

CHURCH IN REGINA

Heb. 4:11 - Let us therefore be diligent to enter into that rest.

HWMR Week 1—God’s Charge, Promise, and Encouragement to Joshua

Taking Possession of the Good Land for Christ and Being Made His Possession

According to the divine revelation in the Scriptures, we need to take possession of the good land for Christ **so that** Christ can make us His possession. **Our taking possession of the God-promised good land is for Christ, and Christ’s making us His possession is for us.** What does it mean to say that we possess the good land for Christ and that He, for our sake, makes us His possession?

Our Taking Possession of the Good Land for Christ

...[T]o **take possession of the God-promised land for Christ** and to **provide the proper persons to bring forth Christ** into the human race are the two major points of the section of the history in the Old Testament in the three books of Joshua, Judges, and Ruth. These two main points—to take the land for Christ and to provide the bona fide ancestors for Christ—are the spirit of the history from Joshua to Ruth. Since the God-promised land is a type of Christ, **to gain the land for Christ means to gain Christ for Christ.**

God’s Promise concerning the Good Land

In Genesis God promised **Abraham** that He would give the good land to Abraham’s descendants. More than four hundred years later, God sent **Moses** to deliver Israel out of Egypt, telling him that He was sending him to bring the people into the good land. **It was a fact that God had given the land to Israel, but this fact was not yet practical.** Rather, it was a promise that still needed to be fulfilled. Not even at the time when Israel came to the plains of Moab under the leadership of **Joshua** was the giving of the good land to Israel a practical fact, for the land had not yet become Israel’s possession. **Only after Israel had gained the good land and had taken possession of it did the land actually become theirs as a practical fact.**

The Need for Us to Respond to What God Has Promised, Prepared and Given

The good land had been promised to Israel, and the situation was ready for the land to be given to Israel in actuality. God, the Giver, had done everything, but there was still the need for Israel, the receiver, to do something to take possession of what God had given...

At the beginning of the book of Joshua, Israel was ready to go forward, to take the good land, to possess it, and to enjoy it. For Israel to do this meant that they were doing something for Christ, who is typified by the good land. Otherwise, the good land would have lain there idle. **Today, Christ as the good land is ready to be taken and possessed by His believers.** However, **where are those** who are ready to take Him, possess Him, and enjoy Him as the all-inclusive good land? Many sinners are not willing to respond to Christ, and **even many of His believers** are **not willing** to respond to Him by taking Him, possessing Him, and enjoying Him (Excerpts from LS of Joshua ch. 6).

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:

International Thanksgiving Weekend Conference

November 25-28, 2021

Winter Training

December 20-25, 2021

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NEW LANGUAGE

**Christ is the
Baptizer in the
Holy Spirit.**

Some Practical Points to Gain Christ for Christ

A. The Defeat of Amalek

The battle against Amalek was the first fight in which the children of Israel were engaged. When they were in Egypt, they did not fight. At the Red Sea there was war between God and Pharaoh, but the children of Israel themselves did not fight against Pharaoh's army. However, in chapter seventeen we see the children of Israel engaged in a battle against Amalek... [T]his fight depicts the conflict between the flesh and the Spirit. This indicates that **as we are going on with the Lord, the first fight is that between the flesh and the Spirit**. The fact that the first fight in which the children of Israel were engaged was that against Amalek indicates that after we are saved and baptized, the first conflict we experience will be the warfare between the flesh and the Spirit who regenerated us...

If we are inwardly hungry and thirsty, we shall not be able to fight against the flesh. In order to fight, we must first have our hunger satisfied and our thirst quenched. We need manna, the heavenly food, and the water out of the rock, the living water. Only then shall we have the strength to fight. The manna and the living water supported the children of Israel in their fight against Amalek. Without this support, the children of Israel could not have engaged in this battle. It is the same in our spiritual experience. If we do not enjoy the heavenly manna daily and drink of the living water consistently, we shall be defeated by the flesh and subdued by it. Those Christians who do not partake of the manna and drink of the living water are already subdued by the flesh. Without the manna and the living water we are spontaneously one with the flesh and walk according to it. Only when we are supplied by Christ and with Christ and have our thirst quenched by the life-giving Spirit are we ready to fight against the flesh (Excerpts from LS of Exodus ch. 46).

