

KINGDOM MESSENGER

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Daily Readings for 1-14 June

- 1 – 142:0-2
- 2 – 142:3
- 3 – 142:4
- 4 – 142:5
- 5 – 142:6
- 6 – 142:7
- 7 – 142:8
- 8 – 143:0-1
- 9 – 143:2
- 10 – 143:3
- 11 – 143:4
- 12 – 143:5
- 13 – 143:6
- 14 – 143:7

Lectionary

- 1 – 135:0.3-5
- 9 – 155:4.1-2
- 10 – 156:0.1-2

Wednesday Reading

- 15 – 177:5.1-6

A MIRACULOUS PERSON

"Urantia mortals have varying concepts of the miraculous, but to us who live as citizens of the local universe there are few miracles, and of these by far the most intriguing are the incarnational bestowals of the Paradise Sons. The appearance in and on your world, by apparently natural processes, of a divine Son, we regard as a miracle—the operation of universal laws beyond our understanding. Yeshua of Nazareth was a miraculous person. In and through all this extraordinary experience, God the Father chose to manifest himself as he always does—in the usual way—in the normal, natural, and dependable way of divine acting." (BT 120:5,6)

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 offer 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 June, we would like to encourage all kingdom messengers to share digital copies of the Didache with the public, in addition to a link to the public ECCR group on MeWe.

QUESTION

Some might ask: Does your church help champion the cause of women's rights like abortion?

Response: The Early Christian Church Restored certainly believes in the equality of men and women. We do not believe in discriminating against a person because of their gender. In today's world of political upheaval, many people have become confused about the sacredness of life. The ECCR believes in the practice of the Ten Commandments, which includes the commandment not to murder. We believe that abortion is murder, thus it is a forbidden practice. The Book of Truth and the Old and New Testaments do not look favourably upon abortion of the unborn or the murder of children already born. We believe a woman should be able make informed choices about their bodies, but we also believe that the child within her is not her body – it is a living being that deserves the right to life. In this, we champion the life of that unborn child. To learn more visit earlychristian.org

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

The Covenant of the Universal Father

What we call the Covenant of the Universal Father, the Book of Truth (Urantia Book) calls the "Salem Religion" or membership in the "Melchizedek Church." This is modified by our Covenant Administrator to include necessary verses for the modern age. You can read the basis of the Covenant from the original text at 93:4:1-15.

1. I believe in the Most High God, the one Universal Father and Creator of all things.
2. I accept this Covenant with the Most High God [El Elyon], which bestows the favour of God on my faith, not on sacrifices and burnt offerings of animals.
3. I promise to obey the Ten Commandments and to tell the Good News of the Book of Truth with the Most High to all peoples as far as I am humanly possible.
 4. The Ten Commandments that I promise to obey include:
 - 1) You shall not serve any God but the Most High Creator of heaven and earth, and you shall worship Him without the use of idols.
 - 2) You shall not doubt that faith is the only requirement for eternal salvation.
 - 3) You shall not bear false witness.
 - 4) You shall not murder the living or the unborn.
 - 5) You shall not steal.
 - 6) You shall not commit adultery.
 - 7) You shall not show disrespect for your parents and elders.
 - 8) You shall observe the Sabbath on the seventh day of the week [Saturday] for your entire life. [In addition to Saturday, we observe a non-obligatory Wednesday day of rest as practised by Yeshua.]
 - 9) You shall make an offering of thanksgiving with bread and wine on the evening [Friday] before Sabbath, along with the alms on the first day of the week [Sunday] as you are able.
 - 10) You shall not live a materialistic life, but instead, share with others as you are able.
5. I shall respect the fact that all men, women and children are equal before God and that everyone should be treated as brothers and sisters.
6. I promise to treat everyone with respect regardless of their differences, be it social status, gender, race, colour or ethnicity.
 7. I accept as my spiritual brothers those who uphold this covenant.
8. I shall forever keep alive on earth the truth of the one God and His Universal Fatherhood and the brotherhood of humanity.
9. I will always uphold the teachings of Yeshua as explained in the Book of Truth and as clarified by the Blessed Teacher of the current era, accepting the Book of Truth and the instructions of the Blessed Teacher as my Sacred Scriptures.
10. My signature indicates that I am committed to the teachings of this Covenant and the Book of Truth.

WORD SEARCH

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SUGGESTED HYMN

Abide With Me

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away; Change and decay in all around I see; O Thou who changest not, abide with me.
3. Not a brief glance I beg, a passing word; But as Thou dwell'st with Thy disciples, Lord, Familiar, condescending, patient, free. Come not to sojourn, but abide with me.
4. Come not in terrors, as the King of kings, But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings, Tears for all woes, a heart for every plea? Come, Friend of sinners, and thus bide with me.
5. Thou on my head in early youth didst smile; And, though rebellious and perverse meanwhile, Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee, On to the close, O Lord, abide with me.
6. I need Thy presence every passing hour. What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power? Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.
7. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness. Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.
8. Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies. Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

WHEN TO STOP SHARING THE GOSPEL WITH SOMEONE

During your ministry, you might find it difficult to share the gospel about the spiritual kingdom with certain individuals, especially if they become belligerent toward you or hostile about the message you're sharing. In some cases, the individual might inform you that they are not interested. In each of these cases, these are all good indications that it is time to stop sharing the gospel with the individual.

It is never a good idea to be forceful when sharing the gospel. Let everything work out as it should. Perhaps later on, the individual will be more receptive to hearing what the Book of Truth has to say about his future. Even if you have to stop associating with the individual, never stop praying for him and that God will open his eyes.

The Kingdom Messenger is published twice a month, as the Lord allows, for members of The Early Christian Church Restored. Its main purpose is to serve as a reminder of upcoming events, announcements, provide a daily reading schedule of the Book of Truth, and help provide tips and suggestions concerning how we can share the good news of Yeshua with others. If you have any questions, please contact us through the Church's website.