

CHURCH IN REGINA

“Matt. 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”

HWMR Week 1—God, Man and Satan

The Triune God as the Spirit Dwelling in Our Spirit

We must look to the Lord that He would enable us to [see clearly](#) that today **our God, our Redeemer, is the Spirit**. In His essence He is Spirit, in His economy He is ultimately the Spirit, and in His resurrection He actually became the Spirit. Not only did He become flesh to accomplish redemption for us; [He also became the Spirit to come into us to be our life](#). We must see that today our God, our Redeemer, is the wonderful, all-inclusive Spirit. This wonderful Spirit is not only in the third heaven but is also dwelling [specifically](#) in our spirit (Living in the Spirit, chapter 2).

Sober and Watchful

In [1 Peter 5:8 Peter says], “Be sober; watch. Your adversary, the Devil, as a roaring lion walks about, seeking someone to devour.” To **be sober** is to [have a clear mind of sobriety and self-control](#) so that we may know...God’s purpose in disciplining us and His enemy’s scheme to destroy us.

[If we do not cast all our anxiety on the Lord, it will be difficult for us to be sober](#). Many saints become confused because of anxiety. If we hold on to our anxiety, our mind will not be sober. Instead of being sober, we may be under a thick cloud of confusion and have no sense of direction. [If our mind is disturbed by anxiety, we cannot be sober](#). Our thinking will not be clear, but will be confused, mixed up. If our mind is in such a condition, it will be difficult for us to hear the Lord’s speaking. Anxiety may also cause us to speak in a nonsensical manner. Therefore, if we would be sober, we must [cast our anxiety on the Lord](#).

According to what Peter says in 5:8, we also need to watch. **To watch is to be vigilant as in warfare, as soldiers on the frontier**. Anxiety is a [subtle](#) enemy. Many times [anxiety is Satan’s incarnation](#). We need to **be watchful and not allow anxiety to invade us**...We are involved in a warfare, and [we need to be vigilant](#). Do not let the enemy come in...Often the Devil is concealed within anxiety or lurks behind it. If you welcome anxiety, you will welcome Satan, the Devil. Therefore, you need to be watchful. The Lord Jesus also charged His disciples to watch and pray (Matt. 26:41). We need to watch, to be on the alert.

Our Adversary, the Devil

The reason we need to be watchful is that our adversary, the Devil, as a roaring lion walks about, seeking someone to devour. Literally, the word “adversary” in Greek means an opponent (in a lawsuit). Here this word refers to Satan, who is our accuser (Rev. 12:9-10). The Greek word for Devil, diabolos, means accuser, slanderer. [The Devil, who is Satan, accuses us before God and slanders us before men](#).

[1 Peter 5:7 says, Casting all your anxiety on Him because it matters to Him concerning you.] The Devil, the adversary, in verse 8 is related to the anxiety in verse 7. **If we give way to anxiety, we shall also give way to the adversary, the Devil**. We may even say that the anxiety in verse 7 is the adversary in verse 8. According to the context, anxiety is actually the Devil. The Devil comes to us to attack under the cloak of anxiety. [He pretends to be anxiety](#). Therefore, we need to be watchful, vigilant.

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

Fridays
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Small Group Meeting

Fridays
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Young Peoples’ Meeting

Saturdays
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Conferences & Trainings:

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

Life from death
alone arises;

If no death, no
life.

An adversary is different from an enemy. An enemy is an opponent who is objective to us, outside of us. An adversary is a subjective opponent, an opponent within us. Satan is not only the enemy outside of us; he is also the adversary within us. Anxiety is a form of the Devil as our adversary. Whenever we are anxious or worried, we should say, “Satan, you are exposed. This anxiety is really you. Don’t cover yourself with a cloak. I know who you are. This is not anxiety—this is you, the Devil. Satan, get away from me!”

A Roaring Lion Seeking Someone to Devour

In verse 8 Peter also says that the Devil is as a roaring lion walking about, seeking someone to devour. The word “roaring” indicates that this lion, **the Devil, is howling in hunger**. The words “walks about” indicate the Devil’s **constant** and **aggressive** activity in seeking prey. There is a proverb which says that **the Devil never sleeps**. He is always busy and aggressive, seeking someone to devour.

