

## CHURCH FELLOWSHIP – October 27, 2019

### Announcements

- We will receive hospitality for the Puget Sound conference, please sign up if your family can host.
- A lost and found table is set up, please check for lost items. This week we will make items available to anyone even if the item does not belong to you, but after that we will donate the remaining items.
- A property for a meeting hall has been identified in Fiji, but Fiji is a poor country and the saints there will have difficulty raising the total amount needed. Fiji is strategic and the Lord has used the church there to spread to the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, and Tonga.
- We are reading chapter 16 of the Practical Lessons on the Experience of Life this week.
- Registration for the live training ends today. Please register with the bookroom. If you would like to ride down to Anaheim in the church van, please sign up.
- We are starting week 1 from the Memorial Day Conference, please pick up a copy in the bookroom.
- The Wednesday night ministry meeting webcast starts at 7:30 pm and will be shown at the following locations:
  - Smith - South Bellevue, (206) 914-3447, in English
  - Chang - Overlake, (425) 830-3900, in Korean
  - Wang - South Bellevue, (425) 653-2249, in Chinese

### Burdens for Prayer

- Germany
- Hong Kong
- Meeting hall modifications - finding contractor
- District meeting
- Beginning of the new school year
- Childrens and YP meetings
- College work coordination

### **This Week: October 27 – November 2**

**Morning Revival:** *The Experience of Christ*, week 1

**Hall Cleaning:** Downstairs – Kirkland & Bellevue College  
Upstairs – Hall Team

<b>Tuesday</b>	7:30pm	Prayer meeting
<b>Saturday</b>	8:30am	Breakfast
<b>Lord's Day</b>	9:30am	Lord's Table

<b>November</b>	
<b>15-17</b>	Puget Sound Conference

## **THE EXPERIENCE OF LIFE**

### **CHAPTER EIGHTEEN**

#### **SPIRITUAL WARFARE**

Concerning the fourth stage of spiritual life, we have seen the first three experiences: knowing the Body, knowing the ascension, and reigning. Now we will continue by considering the fourth experience of this stage—spiritual warfare. This is an important experience in the fourth stage. The reason we must know the Body, know the ascension, and reign is that we may have spiritual warfare. Hence, the fourth stage is called the stage of spiritual warfare.

#### **ALL SPIRITUAL WORK BEING A WARFARE**

Since warfare exists between the kingdoms of God and Satan, all the spiritual work that we are doing for God, whatever form it may take, as long as it touches the things of the spiritual realm, is in nature a warfare. For example, preaching the gospel, according to Acts 26:18, is “to open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light and from the authority of Satan to God.” This shows us that preaching the gospel is not only to open men’s eyes and turn them from darkness to light but also to deliver them from the authority of Satan. Again, Colossians 1:13 says, “Who delivered us out of the authority of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love.” To be delivered from the authority of darkness is to be delivered from the power of Satan or the kingdom of Satan. And to be transferred into the kingdom of the Son of God’s love is to be transferred into the kingdom of God. Therefore, preaching the gospel is wholly a spiritual warfare to drive out the power of Satan in men and bring in the kingdom of God. A person who does not believe in the Lord obviously rejects the name of God, does not have God’s reign in him, and has nothing to do with the will of God. Instead, he is fully under the power of Satan, and his whole being is in the dark kingdom of Satan. When a person is saved, he first believes in the name of the Lord; second, he calls on the Lord’s name; and third, he is in the name of the Lord; he belongs to the Lord’s name. Hence, he is delivered from the power of Satan and belongs to the name of the Lord. Once the name of the Lord is upon him, the authority of the Lord follows. Once the authority of the Lord comes upon him, Satan’s authority is removed. Therefore, strictly speaking, preaching the gospel, bringing salvation to men, and leading them to the Lord is a kind of spiritual warfare.

Edifying the saints is also a matter of spiritual warfare. To edify the saints is to deliver them from the rule of Satan, that is, from sins, the world, the flesh, and everything relating to the old creation, all of which are used by Satan to rule over man. Thus, they will be further delivered from the satanic power of darkness, they will know the name of the Lord more deeply, and they will allow the Lord to increase His reign in them and thereby let the kingdom of God come more fully upon them.

Second Corinthians 10:3-5 says, "Though we walk in flesh, we do not war according to flesh; for the weapons of our warfare are not fleshly but powerful before God for the overthrowing of strongholds, as we overthrow reasonings and every high thing rising up against the knowledge of God, and take captive every thought unto the obedience of Christ." This word shows us that even after a Christian is saved, it is possible that a large portion of his mind and thoughts remains the stronghold of Satan, and many of his ideas and concepts still serve as the base usurped by Satan. Therefore, when the apostles edify the saints, their purpose is to cast down through warfare all the strongholds and bases of Satan in the saints and eventually bring their thoughts into captivity unto the obedience of Christ. Hence, edifying the saints is also a kind of spiritual warfare.

Moreover, even administering the church is a warfare. The purpose of administering the church is to deliver the church out of the power of darkness, to let God gain the place of rule in the church, to let the name of God be exalted in the church, to let His will be done in the church, and to let the glory of God be increasingly manifested in the church. Hence, administering the church is also a kind of warfare.

Even all our prayers, whether they be for ourselves, for our family, for the revival of the church, or for anything else, are for the purpose of delivering us out of the satanic power of darkness; hence, they are also a kind of warfare.

If our eyes have been opened by the Lord, we will see that the nature of our work in serving the Lord is that of warfare. All our spiritual work, whether it be delivering men from sin, from the world, from illness, or from problems, has an ultimate goal: to rescue men out of the power of Satan and drive out the satanic power of darkness from within men so that men might be gained even more by God. Thus, God's name will be sanctified in men, God's kingdom will reach unto men, His will shall be done in men, and thereby His glory will be manifested upon men. Therefore, the nature of all this work is that of spiritual warfare.

<b>Bible Reading Schedule with Footnotes</b>	
Lord's Day, October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Jude 1:1-4
Monday, October 28 <sup>th</sup>	Jude 1:5-10
Tuesday, October 29 <sup>th</sup>	Jude 1:11-19
Wednesday, October 30 <sup>th</sup>	Jude 1:20-25
Thursday, October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Rev. 1:1-3
Friday, November 1 <sup>st</sup>	Rev. 1:4-6
Saturday, November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rev. 1:7-11