

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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

- That all the saints would be strengthened in their personal fellowship with the Lord every morning and in their daily reading and enjoyment of the Word of God

1 Corinthians 1:9--God is faithful, through whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord

Colossians 3:16a--Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly...

- Young Working Saints and Young Couples Conference for the churches in the Northeast held last weekend--Let us pray:
 - a. For the release of the burden of the word of the Lord and that the word would meet the need of all the saints
 - b. That through this conference all the young working saints and young couples would be strengthened to enter more into their full function in the church life wherever they are, and that as a result, all the churches in the Northeast would be strengthened and built up

- The young people and college saints--That all the middle school, high school and college saints would "hold forth the word of life" and "shine forth as luminaries in the world," "in the midst of a crooked and perverted generation" (Philippians 2:15-16)
- The strengthening of all the small group meetings and church meetings this week, whether in person or online
- The Lord's move in the United States:
 - a. That the Lord would preserve this nation for the preaching of the gospel and the spread of His testimony
 - b. For the preaching of the gospel on all the high school and college campuses wherever the saints attend all over the country
 - c. For the gaining of many children, and eventually families, through neighborhood children's meetings
- 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: 2021 July Semiannual Training

General Subject: Crystallization Study of Joshua, Judges, Ruth

Week 5: The Produce of the Land of Canaan and the Intrinsic Significance of the Allotment of the Good Land

Portion from Days 3&5:

Consider what you are eating today. Are you eating the Lamb, the manna, or the rich produce of the good land?...In your Christian life, the eating of Christ must progress from the Lamb and the manna to the solid food of the good land. You need to eat the wheat, the barley, and all the other foodstuffs that have the minerals to make you strong stones, iron, and copper for God's building and for the fighting of the battle. (CWWL, 1977, vol. 1, "The Kernel of the Bible," p. 206)

We must build the temple and fight the battle so that God may have the kingdom. This is what God needs today. The tabernacle is not adequate. God needs a temple with a city in a kingdom with the kingship and the fighting capability. The Lamb energizes us to leave Egypt, and the manna nourishes us and constitutes us with the heavenly element. Although both of these items are good, they are not good for fighting. No one would fight a battle with a lamb or with manna. We need solid food with minerals in it. We need to be rocks, not wafers. We need weapons made out of iron and copper. Oh, we need stones, iron, and copper to build up the temple, to establish the kingdom, to fight the battle, and to defeat the enemy!...As His people eat the solid food and take in the minerals that make them stones, iron, and copper, God has His kingdom.

Our walking in Christ is the cooperation we render to Him in His activity. By cooperating with Him in this way, we spontaneously absorb His riches into our being. What we absorb of Christ into us—the element of the riches of Himself as the soil—becomes the increase of God within us....This increase of God within us is what we mean by the growth of God.

When we realize that we have been rooted in Him, we shall automatically walk in Him. According to Colossians 2:6 and 7, the rooting must precede the walking. Having been rooted in Christ, we now walk in Him. We simply remain in Christ, and He does the walking. Thus, His walking becomes our walking.

Corporate Reading: *“The History of God in His Union with Man”* Chapter 7: Working on His Elect from Abraham to Joseph (2)

MINISTRY PORTIONS

THE KINGDOM (1)

In Matthew 16:18-19 these two terms, the church and the kingdom, are interchangeable. Where there is the church, surely there is the kingdom. If there is the kingdom, surely there is the church.

God’s desire is to have a people who will go along with Him to overcome Satan and all the negative things. This is possible for us not in ourselves but by His full salvation. To overcome is to experience this full salvation. This salvation includes our spirit’s regeneration and our soul’s full

transformation, issuing in our body’s transfiguration. To say this is easy, but to experience this needs much work of grace.

As long as we are going along with His transforming work, we are overcomers. When we do not go along with His work in us, we are defeated. Whether we are overcomers or defeated ones depends on our attitude toward God’s transforming work.What is our attitude? To obey God is to go along with His work of transformation. We are all here under His transforming work.

The matter of the kingdom is very much related to our daily life. God’s transforming work is actually His exercising of His kingdom.

The kingdom is the ruling, the government, of God (Acts 26:18; Col. 1:13). Here God can exercise His authority for the fulfillment of His purpose (Matt. 6:13b). The Lord Jesus prayed in Matthew 6:10, “Your kingdom come; Your will be done.” If there is no kingdom, God has no way to accomplish His will. God needs a kingdom to accomplish His purpose.

The kingdom is related to the inner life and to the church life. John 3:3 and 5 tell us that we must be reborn to see the kingdom and to enter into the kingdom. To enter into the kingdom of God is a matter of the inner life. We need to be born again in order to have the divine life. When we have this life, we are in the kingdom. To receive the divine life is to enter into the kingdom of God.

In Matthew 16:18-19 the Lord said that He will build His church and then that He would give to Peter the keys of the kingdom of the heavens. These verses show that the kingdom is for the church. Romans 14:17 says, “The kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.” Romans 14 is a chapter on how to receive the weaker ones in the church life. When Paul mentions the kingdom of God in this chapter, he is referring to the church life. The church life is the kingdom of God today. The church life, the kingdom of God, is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.

- Excerpts from *“The Basic Revelation in the Holy Scriptures”*, Chapter 6: The Church (1)