

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Citywide Children's Meeting Service Fellowship (Saturday, September 17)**

There will be a gathering for all the serving saints and parents of children in pre-K to grade 5 on Saturday morning, September 17, beginning at 10 am. This meeting is for all the serving saints and parents in all nine halls of the church and will be held in Hall 1 (Jamaica Estates). Following the meeting, lunch will be provided so that the saints from the different halls can have the opportunity to blend and that the serving saints from the various halls can meet together for coordination during or after lunch if they so desire.

- **Northeast Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference (September 23-25)**

Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference for the churches in the Northeast will be held in KPCC from September 23 to 25.

Please complete the form at the following link to register: <https://forms.gle/xqNtesgEs2aFzfVt9>
Schedule and more available information can be found in the registration link and the church website at <https://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), 10:30AM-11:30AM.

Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/3785123114?pwd=dEpzN2ZGZ21aaGV5dTfob3AwQlBodz09>

Meeting ID: 378 512 3114

Passcode: 3131

One tap mobile: +19294362866,, 3785123114#

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 Spanish-speaking Conference for the churches in the Northeast which concludes today at Camp Penuel
- The strengthening and going on of the churches in Upstate New York
- The strengthening of the Children's Meeting service in every hall:
 - a. The covering of all the children during the new school year
 - b. The citywide Children's Meeting fellowship for serving ones and parents being held on Saturday, September 17 in Hall 1
- The young people and college students—The strengthening of all the young people in middle school and high school and of all the college age saints and the spread of the gospel on every campus during this new semester
- The Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference for the churches in the Northeast to be held at Camp Penuel over the weekend of September 23-25
- The Lord's move in Europe:
 - a. European University Training in France (Sept. 9-11), UK & Ireland (Sept. 11-16), and Germany (Sept. 20-24) covering God's Economy which is in Faith
 - b. The preaching of the gospel on the European university campuses this September and October
 - c. Upcoming gospel trips in Germany and Switzerland (October 10-23)

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: The Grace of God in the Economy of God
Week 5: Receiving Grace upon Grace for Grace to Be Enthroned within Us So That We May Reign in Life

to Become God's Poem, the New Jerusalem, as the Ultimate and Consummate Product of the Grace of God in His Economy

Portion from Days 1 & 4:

Romans 5:17 says that we can reign in life by grace. ...To reign is to conquer, subdue, and rule over Satan, the world, sin, the flesh, ourselves, and all the environmental circumstances.

It may be easy for people to rule over their dogs. Dogs can be very obedient. But what about our own children?...Children learn to say no before they say many other words...How can we be kings when we cannot rule our children in the divine life? We believers who are parents must exercise ourselves to learn how to be kings in ruling our children. We must have grace to rule our children. We also have to rule over the sin within us, to rule over Satan, and to rule over the world. We should not let the world's fashion conquer us. Instead, we should conquer all things and reign in life by grace.

According to Hebrews 4:16, we may find grace to meet our timely need. What element causes us to need grace? It is mainly the flesh...As I passed through all the human experiences, I came to realize how much we are in the flesh. Although I do not like to be in the flesh, the flesh is here. Once I got mad at the Lord and said to Him, "Lord, why don't You take away my flesh?" Eventually He showed me that, in a sense, I needed the flesh, for the flesh is the very factor that compels me to come to the throne of grace. I cannot do anything with this flesh. All I can do is go to the throne of grace. Although there is nothing that we can do, yet there is somewhere that we can go—the throne of grace.

God is sovereign and wise. He knows that if He were to take away the flesh, probably very few of us would be desperate to seek His grace. In His sovereignty and wisdom, He leaves the flesh here, knowing that, in a sense, it is useful to us. Day and night the flesh helps us turn to the throne of grace. When we are matured, that is, when we are raptured, we will be able to turn to the flesh and say, "Little flesh, your time is over. You may leave now." Before the maturity of life, in a sense we need the flesh, not to damage us, but to force us to come to the throne of grace. (*Life-study of Genesis, pp. 379-381*)

Corporate Reading: *"The Tree of Life" Ch. 14: God's Intention fulfilled In Transformation*

MINISTRY PORTIONS

Turning Mental Understanding into Meditation and Prayer

We should consider what we have touched and received and turn it into prayer. For example, there is no need for us to try to understand Genesis 1:1. Spontaneously, there will be a realization within us that God is the beginning and that He is the Creator. At this juncture we can muse and consider and even turn our thoughts into prayer, saying, "God, may You be the beginning in all my ways. May my whole life and the beginning of everything that I do be filled with Your divine element." In this way we will be able to apply our realization of the Word to our daily living. When we do this, we are absorbing God.

Receiving More of God

When we read the Word, the ultimate result should not merely be the acquisition of more truth but the gaining of the Lord Himself. We are contacting the Lord, receiving the Lord, and praying to the Lord; therefore, in the end we should gain the Lord.

For example, when a brother is looking for a job, he may search the Scriptures for something related to jobs and careers. He may even use a concordance to find verses. He may eventually say that he is clear concerning the Christian perspective about a job. He may even say, [428] "Lord, thank You for showing me Your will." However, this brother has received merely doctrine that can be retained in his mind. His mind may be somewhat corrected, taught, and educated, but this is the wrong way to read the Word.

When we have a problem with our job or when we are looking for solutions to other problems, we should not make these things an issue when we go to God. The Lord should be the subject of our prayer, and He should also be the subject of our reading. When we study the Word, we should say, "Lord, I want to contact You through Your Word. Your Word is Your very self." We should exercise our spirit to contact the Lord.We will be clear about the Lord's will. This is not a matter of understanding the truth but of gaining the truth. As we contact the living Lord and as His element within us increases, He, the living God Himself, becomes our living guidance. He teaches us to understand God's will.

Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 6: How to Enjoy God in Reading the Word (Section 4)