

Announcements

- This week we will cover HWMR Exodus Message 44 “Lighting the Lamps”.
- The weekly ministry webcast will be held on Wednesday in the following homes:
 - Smith - South Bellevue 206 914 3447
 - Miyake - Central Bellevue 425 451 7294
 - Lancaster - Bothell 425 482 4499
 - Horace Wang - Somerset 425 653 2249 (Chinese language)
- Main Hall cleaning (Wu, Fisher).
- Second floor/entry area cleaning - (Downtown).
- Deadline for sign up of 2016 Winter training is Oct 30th. Please fill out the new form for registration at the bookroom.
- Joan Frey’s memorial is today at 4pm at Renton meeting hall.
- There is an urgent need for offerings for a new property recently acquired in Sydney, Australia. Donations can be marked “Sydney”.
- The Collected Works of Witness Lee will be completed August 2018. Details on ordering will be forthcoming later this year.
- A care package is being prepared for the full time trainees in Anaheim.

Schedule

- Saturday October 15st breakfast 8:30am
- October 28th-30th Junior High Girls retreat in Easton
- Nov 5th – 6th conference in Spokane with Ed Marks
- Nov 11th – 13th conference in Bellevue with Ron Kangas and James Lee
- November 24th-27th Thanksgiving Day conference in San Jose, CA
- November 24th 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 17 - October 23		
Morning Revival: <i>The Holy Word for Morning Revival: The Crystallization-Study of Exodus week 44</i>		
Hall Cleaning: Downstairs – Team 2 (Wu, Fisher) Upstairs – Downtown		
Tuesday	7:30 pm	Corporate prayer at meeting hall
Wednesday	10:00 am 7:30 pm	Sisters' prayer meeting Webcast
Saturday	8:30 am	Breakfast
Lord's Day	9:30 am	Lord's Table

Ministry Reading Portion

Basic Lessons on Service

LESSON FIVE

**THE PRACTICE OF
THE LORD'S TABLE MEETING**

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*2. We, the Many Sons of God,
Following Christ in Praising the Father*

We, the many sons of God, follow Christ in praising the Father. In Matthew 26:30 it was not only Christ but also His disciples singing a hymn of praise with Him. So He took the lead and the disciples followed Him. Today it should be the same. Christ, the Firstborn, takes the lead, and we, the many sons, follow Him to praise the Father.

C. Addressing Praise to the Father

Our addressing praise to the Father is through the Son and in the Spirit. In our remembrance of the Lord, we address all the praises to the Lord. Then when we turn to worship the Father, we have to address all our praises to Him. Ephesians 2:18 says, "For through Him we both have access in one Spirit unto the Father." Through the Son, as the One who died on the cross to abolish all the ordinances and to create the one new man of two peoples (v. 15), and in the Spirit we have access unto the Father.

Ephesians 1 reveals the Father choosing and predestinating us, the Son redeeming us, and the Spirit sealing us. Then 2:18 says that through the Son and in the Spirit, we approach the Father. In chapter three Paul said that he bowed his knees to the Father that He might strengthen us through His Spirit that Christ might make His home in our hearts (vv. 14-

17). In chapter four there are three groups: one Body, one Spirit, and one hope; one Lord, one faith, and one baptism; and one God and Father of all, who is over all, through all, and in us all (vv. 4-6). These portions from Ephesians show us the divine economy of the Divine Trinity.

In our sharing it is helpful to link Ephesians 2:18 with Luke 15. Luke 15 reveals that the Son came as the Shepherd to seek after the lost sheep (vv. 1-7), that the Spirit as the woman enlightens the house and eventually finds the lost coin (vv. 8-10), and that the Father receives the returned son (vv. 11-32). This shows the divine economy of the Divine Trinity with the redeeming Son, the sanctifying Spirit, and the receiving Father. Through the Son and in the Spirit, we have access unto the Father. The Lord told three parables in Luke 15 to unveil the saving love of the Triune God toward sinners. The lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son are one lost person in three aspects. Luke 15 shows that we cannot be sought for and found and brought to the Father directly. We can come to the Father only through Christ and in the Spirit.

D. Calling Hymns

Now we need to consider our calling of hymns in the section of worshipping the Father at the Lord's table. We need to call hymns according to the Father's being. The Father's name was not revealed until the Lord Jesus came. He came to reveal the name of the Father (John 17:6, 26), the person of the Father. Thus, we have to call hymns according to the Father's person, the Father's being.

We also have to call hymns according to the Father's attributes, such as His love, His kindness, and His glory. In the table of contents of our hymnal under the section entitled "Worship of the Father," we have a number of hymns categorized according to the Father's attributes. These attributes include His faithfulness, His greatness, His wisdom, His mercy, and His love.

We praise the Son according to His person and work, but there is no work with regard to the Father. We should praise the Father according to His being and attributes. We have to differentiate and discern the hymns according to these two categories: the Father's being, what the Father is, and the Father's attributes.

E. By Presenting Christ to God the Father

1. As the Peace Offering

In our worship of the Father, we need to present Christ to Him as the peace offering (Lev. 3). This section is very crucial. To share this with the saints, we need to be clear about the type of the peace offering in the book of Leviticus.

2. Enjoying Him before God the Father

At the Lord's table meeting, we enjoy Christ before God the Father (Lev. 7:14-21, 28-34).

a. As Life Supply

First, we enjoy Christ as our life supply (vv. 14-16). In offering the peace offering, some bread and flesh of the offering was assigned to the priests for their food. That signifies the life supply.

b. As Love in Resurrection

The breast of the offering was assigned to the priests as a wave offering. The breast signifies love and the offering being waved signifies resurrection, so this typifies Christ as love in resurrection to be our life supply (vv. 29-31).

c. As Power in Ascension

The right thigh was assigned to the priest as a heave offering. The right thigh is the strength for movement, signifying Christ as power in ascension (vv. 32-34). At the Lord's table meeting, we enjoy Christ before God the Father as power in ascension.

Thus, we see three kinds of supply with the peace offering: one is the bread and the flesh of the offering, the other is the breast, and the third one is the thigh. One signifies the life supply; the other, love in resurrection; and the other, power in ascension. When Christ ascended to the third heavens, He poured out the Spirit of power. The Spirit of life was given on the day of resurrection, but the Spirit of power was poured out after His ascension. Love is a matter of life, so it is in resurrection, and power is in ascension.

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Bible Reading Schedule with Footnotes	
Lord's Day, October 16 th	1 Kings 15:1-34
Monday, October 17 th	1 Kings 16:1-17:24
Tuesday, October 18 th	1 Kings 18:1-46
Wednesday, October 19 th	1 Kings 19:1-21
Thursday, October 20 th	1 Kings 20:1-43
Friday, October 21 st	1 Kings 21:1-22:53
Saturday, October 22 nd	2 Kings 1:1-18