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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2023 International Chinese-Speaking Conference (cont.)**

We will watch the 2023 International Chinese-Speaking Conference via Zoom. The meeting schedule is as follows:

Message 4: 11:00am L.D., February 19, 2023

Message 5: 7:30pm L.D., February 19, 2023

Meeting ID: 841 8744 5644

Passcode: 2023

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84187445644?pwd=d0d5UXBhMEZUS3duREt1TjBTTEwwUT09>

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- **NYC Young People's Winter Retreat (Feb. 19-21)**

This year's NYC Young People's Winter Retreat will be held at **Camp Penuel** from **February 19 to 21** (this afternoon to Tuesday afternoon). We encourage the young people in grades 6 through 12 and their families to attend. Please register at www.tinyurl.com/2023ypretreat.

- **Northeast Spanish-speaking Conference (Mar. 10-12)**

The Northeast Spanish-speaking Conference will be held at **Camp Penuel (KPCC)** from **March 10 to 12**. English translation will be provided for all messages.

Please see details in the invitation link posted at www.churchinnyc.org. The registration deadline is **February 26**. We encourage all the saints to register with brothers Henry Gonzalez, Ivanhoe Frederick or Osmar Suarez.

- **Service Office Hours**

There will be no Service Office hour this week. It will be resumed on Monday, February 27, 2023.

PRAYER BURDENS

- That all the saints would enjoy the Word of God daily and be constituted with the truth so that the church in NYC would shine brightly as a golden lampstand and bear the Lord's testimony as the pillar and base of the truth
- The burden for the gospel:
 - a. The follow-up to all the gospel labor of the FTTA trainees from these past two weeks in NYC, in Upstate NY and in New Jersey, as well as in the rest of North America and in Europe
 - b. The gospel meeting on Friday, February 24, which will be held online in the Crucial Truths of the Bible meeting
- The International Chinese-speaking Conference (ICSC) being held in Anaheim, CA this weekend and viewed online locally
- The Winter Retreat for all the young people in the church in NYC which will be held in Camp Penuel beginning today, February 19
- The strengthening of the church meetings and small group meetings this week, as well as all the practical services in all nine halls
- 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: LOVING THE LORD AND LOVING ONE ANOTHER FOR THE ORGANIC BUILDING UP OF THE CHURCH AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Week 7: Being Perfect as the Heavenly Father Is Perfect by Being Perfected in His Love

Portions from Days 1 & 6:

I have the life of my heavenly Father within me!...I am now living by this life in my spirit and walking according to the spirit. By this life in my spirit I spontaneously fulfill the highest requirements of the law of the kingdom of the heavens. This is not my boast; it is my humble testimony to give glory to the Lord. This does not mean that I am able to do anything. It means that He is able, for He is in me as my life. He is able to do the same in you and for you. In order for this to be your experience, you need to have a vision of the hopelessness of your natural life. After your natural life has been thoroughly dug out and exposed, you will realize that it is a hopeless case, that you should have no trust in it, and that you must turn to the Father's divine life and nature within you...You can easily turn to the Father's life because at this very moment it is in your spirit. Simply walk according to your spirit, and all the righteous requirements of the law will be fulfilled in you.

When we enjoy the divine nature, we mainly enjoy God as Spirit, love, and light because these are the three main constituents of the divine nature. Spirit is the nature of God's person, love is the nature of God's essence, and light is the nature of God's expression. To partake of the divine nature is to partake of the divine Spirit, the divine love, and the divine light. When we touch the Spirit, this issues in the person of God. When we touch God as the super, nobler, and higher love, the issue is that we are made distinct and different... Human society has been "darkened" by sin. In this respect, everyone in the human race is basically the same...When someone gets saved, however, and they contact the Lord daily, remaining in the fellowship and cooperating with the inward divine operation, they are filled with God as love. This inward love makes them different. They become distinct in their school, in their homes, and among their relatives, colleagues, and classmates. (CWWL, 1984, vol. 3, "God's New Testament Economy," p. 407)

Corporate Reading: *"The Economy of God and the Mystery of the Transmission of the Divine Trinity" Ch. 12: Becoming a Useful Vessel in the Lord's Hand (2)*

MINISTRY READINGS

God Being Enjoyed by Man in the Spirit

Thank the Lord that our Passover Lamb has been slain. The Christ who has come to be our food has been crucified and resurrected. In His

resurrection He is the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is now wonderful and mystical. All that God is and all that He has passed through are now in the Spirit. In incarnation, divinity entered into humanity, and in resurrection, humanity entered into divinity. Humanity is now in the Spirit. We should realize that all the fullness of God is in the Spirit. The Spirit has been given, He has been poured out, and He has been breathed out.

The Bible says that the Spirit has even been sent forth into all the earth (Rev. 5:6). Today this Spirit has been poured out and sent forth into all the earth. Our God is now in the Spirit. Today He is like the air, filling the entire [467] earth. He is omnipresent; He permeates everything and is present everywhere. Therefore, anyone can contact Him and receive Him.

Human beings need food and drink, and they also need air. Of these three things, air is the most available. God is Spirit, and everything related to Him is in the Spirit. Today the Spirit is like the air that we breathe. He is everywhere; He permeates everything and is omnipresent.He is just as available as air; we can breathe Him in. There is no need for us to exert any effort to breathe Him in. What a blessing this is!

Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 10: How God Becomes Man's Enjoyment in the Spirit (part 3)