

Announcements

- This week we will cover HWMR Exodus Message 41 “The Tabernacle and the Priesthood”.
- The weekly ministry webcast will be held on Wednesday in the following homes:
 - Smith - South Bellevue 206 914 3447
 - Lancaster - Bothell 425 482 4499
 - Horace Wang - Somerset 425 653 2249 (Chinese language)
- Sign up for Bible distribution at Bellevue College
- Sign up for prayer for Bible distribution at Bellevue College
- Main Hall cleaning – (Korean Saints)
- Second floor/entry area cleaning – Kirkland
- Deadline for sign up for Winter training is October 30th.

Schedule

- Saturday October 1st breakfast 8:30am
- Wednesday September 28th ministry webcast 7:30 pm
- Bible distribution at Bellevue college September 27 & 28
- High School Retreat at Lakeside September 30- October 2
- Thanksgiving Day conference in San Jose November 24-27
- Thanksgiving Day gospel meeting in the Chinese language at the Bellevue meeting hall.

Burdens for Prayer

- Retreats
- Elections
- Bellevue College
- Gospel to the nations in Europe

This Week: September 26-October 2		
Morning Revival: <i>The Holy Word for Morning Revival: The Crystallization-Study of Exodus week 41</i>		
Hall Cleaning: Downstairs – Team 5 (Korean Saints) Upstairs – Kirkland		
Tuesday	7:30 pm	Corporate prayer at meeting hall
Wednesday	10:00 am	Sisters' prayer meeting
	7:30 pm	Ministry Webcast
Saturday	8:30 am	Breakfast
Lord's Day	9:30 am	Lord's Table

Ministry Reading Portion

Basic Lessons on Service

Lesson 3

The Lord's Table Meeting

3) To Have Fellowship in the Blood of Christ

Drinking the cup also indicates that we have fellowship in the blood of Christ (1 Cor. 10:16a). We have a joint and mutual participation in the drinking of the one cup. Both eating and drinking indicate oneness and fellowship, communion. This is why we have only one loaf, not many loaves, and only one cup, not many cups, at the table. One loaf and one cup indicate the oneness and the fellowship, the communion. This communion, this fellowship, is in both the mystical Body of Christ and in the redeeming blood of Christ. Because we all are redeemed by this one blood, we have the one communion, and through this we receive the unique blessing.

5. To Display the Lord's Death

At the Lord's table, we do not remember the Lord's death, but we declare, proclaim, display, the Lord's death. First Corinthians 11:26 says, "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you declare the Lord's death until He comes." Here we have the bread signifying the Lord's body, and we have the cup signifying the Lord's blood. On the Lord's table, His death is displayed, because the cup is separate from the bread, that is, the blood is separate from the body. We eat the bread and we drink the cup to display the Lord's death, because whenever the blood

is separate from the body, that is death. Whenever we eat the bread and drink the cup, we do not remember the Lord's death but we display His death to the whole universe, especially to the principalities and powers in the heavenlies.

6. To Express Our Desire of the Lord's Coming Back

We also remember the Lord at His table to express our desire of His coming back. First Corinthians 11:26b says that we display the Lord's death until He comes. While we display the Lord's death, we express our desire of the Lord's second coming. In Matthew 26:29 the Lord said, "I shall by no means drink of this product of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in the kingdom of My Father." This is the manifestation of the kingdom of the heavens, in which the Lord will drink with us after His coming back. When we remember the Lord and display His death, we express our desire that the Lord will come back soon.

7. To Worship the Father

After all of this, the Lord will lead us to worship the Father. This is based upon Matthew 26:30, which says that after the Lord finished His supper with His disciples, He and the disciples sang a hymn. That hymn was sung by the Lord with His disciples to the Father. In the Lord's table, the Lord takes the lead to praise the Father, to worship the Father. At the end of the Lord's table meeting, we need to worship the Father with the Lord. We must follow the firstborn Son to worship the Father as His brothers. The Lord as the firstborn Son takes the lead to worship the Father (Heb. 2:12), and we as His many brothers follow Him.

Hymn #52 (Hymns) is a very good hymn on the worship of the Father. Stanzas 2 and 3 say:

2. How deep the holy joy that fills that scene,
Where love is known!
Thy love, our God and Father, now is seen,
In Him alone;
As, in the holy calm of Thine own rest,
He leads the praise of those Thy love has blessed.

3. He leads the praise! How precious to Thine ear
The song He sings!
How precious, too, to Thee —how near, how dear
Are those He brings
To share His place: 'twas thus that Thou didst plan;
Thou lovedst Him before the world began.

This hymn is simple and short, yet high in its thought and full of light. It would be good to ask the saints to read these stanzas so that they can be impressed with the significance of worshipping the Father.

8. Warning

Related to our partaking of the Lord's table, there is also a warning in the Scriptures.

a. Proving Ourselves and Discerning the Body

We have to prove ourselves and discern the Body at the Lord's table (1 Cor. 11:28-29). We have to discern whether the bread on the table signifies the unique Body of Christ or a sect, a division, a denomination. This is why we can take the Lord's table only in the local churches. We cannot partake of the so-called communion in other places because that bread on the table does not signify the Body but a division. Whenever we go to a place to attend the Lord's table, we must prove to ourselves that the bread on the table really signifies the Lord's Body, without any division.

b. Not Eating the Bread and Drinking the Cup Unworthily

In 1 Corinthians 11:27 we are warned not to eat the bread and drink the cup in an unworthy manner. If you are in division and you still eat the bread and drink the cup, that means you are eating and drinking unworthily. According to 1 Corinthians 11, there was a kind of looseness and lightness among the saints in Corinth. Everyone behaved according to his own likes or dislikes. The divisions and parties among them spoiled the Lord's table (vv. 17-22). This shows that if we take the Lord's table with a divisive spirit, we are partaking of it in an unworthy manner. We should not partake of the Lord's table in a light, loose, or careless way.

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Bible Reading Schedule with Footnotes	
Lord's Day, September 25 th	2 Sam. 19:1-43
Monday, September 26 th	2 Sam. 20:1 - 21:22
Tuesday, September 27 th	2 Sam. 22:1-51
Wednesday, September 28 th	2 Sam. 23:1-39
Thursday, September 29 th	2 Sam. 24:1-25
Friday, September 30 th	1 Kings 1:1-19
Saturday, October 1 st	1 Kings 1:20-53