

## CHURCH FELLOWSHIP – October 30, 2016

### Announcements

- This week we will cover HWMR Exodus Message 46 “The Eightfold Significance of the Tabernacle.”
- The weekly ministry webcast will be held on Wednesday in the following homes:
  - Andy Wu - Redmond 206 617 7767
  - Miyake - Central Bellevue 425 451 7294
  - Lancaster - Bothell 425 482 4499
  - Horace Wang - Somerset 425 653 2249 (Chinese language)
- Main Hall cleaning (Washington/Desimone).
- Second floor/entry area cleaning (Overlake).
- Deadline for signup of 2016 Winter training is Oct 30<sup>th</sup>, today. Please fill out the new form for registration at the bookroom.
- Deadline for Video training sign up is December 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Donations of used Living Stream Ministry books in English can be made to the bookroom.
- There is an urgent need for offerings for a new property recently acquired in Sydney, Australia. Donations can be marked “Sydney.”
- Please bring gifts and sign the cards to send to the FTTA trainees for a care package.

### Schedule

- Saturday Nov 5<sup>th</sup>, breakfast 8:30am at the Bellevue meeting hall
- Nov 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> conference in Spokane with Ed Marks
- Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Cleaning in preparation for the conference at 7:00pm
- Nov 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> Conference in Bellevue with Ron Kangas and James Lee
- Nov 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Day conference in San Jose
- Nov 24<sup>th</sup> 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:** October 31 – November 6

**Morning Revival:** *The Holy Word for Morning Revival: The Crystallization-Study of Exodus week 46*

Hall Cleaning: Downstairs – Team 4 (Washington, Desimone)  
Upstairs – Overlake

<b>Tuesday</b>	7:30 pm	Corporate prayer at meeting hall
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 am 7:30 pm	Sisters' prayer meeting Webcast
<b>Saturday</b>	8:30 am	Breakfast
<b>Lord's Day</b>	9:30 am	Lord's Table

### **Ministry Reading Portion**

Basic Lessons on Service

#### LESSON FIVE

### **THE PRACTICE OF THE LORD'S TABLE MEETING (2)**

#### **PRAISING THE LORD WITH THE HYMNS**

At the Lord's table we should not pray by asking the Lord to do things for us, but we surely need to praise. To praise requires much exercise of the spirit. We need to learn how to praise the Lord after we sing a hymn. We may merely shout, declare, and quote things from the hymnal in a mechanical way. But if the saints are richer and stronger, they will not need to merely quote the hymnal. They will praise the Lord with the thought of the hymn, recomposing some of the terms and phrases. We need to learn how to digest a hymn in our praise. This kind of digestion of a hymn is more living and informal.

In the Lord's table meeting, there needs to be more praise. Instead of praising, the saints may merely read from the hymnal. They must learn to go beyond merely reading a hymn to digesting a hymn. Instead of merely reading, "Oh, what a joy! Oh, what a rest!" (Hymns, #499), we can say, "O Lord, in Your life we enjoy the rest. What a rest we enjoy!" We can digest the terms in a hymn and make them a living praise to the Lord.

#### **THE LORD'S TABLE IN ANCIENT TIMES**

In the ancient times the believers had a custom of coming together for supper, the main meal of the day, with the rich bringing more and better food for the mutual enjoyment and the poor, less food (1 Cor. 11:21-22). This was called a love feast (2 Pet. 2:13; Jude 12), and it came from the

background of the Passover feast (Luke 22:13-20). At the end of their love feast they ate the Lord's supper with the bread and the cup to remember the Lord (1 Cor. 11:23-25). This is the best way to have the Lord's table.

## **THE CRUCIAL POINT IN OUR SERVICE**

We need to be deeply impressed that the crucial point in our service to the Lord is life. Life is the Spirit, and the Spirit is the reality of the living Christ. If we help the saints get on the track of life, all the details of our practice will be spontaneously regulated by life. We need some regulation and regulation helps. But we need to be careful. We are not for a certain regulated situation. A situation that is fully regulated can become like Forest Lawn Cemetery, a situation of death. Brother Nee took the lead to practice the truth with life. We must make it clear to the saints that we are not for the regulations but for life. If the saints grow in life adequately, spontaneously they will be regulated.

### **LESSON SIX**

## **THE PRACTICE OF THE LORD'S TABLE MEETING (3)**

In this lesson we want to continue our fellowship on the practice of the Lord's table meeting. In the previous lessons, we fellowshiped about the practice of remembering the Lord and worshipping the Father. Now we want to see something concerning the worship we need to offer to the Father in the Son as the reality and in our spirit mingled with the Spirit of God. This is a worship in the dispensing of God.

Paul's writings are filled with the concept of the divine dispensing of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit. The Father, the Son, and the Spirit are not referred to by Paul in a doctrinal way but in an experiential way. Ephesians 2:18 reveals that we have access to the Father through the Son and in the Spirit. Ephesians 3 says that the Father strengthens us through His Spirit into the inner man so that Christ, the Son, can make His home in our hearts (vv. 14-17). To praise the Father through the Son and in the Spirit is in the dispensing of the Triune God. To worship the Father with the Son and in the Spirit is the true worship in the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity.

### **III. THE WORSHIP IN THE DISPENSING OF GOD**

When we speak of the worship in the dispensing of God, we are still speaking of our worship of the Father. The Jews, according to their view of the Old Testament, have their kind of worship of God. That is not the worship in God's dispensing. It is altogether not involved with the Triune God—the Father, the Son, and the Spirit. Basically speaking, the Jews know God only in His creation. They do not know God in His dispensing.

They consider God as their Creator and they may even consider God as their Father in the sense of being their source but not in the sense of the Divine Trinity for the divine dispensing of Himself into our being.

In the Gospels there is only one chapter in which the Lord talked about the worship of God. When He talked about the worship of God in John 4, He was referring specifically to the worship of the Father. The Samaritan woman did not use the term Father, but she used the term God. Then the Lord Jesus told her, "But an hour is coming, and it is now, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truthfulness, for the Father also seeks such to worship Him" (v. 23). This meant that the age had changed. Even when the Lord Jesus was talking to her, the age had changed, so the Lord used the term Father, saying that we need to worship the Father. When we use John 4:24, we usually neglect verse 23. The Lord did not say that we worship God but that we worship the Father. The Father seeks after this worship.

In verse 24 the Lord spoke of the nature of God. The nature of God is Spirit. The Lord did not say that we worship God but that we worship the Father, whose nature, as God, is Spirit. The worship here is absolutely different from the Jewish worship. The Jewish worship is altogether the worship of the Creator. But what the Lord spoke of is the worship of the Father in the Son and also in the Spirit. Thus, this is a worship in God's dispensing, the worship by the divine dispensing. When the Jews worship God as the Creator, they do not have the thought of God being dispensed into them. But if we would have the true worship, we need God to be dispensed into our being.

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<b>Bible Reading Schedule with Footnotes</b>	
Lord's Day, October 30 <sup>th</sup>	2 Kings 11:1 – 12:21
Monday, October 31 <sup>st</sup>	2 Kings 13:1 – 14:29
Tuesday, November 1 <sup>st</sup>	2 Kings 15:1-38
Wednesday, November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 Kings 16:1-20
Thursday, November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 Kings 17:1-41
Friday, November 4 <sup>th</sup>	2 Kings 18:1-37
Saturday, November 5 <sup>th</sup>	2 Kings 19:1-37