the Bible. (Life-Study of Genesis, 77).

**MESSAGES 78 - 80 - Being Transformed (1-3)**

When God told Jacob to arise and go up to Bethel, Jacob made a thorough clearance. Firstly, Jacob told his household and all that were with him to put away the foreign gods that were among them. Jacob also charged everyone to purify themselves. In addition to putting away the foreign gods and purifying themselves, they changed their garments. Not only were the idols buried, but also the earrings. After making a thorough clearance, Jacob and all his people arose and went up to Bethel. (Life-Study of Genesis, 78)

When Jacob acted on the word of God, arising, going up to Bethel, dwelling there, and building an altar to God, he built an altar according to God's desires, not according to his own intention. Being by the altar at Bethel makes a great difference. After coming into the church and building an altar, God appears again. (Life-Study of Genesis, 79).

Jacob's experience of the altar was a gradual progression. There was no altar in Padan-aram or in Succoth. The altar in Shechem was erected to the God of his individual experience; it was not an altar for the experience of God in a corporate way. The individual experience of God is good, but it is insufficient. We need to go on from the individual experience to the corporate experience. (Life-Study of Genesis, 75)

**Announcements:**

1. Brothers' Meeting on Jan. 31, 2021 at 6pm.
2. Winnipeg Conference on Feb. 6 at 10am (Msg.1) and at 7pm (Msg. 2); Feb. 7 at 10am (Msg. 3).
3. Western Canada Brothers' Meeting on Feb. 18 at 9pm (CST).

## 满了感恩

### Full of Gratitude

曾有一位贫穷的基督徒，在饭碗上写上四句话：“有人能吃没有饭，有人有饭不能吃，我今有饭又能吃，感谢神的大恩典。”感谢主。虽然他很贫穷，但他不自己没有的而不开心，反以自己所拥有的心怀感恩。原来，环境不能决定我们的心境，与神同行让我们可以心怀感恩。

A poor Christian once wrote four sentences on his bowl, "Some people can eat but no food, some have food but cannot eat, I have food and can eat today, thank God for his great grace." Thank the Lord. Although he was poor, he was not unhappy with what he did not have. But he was grateful with what he has. It turns out that the environment cannot determine our state of mind. Walking with God allows us to be grateful.

有一位法官，听见一传道人常说凡事谢恩，就想试试他。一天，这个法官以调查某一件事为由将他拘在牢里，只听他祷告说：“感谢主，叫我有机会安静读圣经。”第二天，法官差人告诉他：“你与案情有牵连，不准你读圣经，连你的衣服也要被拿走。”晚上，他祷告说：“感谢主，你使我学习背圣经。”第三天，法官对他说：“有人告你，说你犯了大罪，如果罪名成立，要枪毙。”晚上他祷告说：“感谢主，如果能早见你，太好了。”最后法官无可奈何，释放了他。有一颗忠心爱主的心，什么样的环境我们都可以感恩！

There was a judge who heard a preacher often giving thanks in everything, so he wanted to try him. One day, the judge detained him in jail for investigating a certain matter, and only heard him praying, "Thank the Lord for giving me a chance to read the Bible quietly." The next day, the judge sent a message to him saying, "You have something to do with the case. You are not allowed to read the Bible, and even your clothes are taken away." In the evening, he prayed, "Thank the Lord, you made me learn to memorize the Bible." On the third day, the judge said to him, "Someone sue you that you have committed a serious crime. If you are convicted, you will be shot." At night, he prayed, "Thank the Lord, it would be great if I could see you earlier." Finally, the judge had no choice but to release him. With a faithful heart to love the Lord, we can be grateful for all kinds of circumstances!

1709年2月9日午夜，约翰卫斯理全家正在熟睡，突然家中起了火。当时他还只有五岁。火焰很快蔓延到楼房上，约翰卫斯理被一位勇敢的邻居从窗口抢救出来，随即房子就倒塌了。他内心充满了感激之情与众邻居跪在地上祷告。他说：“我的八个孩子一个都没有损失，你把最好的为我保留，我感谢你！让房子烧毁吧，我已足够富足了！”虽然房子被烧毁是一件很不幸的事情，但约翰卫斯理并不以此而忧愁，却以神能在火灾中保护他的孩子而充满感恩！

At midnight on February 9, 1709, John Wesley's family was asleep when a fire broke out in their house. He was only five years old at the time. The flames quickly spread to the building. John Wesley was rescued from the window by a brave neighbor, then the house collapsed. His heart was full of gratitude and knelt on the ground to pray with the neighbors. He said, "None of my eight children have lost. You keep the best for me. I thank you! Let the house burn down. I am rich enough!" Although it is unfortunate that the house was burned down, John Wesley was not sad about it, but he was full of gratitude that God could protect his children from the fire!

没有谁的人生是没有苦难的。我们虽然不能阻挡苦难前来，但我们可以选择以感恩之心来面对苦难。在苦难中，仇敌会试探你，用灰心和疑惑来打击你的信心。若你拥有了一颗凡事感恩的心，还有什么仇敌能撼动你呢？

No one's life is without suffering. Although we cannot stop the suffering from coming, we can choose to face it with gratitude. In suffering, the enemy will tempt you and crush your faith with discouragement and doubt. If you have a heart that is grateful for everything, what enemy can shake you?

帖撒罗尼迦前书 5:18 凡事谢恩；因为这是神在基督耶稣里对你们的旨意。

1 Thessalonians 5:18 In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

我们应当凡事谢恩，因为罗马书 8:28 说：“万有都互相效力，叫爱神的人得益处，就是按照祂旨意被召的人。”我们要相信每一次所遇到的环境和困难都不是偶然的，都有神的美意在里面，是为要让我们学习更信靠祂，从而被变化，磨成基督的形象。我们每天都要靠主得胜，常常喜乐，忘记背后，努力面前。我们每天早上一睁开眼睛，就当感谢主赐给我们全新的一天，要因祂的平安在我们心中而感谢祂。早晨，晌午，和夜晚，都当使感恩之心散发馨香，升达天堂！

We should give thanks in everything because Romans 8:28 said, "all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." We should believe that every circumstance and difficulty we encountered are not accidental, but has God's good intention in it, so that we can learn to trust Him more, and be transformed and conformed to the image of Christ. We have to rely on the Lord for victory every day, always rejoice, forget the things which are behind, and stretch forward the things which are before. As soon as we open our eyes every morning, we should thank the Lord for giving us a brand-new day and thank Him for His peace in our hearts. In the morning, at noon, and at night, let the fragrance of gratitude radiate from our hearts and rise to heaven!