B. The Exercise of Our Spirit

God is Spirit, and we must contact Him, worship Him, in our spirit (John 4:24). **These two spirits should contact each other and should become one** (1 Cor. 6:17)... We must build up a habit of exercising our spirit... To call on the Lord by saying, "O Lord" is a habit of exercising our spirit. To say "O Lord" **as soon as you rise up in the morning** makes a big difference. If you rise up in the morning without saying anything, you may pray in a routine way without really touching the Lord. This is because there is no exercise of your spirit. We have to build up a habit of saying, "O Lord." When we say, "O Lord," we touch the Lord. This is the habit of exercising our spirit (Excerpts from The Spirit with Our Spirit, ch. 8).

C. Musing Upon God's Word in the Morning

Anything that we do requires time. **The best time to read the Bible is in the morning**. This is based on Psalm 119:147-148, which says, "I anticipated the dawn and cried out; / I hoped in Your words. / My eyes anticipated the night watches, / That I might muse upon Your word." This reveals that in ancient times, those who sought God hoped in the word of God **before dawn** and **before the exchange of the night watch**. Exodus 16 speaks of the Israelites gathering manna in the wilderness. The manna had to be gathered in the morning before the sun appeared, because once the sun appeared the manna would melt away. Manna is compared to the bread of life in John 6:33 and 35. Like the Israelites, we are walking in the wilderness, and **every day we need a supply of spiritual food**. Thus, we need to rise up every morning to gather manna from the Bible. Our Lord Jesus is the Word of God, and the content of the Word of God is the Lord Jesus. When we come to the Bible every morning to gather manna, we are actually seeking to touch the Lord and to receive Him as our bread of life... This manna will melt away when the sun appears. If we do not **take advantage of the quiet time in the morning** to read the Word of God but instead, wait until the children wake up, the newspaper is delivered, and those selling vegetables have arrived, it will be impossible for us to read the Bible and receive benefit because of the appearance of all these "suns." Hence, before dawn, before the sun appears, we should spend time in the Word of God to gather manna, to gather Christ as our nourishing food for the day (Lessons for New Believers, ch. 6).

Announcements:

1. 2021 Canada Brothers Conference on November 13 via Zoom. The deadline for registration is October 31.
2. Brothers' Pursuit Meeting at 6pm on October 31 via Zoom.
3. Conference for all the churches in Canada, all ages, on November 14 via Zoom.
4. Thanksgiving Conference on November 25 to 28.

Prayer Burdens:

1. Thank You, Lord for preparing us to take the land. We give ourselves to You as Your present Joshuas and Calebs. We are here to take Christ for Christ. May we gain, possess, and experience more of You.
2. Lord, You are our real Joshua. You are the Author of our salvation bringing us into glory. Continually put our flesh to death so nothing would frustrate us from entering the good land.
3. Save us from having an evil heart of unbelief. We simply look away unto You as the Author and Perfecter of our faith. Be the believing element in us, transfusing us with Yourself.
4. Lord, we need Your presence with us. We take You as our strength and courage. Thank You for giving us a spirit of power, of love and of sobermindedness. We exercise to fan our spirits into flame all the time.
5. Lord, encourage us to muse on Your word and walk in Your ways day and night. Preserve us through Your word and occupy us with nothing else but Your word. May we “chew the cud” to receive nourishment and enjoyment.
6. Lord, we lift up our hands and continue to muse upon Your word. Remind us to spend adequate time being soaked by Your word every morning so we can be refreshed and energized throughout the day.

Other Burdens:

1. Pray for the migration of burdened saints to six designated European cities—Barcelona, Brussels, Dublin, Lisbon, Rome, and Zurich.
2. Fall University Conference for European University students on November 19 to 21. Please pray that the Lord will gain this generation of university students in Europe for His move to end the present age.

Church in Regina:

1. Pray for the purchase of a lot property and meeting hall.
2. Pray for the small group meeting and that the brothers and sisters in the church to be vitalized. Whatever we bind on the earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever we loose on the earth shall have been loosed in heaven. Release this burden, the prayers and the one accord.
3. Pray for a regular bible distribution and the continual preaching of the gospel. May our living be a testimony for the gospel.
4. Lord, we did not choose You but You chose us and You have set us that we should go forth and bear fruit. We believe that whatever we ask the Father in Your name, He may give us. We pray for more fruit and more shepherding so we can all be revived and have remaining fruit.
5. Lord, we pray for our individual pursuit of the Life-study messages. May we see Christ in Exodus and speak the same thing—the new language.
6. Pray for Antonio Miranda and Cecil Miranda who recently completed their medical exam. Pray that the officer will find no issues and that their permanent residence visa will be issued as soon as possible.