

# The Church in New York City

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Spanish-Speaking Conference for the Churches in the Northeast and Eastern Canada**

The Spanish-speaking Conference for the churches in the Northeast and Eastern Canada will take place online from **March 12 to 14**.

The **zoom link** to join the conference is:

<https://zoom.us/j/94178929814?pwd=bEJvZU5iWDVOVEJKemtQSIlFM3JwQT09>

Meeting ID: 941 7892 9814

Passcode: 2021

One tap mobile: +19294362866,,94178929814#

The **outlines of the messages** will be posted on the weekend of the conference on [www.churchinnyc.org](http://www.churchinnyc.org). All are invited. English translation will be provided for all messages.

#### Conference Schedule:

Message 1: 7:30pm-9:00pm, Fri, Mar. 12

Message 2: 7:30pm-9:00pm, Sat, Mar. 13

Message 3: 10:00am-Noon, Lord's Day, Mar. 14

Special fellowship: 4:00pm-5:30pm, Lord's Day, Mar. 14

- **Service Office Hours**

Service Office hours are available for saints to call in to fellowship or to pray with some serving ones.

**Day & Time:** Monday through Saturday (except Wednesday), 11AM-12PM.

Join via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/3785123114?pwd=dEpzN2ZGZ21aaGV5dTFob3AwQlBodz09>

Dial-in by Phone: +1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 378 512 3114 (Password: 3131)

The burden for holding these office hours is that the hearts of the saints can be comforted and that their souls would be restored.

### PRAYER BURDENS

- Fellowship with the young working saints and young families that was held last Saturday, March 6
- The strengthening of the saints' personal fellowship with the Lord and their daily walk with the Lord (Psa. 27:4; Gal. 5:25)
- Homecoming--That many who have not been with us recently would "come home" to the church, God's family (Eph. 2:19)
- The health and well-being of the elderly saints in their spirit and soul and body, and their participation and enjoyment of the church life
- The children's meeting service and the young people's service in all nine halls of the church
- The strengthening of the small group meetings and church meetings this week
- The various needs of the saints both locally and in other localities (e.g. physical and emotional, health-related, job-related, family-related, etc.)

### MORNING WATCH

**HWMR: 2020 December Semiannual Training  
Crystallization-Study of Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes**

*Week 1: The Great Question in the Book of Job and the Great Answer*

#### Portions from Days 1, 2, & 6:

The mystery hidden in God's heart is God's eternal economy (Eph. 1:10; 3:9; 1 Tim. 1:4), which is God's eternal intention with His heart's desire to dispense Himself in His Divine Trinity as the Father in the Son by the Spirit into His chosen people to be their life and nature that they may be the same as He is as His duplication (Rom. 8:29; 1 John 3:2), to become an organism, the Body of Christ as the new man (Eph. 2:15-16), for God's fullness, God's expression (Eph. 1:22-23; 3:19), which will consummate in the New Jerusalem (Rev. 21:2—22:5). Not knowing God's intention, Job misunderstood God and thought that God was angry with him and

was judging him and punishing him. God's intention was not to judge Job or to punish him but to tear him down and then rebuild him with Himself, to make Job a new man in God's new creation (2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 6:15). This is the answer to Job, to the book of Job, and to Job's vindication.

Job was right because his concept in general was not based on the principle of good and evil. However, he was groping in relation to the purpose for which God deals with His people. On the negative side, he was right; on the positive side, he was devoid of the divine revelation, not knowing that God's purpose in dealing with His people is that He wants His people to gain Him, to partake of Him, to possess Him, and to enjoy Him more and more, rather than all things, until their enjoyment reaches the fullest extent, as the divine revelation ultimately unveils in the New Testament, that His people may ultimately become the New Jerusalem.

Eventually, Job recognized that he had known God only "by the hearing of the ear" (Job 42:5a). He had heard about God and he had believed in God, but he had never seen God. However, through all the strippings and consumings, the time came when Job saw God (42:5b).

[In Matthew 5:8] seeing God is a great reward in the kingdom. According to the clear view in the New Testament, to see God is to receive God into us. If seeing God is merely an objective seeing of God and nothing else, that means very little. But seeing God is to receive God, and this means that God comes into us as our element to renew us, to transform us, because God's coming in adds the divine element into our being. This divine element works on us and in us to renew us, discharging all our old element. Eventually, our entire being becomes new. This is transformation. (Life-study of Job, pp. 116-117)

**Corporate Reading:** *"The Basic Revelation in the Holy Scriptures"* Chapter 3: The Spirit's Application; Chapter 4: The Believers

## **A Ministry Portion from "The Prayer Ministry of the Church":**

### **WATCH AND PRAY**

Prayer is a kind of service and should be given the utmost priority. But Satan's strategy is to put everything related to the Lord before prayer and make prayer the least important matter. ...Many people are enthusiastic about attending preaching

meetings, Bible study meetings, and other meetings of the church. They are interested in these meetings and make the time for these meetings. But whenever there is a prayer meeting, the number is amazingly low. Despite many sermons that remind us that our chief service is prayer and that if we fail in our prayer life, everything else will fail, we still neglect prayer and consider it to be something quite dispensable. Despite the facts that problems are piling up and that we acknowledge with our mouth that prayer is the only way to solve them, we talk more than we pray, and we worry and resort to methods more than we pray. In brief, everything comes before prayer; everything is important. Prayer is always placed last and considered least important.

We must deal with this problem in a definite way. Of course, in fighting for a time of prayer, there may be some dispute concerning our responsibility, duty, and obligations. Some may think that by devoting ourselves to prayer we may neglect our obligations, give up our duty, and damage or hurt our responsibility. However, when we are faced with such situations, we should bring all these problems, that is, our obligations, duty, and responsibility, to the Lord and pray. ...We have to understand that the enemy is trying to use responsibility, obligations, and other matters that touch the conscience, to create the best reason to stop us from praying. If we find that our prayer life has been completely annulled or has fallen into such a confined place that we become completely helpless in living a spiritual and transcendent, overcoming life, under these circumstances, we should pray to the Lord, "Lord, while I pray, I will commit my responsibilities to You. Do not allow anything to frustrate me or damage my time of prayer. Please guard this hour of prayer for me because it is during such time that Your glory is my consideration, and do not allow Satan to intrude into this hour."

We must fight for the time to pray, and we must secure a time to pray. If we wait until we have time to pray, we will never have the opportunity to pray. We must set aside a time to pray. Andrew Murray said, "Those who do not have a set time to pray do not pray." Hence, we must be watchful and secure the time to pray. We must also guard this time with prayer so that the devil will not usurp it by his deception.

- Excerpts from *"The Prayer Ministry of the Church"*, Chapter 5: *Watch and Pray* (sections 1 & 2)