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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **December 2021 Semi-Annual Training**

The December 2021 Semi-Annual Training, which will be on The Crystallization-Study of 1 & 2 Samuel, will be held by video training only. Registration is now closed.

Schedule for Training Session:

Message 1, 4:00 PM, Friday, Dec. 24
Message 2, 7:00 PM, Friday, Dec. 24
Message 3, 10:00 AM, Saturday, Dec. 25
Message 4, 4:00 PM, Saturday, Dec. 25
Message 5, 7:00 PM, Saturday, Dec. 25
LORD'S TABLE, 10:00 AM, Sunday, Dec. 26
Message 6, 11:00 AM, Sunday, Dec. 26
(Open Meeting)

Message 7, 4:00 PM, Friday, Dec. 31
Message 8, 7:00 PM, Friday, Dec. 31
Message 9, 10:00 AM, Saturday, Jan. 1
Message 10, 4:00 PM, Saturday, Jan. 1
Message 11, 7:00 PM, Saturday, Jan. 1
LORD'S TABLE, 10:00 AM, Sunday, Jan. 2
Message 12, 11:00 AM, Sunday, Jan. 2
(Open Meeting)

Schedule for Review/Study Session:

Messages 1&2, 7:30 PM, Mon., Dec. 27
Messages 3&4, 7:30 PM, Wed., Dec. 29
Messages 5&6, 7:30 PM, Thurs., Dec. 30
Messages 7&8, 7:30 PM, Mon., Jan. 3
Messages 9&10, 7:30 PM, Wed., Jan. 5
Messages 11&12, 7:30 PM, Thurs., Jan. 6

- **Service Office Hours**

Due to the December Semi-annual training and review, Service Office hours will be suspended till January 10, 2022.

PRAYER BURDENS

- That all the saints would pray in perseverance until the Lord accomplishes His desire on the

earth for the building up of the church and the bringing in of the kingdom

Ephesians 6:18--...and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints.

Isaiah 62:6-7--Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen; all day and all night they will never keep silent. You who remind Jehovah, do not be dumb; and do not give Him quiet until He establishes and until He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

- The upcoming semiannual December training on the books of 1 & 2 Samuel which will begin on Friday, December 24, in NYC
- The strengthening of the children's meeting service in all nine halls and the raising up of more neighborhood children's meetings in 2022
- The citywide young people's gathering this past Saturday which was held in several homes and in a few of the meeting halls
- The preparation of the newly purchased meeting halls in Brooklyn (Hall 4) and on the Upper West Side (Hall 6) and the preparation of the saints for the use of the new halls
- The annual National Blending Conference for the churches in Australia held online this past weekend
- The construction of the new meeting hall in Atlanta, GA which will serve not only as a meeting hall for the church in Atlanta but also as a blending center for all the churches in the Southeast

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: 2021 Spring International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones

General Subject: Vital Factors for the Recovery of the Church Life

Week 8: The Factor of Living an Overcoming Life in the Recovered Church to Consummate the Divine Economy and Become the New Jerusalem

Portion from Day 4:

[In Revelation 3:12] the overcomer will be made a pillar built into the temple of God. Because he is built into God's building, "he shall by no means go out anymore." This promise will be fulfilled in the millennial kingdom as a prize to the overcomer. To overcome in the church in Philadelphia is not to get anything or to overcome other things; it is to keep what we have received in the Lord's recovery to the end. If you do this, the Lord will make you a pillar in God's temple. This reminds us of Jacob's dream in Genesis 28. After Jacob had that dream, he set up the stone which he had used for a pillow to be a pillar. That pillar was for God's building....The principle is exactly the same today. The Lord has set up a good number of stones to be pillars in His recovery....Once a stone has been set as a pillar into the building, it can never be removed, for it has been built in....If you have been built into the temple as a pillar, you could not leave even if you wanted to. (Life-study of Revelation, pp. 193-194)

The Lord makes us pillars by transforming us, that is, by carrying away our natural element and by replacing it with His divine essence. Therefore, the meaning of make in Revelation 3:12 is to constitute us into something, to construct us in a creative way. In the church life today the Lord is making us, constituting us, into pillars in the temple of God. The Lord's work in the church is to work Himself into us as the divine flow to carry away our natural being and replace it with His substance that we may be gradually processed by His transforming element. As the result of this transforming work, we become pillars in the temple of God.

Revelation 3:12 tells us that the overcomers will be pillars in the temple of God in the coming age. However, Revelation 21:22, speaking of the New Jerusalem in the coming age and in eternity, says, "I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple." Here we see that in the New Jerusalem the Triune God Himself will be the temple. This means that for the overcomers to be pillars in the temple means that they will be pillars in the Triune God. This involves being mingled with the Triune God and constituted of Him. This is a mystery.

Corporate Reading: *"How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God"* Ch. 5: How to Enjoy God in Prayer & Ch. 6: How to Enjoy God in Reading the Word.

MINISTRY PORTIONS

God's Dwelling Place for Eternity

What God cares about is a living composition of His chosen, redeemed, regenerated, transformed, and glorified people. All these will be built together to express God for eternity. This will satisfy God forever. Satan will be in the lake of fire. God will be in His living dwelling place. All those He created, chose, redeemed, regenerated, and transformed will be glorified into His image. He will be living in them, and they will be living in Him. No one can adequately explain such a profound concept. Marvelous! This will be God's dwelling and the wife of His dear Son, Christ. No physical building can be a wife. A wife is something organic—a living person.

The New Jerusalem signifies God's dwelling in the new heaven and new earth. In the New Testament God's dwelling place on earth was first an individual man, Jesus Christ, signified by the tabernacle (John 1:14), and then a corporate man, the church, signified by the temple (1 Cor. 3:16). In the new heaven and new earth, God's dwelling, as the wife of the Lamb (Rev. 21:9-10), is also a living composition of His redeemed people, composed of both the Old Testament saints, represented by the twelve tribes, and the New Testament saints, represented by the twelve apostles (vv. 12, 14).

Excerpts from "The Basic Revelation in the Holy Scriptures", Chapter 9: The New Jerusalem – The Ultimate Consummation (2)

SELECTED VERSES

Rev. 3:11-12

3:11 I come quickly; hold fast what you have that no one take your crown.

3:12 He who overcomes, him I will make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall by no means go out anymore, and I will write upon him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which descends out of heaven from My God, and My new name.