

# The Church in New York City

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Regional Conference with Brother Ed Marks (continued)**

The last message of the conference will be held **online on Lord's day, March 28.**

Join via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/99444079328?pwd=YXFDUIZYanAxMHVwdUJiZWdwa1dJUT09>

Meeting ID: 994 4407 9328

Passcode: 2021

One tap mobile: +19294362866,,99444079328#

**Last Day of the Conference Schedule:**

**Lord's Table:** Lord's Day, Mar. 28, 10:00am-11:00am

**Message 2:** Lord's Day, Mar. 28, 11:00am-12:30pm

- **The Northeast Young People's Spring Conference**

The conference will be held from **Thursday, April 1st through Saturday, April 3rd on Zoom.** In the past this conference was primarily for junior high and high school age young people, however, this year we have a specific burden for the young people, college students, and families to be grouped together and join as well.

**Conference Schedule:**

Introduction: Apr. 1, 8:00 PM

Session 1 & Group time: Apr. 2, 4:00 - 5:15 pm

Session 2 & Group time: Apr. 2, 8:00 - 9:15 pm

Session 3 & Group time: Apr. 3, 10:00 - 11:15 am

Session 4 & Group time: Apr. 3, 4:00 - 5:15 pm

Session 5 & Group time: Apr. 3, 8:00 - 9:15 pm

The Registration is now closed. Any questions, please contact the young people serving ones in each hall. Zoom link, group information, and other content will be provided on the church website: [www.churchinnyc.org](http://www.churchinnyc.org).

- **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

- The church conference with Brother Ed Marks being held online this weekend:
  - a. That the Lord would speak a timely word through our brother that would meet the needs of all the saints and further the Lord's move in the church
  - b. For the technical aspects of the conference, including the translation of the messages into various languages, and for the internet connection of every saint
  - c. That the Lord would bless the blending of the churches
  - d. That the enemy would be bound and that the Lord would be glorified
- The Northeast Spring Young People's Conference which will be held online April 1-3
- The children:
  - a. The children's meeting service in every hall
  - b. The salvation of the children in grade 5 and the gathering for fellowship between the parents and serving saints of the fifth graders this Lord's Day, March 28
- The ongoing burden for the gospel in all the saints in all nine halls of the church

- The small group meetings and church meetings this week

## MORNING WATCH

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

#### *Week 4 - Day 5: Job and the Two Trees*

Christianity is not a matter of asking whether something is right or wrong. Christianity is a matter of checking with the life inside us whenever we do something. What does the new life which God has given us tell us inwardly about this matter?... Christianity does not require that we ask whether something is right or wrong, good or evil. On the contrary, whenever we do anything, there is a life within us which rises up to speak with us. When we feel right inwardly, when we feel the life inside of us moving, when we are strong within and sense the anointing, we know that we have life. Many times something is right and good in the eyes of man, but strangely the inner life has no response and grows cold and retreats.

God's Word tells us that our Christian living is based on an inner life, not an outward standard of right and wrong. Many worldly people, who are not saved, live according to the best standard of living they can attain: the principle of right and wrong. If you or I also live by the principle of right or wrong, we are the same as worldly people. Christians are different from non-Christians because we do not live by an outward standard or law. Our subject is not human morality or concepts. We do not determine whether something is right or wrong by subjecting it to human criticism or opinion. Today we have only one question: What does our inner life say? If the life is strong and active within us, we can do this; if the life is cold and retreating within us, we should not.

**Corporate Reading:** *"The Basic Revelation in the Holy Scriptures"* Chapter 5: The Church

### Ministry Portions:

In a normal prayer God speaks to us. Prayer should not be to take care of the problems that are on our heart but to contact God. To pray is to go to God, meet Him, draw near to Him, behold Him, commune with Him, and absorb Him. For example, an elder who is bearing a problem of the church on his heart should touch and absorb God. Instead of

mentioning the problem of the church, he should let God speak. God may ask the elder concerning his flesh. The elder has the problem of the church on his heart, but God asks concerning his flesh. Then the elder will immediately sense that he is a fleshly person. God may say, "The church has a problem because of your flesh." Then he can confess, "Yes, Lord. The problem is not with the church but with me. Lord, have mercy on me; save me." Such a prayer is real. When we touch God and let Him speak, our prayer expresses God...

Our problem is that we often go to God in prayer, but we do not let Him speak to us. We must understand that the best prayer is not one in which we speak to God but one in which God speaks to us. The more we touch God in our prayer, the more He will speak to us. What matters is not how much we speak to God, but how much God speaks to us. What matters is how much we let God appear to us, speak to us, touch us, and point out our inner condition. We should drop all our burdens, forget our requests, and pay attention only to what God is touching in us. Then we should pray only according to that point. Whatever God asks for is what we say. Then our prayer will be His speaking, His expression. The most genuine and valuable prayer is one in which God expresses His prayer through man. (CWWL, 1956, vol. 3, "The Meaning and Purpose of Prayer," ch. 2, pp. 238-239)

We should learn to behold the beauty of the Lord in silence ([Psa. 27:]4)...Beholding the beauty of the Lord is to look at the Lord in our spirit and to gaze at Him. When we come before God in prayer, we must learn to stop our speaking, to cut off our words, and to simply turn to our spirit to appear before Him, touch Him, behold Him in silence, and gaze upon Him. We need to look at Him again and again, beholding, appreciating, and even treasuring Him. This is very sweet and necessary. We should never consider prayer to be merely asking God to do something for us. No, the object and subject of prayer are not things. Both the object and subject of prayer are God Himself. First we should touch Him. Then we should be silent before Him. After this we should behold Him by looking and gazing at Him. This is to absorb God and enjoy Him. (CWWL, 1958, vol. 1, "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God," ch. 5, p. 412)

- Excerpts from [www.beseeching.org](http://www.beseeching.org). Day 243: Prayer for the Saints to be Perfected in Their Personal Fellowship with the Lord (3)