Here Peter warns the suffering believers in persecution. If they would not be humbled under God’s mighty hand and cast their anxiety on God, they will be devoured by the roaring lion, the Devil, their adversary. This teaches us that **pride** and **anxiety** make us delicious prey to fill the hunger of the roaring lion. In this respect Peter no doubt could not forget the Lord’s warning to him regarding the Devil’s desire (Luke 22:31) (LS of 1 Peter, chapter 33).

The Wonderful Spirit as the Key to Everything

We need to see this vision. **We need to see that the Triune God, the almighty God, who is Jehovah—the Father, the Son, and the Spirit, has become our all and has been wrought into us**. Today He is in our spirit. The key to everything is found in this wonderful Spirit who is in our created and regenerated spirit and who has become one spirit with our spirit. This is the key and the starting point. If we do not turn to our spirit and pray out of our spirit, our prayers will be improper. If we do not enter into the mingled spirit and love others out of the mingled spirit, our love will be worthless. Anything that is not of the spirit is of the flesh and will not yield the fruit of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of life will not confirm anything that is of the flesh.

Caring for Nothing Other Than Living in the Spirit

We should look to the Lord to have mercy on us and to open our eyes that we may see a heavenly vision. **We need to see that the great God—Jehovah, the One who is the Father, the Son, and the Spirit, and who is also the Lord Jesus, the Redeemer, the Creator, and the Holy Spirit—is the all-inclusive Spirit who dwells in our spirit and is being mingled with our spirit as one spirit**. This is where we should live and walk today. **This should not be our performance but our daily living**. We should live our daily life in the spirit. We should not be concerned with knowing what humility is or what love is. Neither should we be concerned with knowing what patience is, what submission is, what zeal is, what worship is, or what prayer is. We should not be concerned with anything other than living in the spirit. We should walk in the spirit day by day, simply being in harmony with our Lord and one with Him in the spirit. We should have our life, nature, living, and walk with our Lord. We do not need to know what prayer is or what to pray about. We do not need to know what gospel preaching is or what kind of gospel to preach. We do not need to know what it means to love our wife or to submit to our husband. Neither do we need to know what it means to be humble or patient. All these words and phrases are expressions used by moralists. **The only thing we need to know is that the God and Savior whom we love is the all-inclusive life-giving Spirit who is dwelling in our spirit and has become one spirit with our spirit. We are joined to Him, and He is our life, our living, and our walk. He and we are one** (Living in the Spirit, Chapter 2).

Announcements:

1. Sisters’ Meeting on April 4 at 2pm.
2. Brothers’ Meeting on April 25 at 6pm.
3. Morning revival payments will be through Interac eTransfe to *morningrevivalpayments@gmail.com*.
4. Please put the date on the offering envelopes so we can record our weekly offerings accurately.

Prayer Burdens:

1. Lord, expose Your enemy so we would be spared from his temptations. Save us from pride and ambition. Save us from any form of rebellion. We follow Your pattern of humbling ourselves to withstand the evil one.
2. Lord, keep growing within us. We are not here to be perfect and upright apart from You. Deal with us and use any means of stripping us so You can gain us and be expressed through us.
3. Praise You victorious One! On the cross You have defeated the enemy and in You he has nothing. We join ourselves to You and abide in You. Be the overcoming one in us. Thank You for such an effective victory on the cross until today.
4. Lord, have mercy on us. Expose the devil's stratagems and his wearing out tactics. Make us realize that our fighting is not an individual matter but a Body matter. We take up the whole armor of God and remain in our spirit.
5. Keep us remaining in the high tower of our regenerated spirit. Thank You for our spirit where we can live the proper and practical church life and Body life. May we all see this vision of living the body life to crush the enemy.
6. Lord, thank you for giving us the most effective way to defeat the enemy. We take Your blood, stand on Your word, and lose the love for our soul-life. Teach us today how to fight in the body that we would be qualified, equipped, and perfected.

Europe/Other Burdens:

1. Spring ITERO on April 16 to 18.
2. French-Speaking Conference in Paris on April 23 to 25.

Church in Regina:

1. Goal of 50 meeting ones by end of 2021. Synchronized prayer for our contacts every day.
2. Strengthen and preserve our families to love the Lord, His appearing, and continue to meet virtually. May we all redeem the time by getting into the Word and the Life-study messages.
3. 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.
4. Pray for Sister Mika Miranda's acceptance to the University of Regina Nursing Program. May Your will be done in our sister and may she be a shining testimony in the University. Use her for Your purpose.