

# The Church in New York City

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The regional conference for the churches will be held online over the weekend of October 30-31 and you are all welcome to attend. The general subject of the conference will be **God's Good Pleasure**. Brother Ed Marks will be joining us for the conference.

The conference schedule is as follows:

**Message 1:** Saturday, Oct.30, 10:00am-12:00pm

**Message 2:** Saturday, Oct.30, 7:30pm-9:30pm

**Lord's Table:** *please see note below*

**Message 3:** Lord's Day, Oct.31, 11:00am-12:30pm

The conference will be held online via Zoom. The link is below and will also be available on the website of the church in NYC [www.churchinnyc.org](http://www.churchinnyc.org) sometime next week. Registration is not required. Language translation into Chinese, Spanish, and Korean will be available via the Zoom.

Please note, the Lord's Table will not be part of the conference. We hope the saints would join the Lord's Table meeting in their respective localities and then together join the Zoom meeting for the final message at 11:00am on the Lord's Day.

#### Zoom Information

**Topic:** Regional conference (Oct.30-31, 2021)

<https://zoom.us/j/99368644367?pwd=SzR3UHVQTecwWG9sQW9HdGd3Qmpxdz09>

**Meeting ID:** 993 6864 4367

**Passcode:** 2021

Please pray that the Lord will use this opportunity for the release of His Word and the strengthening of the churches.

- **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), 10:30AM-11:30AM.

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 International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (ITERO) held last weekend:
  - a. Pray for the training; the general subject is Meeting God's Need and Present Needs in the Lord's Recovery
  - b. Pray for the leading ones in all the churches (Heb. 13:7)
- The strengthening of the families and all the households in the church life
- The children, the young people and the college students and the strengthening of all the serving ones
- The strengthening of the church meetings and small group meetings this week whether in-person or online
- The Chinese-speaking conference being held over the weekend of October 16-17
- The Korean-speaking conference being held online over the weekend of October 23-24 for the churches in North America

### MORNING WATCH

**HWMR: 2021 July Semiannual Training**

**General Subject:** Crystallization Study of Joshua, Judges, Ruth

**Week 7: God's Raising Up of Deborah as a Judge of Israel and as a Mother in Israel Who Practiced the Female Submission to the Man in Order to Keep God's Ordination and Bring All of Israel into a Proper Order under God's Kingship and Headship**

### **Portion from Days 1 & 3:**

To receive Him as the Son of David is to recognize His kingly status and to realize that we should be under His kingship and sovereignty. He comes to us not merely as the Savior but as the King-Savior. If He is not the King to us, He cannot be our Savior. If we are not under His authority, His administration, we cannot be saved. Salvation comes to us under His administration, under His kingship. If we say, "O Lord Jesus, I take You as my King," we will be saved to the uttermost.

If we have Christ as the Son of David, the greater Solomon, we will also have Him as the Son of Abraham, the real Isaac. This means that if we have the kingdom, we will also have the blessing. This is the blessing of life, the blessing of the processed Triune God consummated as the all-inclusive Spirit. Many of us can testify that by receiving Christ as our King we enjoy the processed Triune God as our blessing. The more we are under the Lord's ruling, the more we enjoy the Triune God as our blessing.

To be submissive requires the supply of life, the enjoyment of grace, the working of the cross, and the denial of the self. We should never try to be submissive by our self. We should consecrate ourselves to the Lord not to do a work for the Lord but simply to be submissive. If the sisters take care of this one matter of being submissive, the church will be strengthened, enriched, and renewed. If the sisters in a local church are submissive, the church will be strong, living, rich, and prevailing. It is much more prevailing for the sisters to be submissive than for them to do any kind of work. This is the first lesson the sisters need to learn. This does not mean that there is no need for the sisters to fellowship with the church, but the sisters must know that their position and standing are to be submissive.

## **MINISTRY PORTIONS**

### **THE REALITY OF THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS**

The reality of the kingdom of the heavens, as the reality of the church life (Rom. 14:17), is revealed in Matthew 5 through 7. John 3:5 reveals that regeneration is our entrance into the kingdom of

God. To enter into the kingdom of God requires regeneration as a new beginning of our life (vv. 3, 5), but to "enter into the kingdom of the heavens" demands surpassing righteousness in our living after we have been regenerated (Matt. 5:20). Matthew 5 through 7 shows us the reality of the kingdom of the heavens.

### **THE APPEARANCE OF THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS**

The appearance of the kingdom of the heavens is revealed in the parables of the tares, of the mustard seed, and of the leaven in Matthew 13:24-42. The appearance of the kingdom of the heavens is Christendom, which is filled with false things. The tares are the nominal, false believers. There are many such "believers" in Christendom.

Christmas is an example of this leaven. Originally, December 25 was the day that the ancient Romans celebrated the birth of the sun. With the spread of the Catholic Church, she assimilated this ancient festival because she had taken in thousands of unbelievers who still wanted to celebrate the birthday of their god. To accommodate them, the Catholic Church took December 25 to be the birthday of Christ. This is the source of the leaven of Christmas.

Christmas actually has nothing to do with Christ or the church. In the Lord's recovery we have only Christ. We do not have "endom." The "endom" is something added to Christ. In the word Christmas, the suffix mas is the "endom," the appearance of the kingdom of the heavens.

With the pope and the cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church we can also see Christendom, the appearance of the kingdom of the heavens. We do not want to be in the appearance; we want to be in the reality. If we live in the reality of the kingdom of the heavens today, we will enjoy its manifestation in the future.

- Excerpts from "The Basic Revelation in the Holy Scriptures", Chapter 7: The Church (2) Section 2-3