

Announcements

- This week we will cover HWMR Exodus Message 43 “The Veil, the Screen, and the Two Aspects of Reconciliation”.
- The weekly ministry webcast will be held on Wednesday in the following homes:
 - Andy Wu - Redmond 206 617 7767
 - Smith - South Bellevue 206 914 3447
 - Lancaster - Bothell 425 482 4499
 - Horace Wang - Somerset 425 653 2249 (Chinese language)
- Main Hall cleaning – (Miyakes, Schneiders, Lees, Guerreros)
- Second floor/entry area cleaning – Eastgate
- Deadline for signup for Winter training is October 30th.

Schedule

- Saturday October 15th breakfast 8:30am
- October 16th Joan Frey’s memorial in Renton meeting hall
- October 14th - 16th Junior High Boys retreat in Easton
- 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 10 - October 16

Morning Revival: *The Holy Word for Morning Revival: The Crystallization-Study of Exodus week 43*

Hall Cleaning: Downstairs – Team 1 (Miyakes, Schneiders, Lees, Guerrerros)

Upstairs – Eastgate

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 FOUR

THE PRACTICE OF THE LORD'S TABLE MEETING

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2. Learning to Apply the Hymns at the Appropriate Time

We also need to learn how to apply the hymns at the appropriate time. Certain hymns are good for certain times in the meeting, so we have to know the hymns first and then apply them at the proper time.

Certain hymns are very good to start a section of the meeting. After a section of the meeting has been started, we may need another hymn to strengthen and enrich the started section. To strengthen and enrich what has been started is not so easy. Teamwork is involved here. One person starts, and all the others have to continue to strengthen and to enrich what has been started. Also a hymn may be needed to prolong and uplift the same section. Here there is the need of skill. Something has been started and strengthened and enriched, but within a short time it may disappear. This is why we have to prolong it and uplift it.

Furthermore, to apply the hymns at the appropriate time, we need to follow the atmosphere of the meeting. If the atmosphere of the meeting is solemn, a hymn of joy, a rejoicing hymn, does not fit the atmosphere. Thus, calling a proper hymn at a proper time depends upon how much we can sense the atmosphere of the meeting.

D. Distributing the Bread and the Cup

1. Neither Too Early nor Too Late

The proper distributing of the bread and the cup also requires our learning. We should distribute the bread and the cup neither too early nor too late. This is somewhat like serving a meal. One does not serve the main course at the very beginning of the meal nor after the dessert has been finished. This is either too early or too late.

2. When the Remembrance of the Lord Reaches the High Tide

We need to distribute the bread and the cup when the remembrance of the Lord reaches the high tide. This means that the atmosphere of our remembering the Lord has reached the highest point.

3. Better with Some Thanks Given to the Lord

Furthermore, it is better to distribute the bread and the cup with some thanks given to the Lord. We receive the bread and the wine mostly in a silent way. It is better to receive the bread that comes from the Lord and give Him some thanks. Luke 22:19a says that the Lord took the bread and gave thanks.

The focus of this message is expressed in the following statement: the proper remembrance of the Lord depends upon our proper practice.

LESSON FIVE

THE PRACTICE OF THE LORD'S TABLE MEETING

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In this lesson we want to see something further concerning the practice of the Lord's table meeting. Matthew 26:30 says that after the breaking of the bread and the drinking of the cup, the Lord and the disciples sang a hymn. Then they went out to the Mount of Olives. Hebrews 2:12 is a strong verse telling us that after Christ's resurrection He declared the Father's name to the disciples and praised the Father in the midst of the church. Then Ephesians 2:18 says that through Christ (who died on the cross and who created the one new man of two peoples) and in the Spirit we come to the Father. This is a brief definition of the dispensing of the Triune God. John 4:23-24 says that the Father today seeks after those who will worship Him in their human spirit and in truthfulness. We worship the Father in our spirit indwelt by the Holy Spirit and in Christ the Son as our reality who becomes our genuineness and sincerity for the true worship of God. We need to impress the saints with the truths revealed in these portions of Scripture.

In the previous lesson, we shared concerning the practice of remembering the Lord at His table. Now we want to speak concerning worshipping the Father.

II. WORSHIPPING THE FATHER

A. After Eating the Bread and Drinking the Cup

Matthew 26:26-30 shows that we should worship the Father after eating the bread and drinking the cup. Verses 26-29 show us that the bread was broken and eaten and that the cup was drunk. Then in verse 30 there is the singing of a hymn to the Father, showing that the worship to the Father must be after eating the bread and drinking the cup.

B. By Praising

We worship the Father by praising. This is also based upon Matthew 26:30. This is a unique verse telling us that a hymn was sung. That means to praise. According to the Greek text, we may say that they "hymned a praise" to the Father. To worship the Father at the Lord's table, we have to sing hymns of praise to Him.

1. Christ, the Firstborn of God, Taking the Lead among His Brothers

Christ, the Firstborn of God, takes the lead among His brothers to sing hymns of praise to the Father. Hebrews 2:12 says, "I will declare Your name to My brothers; in the midst of the church I will sing hymns of praise to You." The literal meaning according to the Greek is "I will hymn You." Matthew 26:30 and Hebrews 2:12 show us the worship of the Father at the Lord's table. In what kind of meeting can Christ sing hymns of praise to the Father in the midst of His brothers? Matthew 26:30 gives us the answer. Matthew 26:30 is a precious verse showing us that it was after the breaking of the bread and the drinking of the cup that Christ took the lead to sing hymns of praise to the Father among the disciples.

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Bible Reading Schedule with Footnotes	
Lord's Day, October 9 th	1 Kings 8:37-66
Monday, October 10 th	1 Kings 9:1-28
Tuesday, October 11 th	1 Kings 10:1-29
Wednesday, October 12 th	1 Kings 11:1-43
Thursday, October 13 th	1 Kings 12:1-33
Friday, October 14 th	1 Kings 13:1-34
Saturday, October 15 th	1 Kings 14:1-31