

KINGDOM MESSENGER

“Organised for service” (BT 139:5.3)

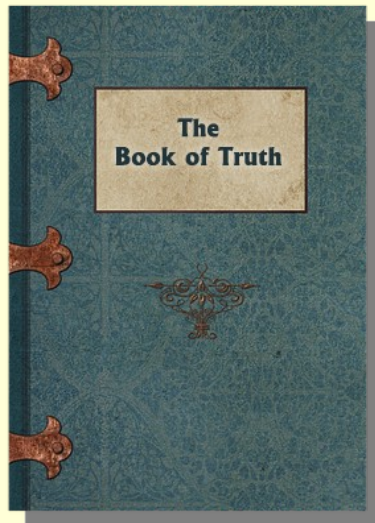
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Daily Readings for 15-31 May

15 – 140:0-1
16 – 140:2-3
17 – 140:4
18 – 140:5
19 – 140:6
20 – 140:7
21 – 140:8
22 – 140:9
23 – 140:10
24 – 141:0-1
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Lectionary

16 – 193:2.1-3
18 – 193:3.1-3; 193:5.1-5
20 – 135:6.6-8
22 – 154:5.1-154:7.5

ATTRACTING OTHERS TO THE FAITH

“Let me emphatically state this eternal truth: If you, by truth co-ordination, learn to exemplify in your lives this beautiful wholeness of righteousness, your fellow men will then seek after you that they may gain what you have so acquired. The measure wherewith truth seekers are drawn to you represents the measure of your truth endowment, your righteousness. The extent to which you have to go with your message to the people is, in a way, the measure of your failure to live the whole or righteous life, the truth-co-ordinated life.” (BT 155:1.5)

Current Council of the Senior Overseer
Brother Adrian, Brother Charles, Brother Jonathan, and Brother Ya'aqub

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Book of Truth Online Project is currently underway. This is the ECCR edition of the Urantia Book which is in the public domain. More information will be made available as the project continues to come together.
- Pentecost will be observed by the ECCR on 5 June. This is also referred to as Shavuot in Hebrew. This is a time to give thanksgiving for all that we have received from the Heavenly Father. Some also use this time to reflect on the birth of Yeshua. Feel free to discuss this topic on the public group on MeWe.

SUGGESTED OFFERINGS

Throughout the month of May, we suggest offering the public various links to the Urantia Book and to the ECCR group on MeWe. You can also share the link to the online subscription group at <https://groups.io/g/urantia>

QUESTION

Some might ask: “Isn't The Early Christian Church Restored just another Messianic group?”

Response: In many aspects, the ECCR does appear to be Messianic in nature, especially as to its style of worship and the culture in which it is presented, namely first century Jewish-Christianity that was familiar to the earliest disciples of Yeshua. While the many sects of modern day Messianic Judaism is based on the New Testament and supposed Torah observance, the ECCR is based on the Ten Commandments, portions of the Tanakh, and the Didache (a first century manuscript attributed to the Apostles). The primary text of The Early Christian Church Restored is the Book of Truth, as adapted by the Church. In addition to these facts, there are major theological differences between most Messianic Jewish sects and the Early Christian Church. The ECCR offers an alternative to Messianic Judaism. Learn more by visiting www.earlychristian.org

Are you being called to the consecrated life as a hermit? Contact Brother Thomas through MeWe for more information.

A Summary of Our Religion from the Book of Truth
“Arrived at regarding God as a result of Yeshua’s teaching”

“Yahweh our God is one Yahweh, and you should love him with all your mind and heart while you do your very best to love all his children as you love yourself. This one God is our heavenly Father, in whom all things consist, and who dwells, by his spirit, in every sincere human soul. And we who are the children of God should learn how to commit the keeping of our souls to him as to a faithful Creator. With our heavenly Father all things are possible. Since he is the Creator, having made all things and all beings, it could not be otherwise. Though we cannot see God, we can know him. And by daily living the will of the Father in heaven, we can reveal him to our fellow men.

“The divine riches of God’s character must be infinitely deep and eternally wise. We cannot search out God by knowledge, but we can know him in our hearts by personal experience. While his justice may be past finding out, his mercy may be received by the humblest being on earth. While the Father fills the universe, he also lives in our hearts. The mind of man is human, mortal, but the spirit of man is divine, immortal. God is not only all-powerful but also all-wise. If our earth parents, being of evil tendency, know how to love their children and bestow good gifts on them, how much more must the good Father in heaven know how wisely to love his children on earth and to bestow suitable blessings upon them.

“The Father in heaven will not suffer a single child on earth to perish if that child has a desire to find the Father and truly longs to be like him. Our Father even loves the wicked and is always kind to the ungrateful. If more human beings could only know about the goodness of God, they would certainly be led to repent of their evil ways and forsake all known sin. All good things come down from the Father of light, in whom there is no variableness neither shadow of changing. The spirit of the true God is in man’s heart. He intends that all men should be brothers. When men begin to feel after God, that is evidence that God has found them, and that they are in quest of knowledge about him. We live in God and God dwells in us.

“I will no longer be satisfied to believe that God is the Father of all my people; I will henceforth believe that he is also my Father. Always will I try to worship God with the help of the Spirit of Truth, which is my helper when I have become really God-knowing. But first of all I am going to practice worshipping God by learning how to do the will of God on earth; that is, I am going to do my best to treat each of my fellow mortals just as I think God would like to have him treated. And when we live this sort of a life in the flesh, we may ask many things of God, and he will give us the desire of our hearts that we may be the better prepared to serve our fellows. And all of this loving service of the children of God enlarges our capacity to receive and experience the joys of heaven, the high pleasures of the ministry of the spirit of heaven.

“I will every day thank God for his unspeakable gifts; I will praise him for his wonderful works to the children of men. To me he is the Almighty, the Creator, the Power, and the Mercy, but best of all, he is my spirit Father, and as his earth child I am sometime going forth to see him. And my tutor has said that by searching for him I shall become like him. By faith in God I have attained peace with him. This new religion of ours is very full of joy, and it generates an enduring happiness. I am confident that I shall be faithful even to death, and that I will surely receive the crown of eternal life.

“I am learning to prove all things and adhere to that which is good. Whatsoever I would that men should do to me, that I will do to my fellows. By this new faith I know that man may become the son of God, but it sometimes terrifies me when I stop to think that all men are my brothers, but it must be true. I do not see how I can rejoice in the fatherhood of God while I refuse to accept the brotherhood of man. Whosoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. If that is true, then all men must be my brothers.

“Henceforth will I do my good deeds in secret; I will also pray most when by myself. I will judge not that I may not be unfair to my fellows. I am going to learn to love my enemies; I have not truly mastered this practice of being Godlike. Though I see God in these other religions, I find him in ‘our religion’ as being more beautiful, loving, merciful, personal, and positive. But most of all, this great and glorious Being is my spiritual Father; I am his child. And by no other means than my honest desire to be like him, I am eventually to find him and eternally to serve him. At last I have a religion with a God, a marvellous God, and he is a God of eternal salvation.”