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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The 2022 Northeast High School Juniors and Seniors Retreat (Oct. 14-16)**

The 2022 Northeast High School Juniors and Seniors Retreat will be held on October 14-16 at KPCC. Since 1999, we have held a special gathering every year for our high school juniors and seniors to further equip them as they transition out of high school and into college. **Registration will open today.** For more details, please visit pursuewiththose.org.

- **Service Office Hours**

Service Office Hours will be suspended until October 10, 2022.

PRAYER BURDENS

- The Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference for the churches in the Northeast which concludes today at Camp Penuel
- Give thanks to the Lord for His speaking in the citywide Children's Meeting fellowship this past Saturday and pray for the strengthening and advance of the Children's Meeting service in every hall of the church in NYC and in the church in Rosendale
- Thanksgiving for the Lord's rich blessing on the first meeting in the new hall in Brooklyn (Hall 4) two weeks ago--Let us praise the Lord for this new beginning for the saints in Hall 4 and pray for the strengthening of every aspect of the church life in Brooklyn
- Puerto Rico, Taiwan and Japan:
 - a. Pray for the saints and the people of Puerto Rico in the aftermath of Hurricane Fiona and for the saints and the people of Taiwan in the aftermath of the earthquake there this past weekend; give thanks to the Lord that there was no loss of life among the saints and pray that the Lord would grant all the saints His

superabounding grace and meet their every need in Christ Jesus (1 Tim. 1:14; Phil. 4:19)

- b. Pray for the saints and for the people of Japan in the aftermath of Typhoon Nanmadol

- The Lord's move in Europe:
 - a. Conference and first Lord's Table meeting in Lisbon, Portugal over the weekend of October 1-2--Let us praise the Lord for the establishing of His testimony in Lisbon and pray for this blending of over 200 saints from 25 nations, including many new ones
 - b. Upcoming gospel trips in Germany and Switzerland (October 10-23)
- 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: 2022 Memorial Day Weekend Conference Taking The Way of Enjoying Christ as The Tree of Life

Week 2: The Two Trees and the Two Principles of Living

Portion from Days 2, 4 & 5:

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. Our principle for living is inward instead of outward...We can only see what is really right when the Spirit of

God operates within us. If we feel that there is life inwardly, then that matter is right. If we do not feel the inward life, then the matter is wrong. Right and wrong are not decided by an outward standard but by the inner life.

A basic principle—the way to follow the Lord is to do things not according to our mind with its thoughts but according to the inner sense and the deep consciousness in the innermost part of our being. We need to follow this deep inner sense because it is the sense of the Lord in our spirit.

The sense of life on the negative side is the feeling of death, ...When you set your mind on the flesh, you have the sense of death... On the positive side the sense of life functions to give us a consciousness of the following positive things—strength, satisfaction, peace, rest, release, liveliness, watering, brightness, comfort, etc. (v. 6b).

Any kind of life has its feeling... The higher the life is, the stronger the feeling is. The divine life is the strongest and highest life, so it has the richest, strongest, and keenest feeling (Eph. 4:18). ...If we are one with the life of God, we will have the richest, strongest, and keenest feeling.

If we are living in the natural life, the sense is of death and is entirely on the negative side... If we are living in the divine life, the sense is of life and is entirely on the positive side. Then we have the feeling of life and peace with all of its positive points. The sense of life makes us know whether we are living in the natural life or in the divine life. The sense of life guides us, governs us, controls us, and directs us.

Corporate Reading: *“The Tree of Life” Ch. 16: God’s Ultimate Intention Realized*

MINISTRY PORTIONS

After God created man, He did not say to man, "I am the Creator. Worship Me, serve Me, and work for Me." God did not do this. In His first contact with man He presented Himself to man as food in the form of the tree of life. He did not ask man to do anything. Rather, He made Himself available to man as food. He did not want man to toil for Him; He wanted man to enjoy Him. He presented Himself to man as food in the way of life. In other words, He became man's life in the form of food. This is a crucial matter.

The sixty-six books of the Bible focus on this one subject. This is the unique subject. If the Bible

speaks of love, it is a love that is lived out through our eating of God. If the Bible speaks of patience, it is a patience that is lived out through our receiving of God. If the Bible speaks of holiness, it is a holiness that is manifested through our digestion of God. If the Bible speaks of zeal, it is a zeal that comes from the fire that burns within us through our breathing of the fiery God. The things of God that are recorded in the Bible are only God Himself.

The line that runs through the entire Bible, from beginning to end, is God becoming food to man. He wants man to eat Him, drink Him, and enjoy Him. He wants to be life to man. Once we know this, we can understand that the relationship between God and man is not a matter of worship or service or a matter of doing some work for Him. These are secondary and ancillary. The crux of the issue is that we must eat God, drink Him, absorb Him, and enjoy Him.

Excerpts from “How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God”, Chapter 7: Enjoying God by Eating and Drinking Him

SELECTED VERSES

Gen 2:9, 17

2:9 And out of the ground Jehovah God caused to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, as well as the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, of it you shall not eat; for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.

Rom 8:6, 11

8:6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.

8:11 And if the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.

Heb 4:12

4:12 For the word of God is living and operative and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit and of joints and marrow, and able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart.