

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Northeast Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference (April 21-23)**

The Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference for the saints in the Northeast will be held at Camp Penuel on April 21-23.

We encourage the saints to arrive on Friday night, April 21. Dinner will not be provided and there will be no formal meeting on Friday evening, but saints who arrive early can get settled in, spend time together, and fellowship before the conference starts. The conference concludes with lunch on Lord's Day, April 23.

- **Registration for the July 2023 Semiannual Training**

Registration for the July 2023 Semiannual Training has begun. Please submit your registration for both the live training in Anaheim and the video training by filling out the online form: <http://bit.ly/nycregistration>. The due date for registration is **May 1, 2023**.

- **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 Meeting ID: 378 512 3114

Passcode: 3131

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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

- Thanksgiving to the Lord for His speaking in the Northeast Spring Highschoolers Conference held two weeks ago at Camp Penuel; let us pray for all the young people who attended the conference and for the word of the Lord released during the conference, that it will not return to the Lord vainly, but that it will accomplish what He sent it forth to do (Isa. 55:11)
- Prayer for the saints' daily time in the word of God and for the ongoing truth pursuit of the saints, that all the saints would be constituted with the truth and that the church would have the reality of being "the pillar and base of the truth" (1 Tim. 3:15)
- Prayer for the strengthening of the prayer ministry of the church and for the strengthening of all the prayer meetings
- The salvation of all the children in grade 5:
 - a. The ongoing preparation of the hearts of all the fifth graders through the weekly meetings in each hall; citywide there are currently 24 children in our grade 5 children's meetings (we should also pray for the 10 children in grades 6 and 7 that are not yet saved)
 - b. The citywide gathering of the children in grade 5 this past Saturday in Hall 8 (this was the first of a series of gatherings leading up to a gospel meeting later in the semester)
- The Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference to be held at Camp Penuel over the weekend of April 21-23
- The Gospel to All the Nations Conference to be held in Brooklyn over the weekend of May 6-7
- 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 DECEMBER SEMIANNUAL TRAINING - CRYSTALLIZATION-STUDY OF 1 & 2 CHRONICLES, EZRA, NEHEMIAH, AND ESTHER

Week 3: The Rebuilding of the Altar of God—the Altar of Burnt Offering

Portions from Days 2 and 6:

Driving down the street can be a reminder of the way of the cross. As we drive, we come to many intersections. Have you realized that every intersection is a cross? Some of these crosses may be large and others may be small, but they are all crosses. Only by passing through many crosses can we get to our destination. Speaking of spiritual experience, we also must pass through many crosses before we can reach the New Jerusalem. Just as we cannot travel very far geographically without crossing an intersection, so we cannot progress spiritually without passing through the cross. Only when we arrive at the New Jerusalem shall we cease to pass through the cross, for by that time all the negative things will have been eliminated. Until we come to the New Jerusalem, we need to pass through the cross day by day in our walk with the Lord.

In the New Testament, we who belong to God should offer ourselves as a burnt offering daily to God for His satisfaction. The difference is that the Old Testament people offered dead sacrifices, whereas we offer living sacrifices...To offer ourselves to the Lord is to be a sacrifice for His satisfaction. What matters is not what we do for the Lord, but that we satisfy Him. This is the real significance of our consecration to the Lord.

The purpose of our consecration to the Lord is to live to Him [2 Cor. 5:15]. Living to Him is higher than living for Him. When we live for Him, we and He may still be two, but when we live to Him, we and He must become one. When we live to Him, we take Him not only as our life but also as our person. In all our living and actions, we should cooperate with Him and allow Him to live Himself through us. (*Life Lessons*, vol. 2, pp. 44-45)

Corporate Reading: *“The Life-study of Romans”*, messages 10-11

MINISTRY READINGS

Living Continuously in the Spirit to Enjoy Christ

We need to learn not to stray away from our spirit and not to be concerned about our thoughts and so many other things. We simply need to live in the spirit. Christ dwells in our spirit, and we must learn to be connected to Him all the time. Hence, the Word says that we should abide in Him (John 15:4). When we abide in Him, we can pray unceasingly. Such unceasing prayer is not in the mind but in the spirit. When we breathe in Christ, receive Him, fellowship with Him, and are connected to Him at all times and in every place, we can pray without ceasing and without regard to a method. This does not mean that we should not have set times for prayer. We often have a need to pray at particular times. However, when we do this, we must be careful not to turn from our spirit to our mind. We do not need to be concerned about our mind or to worry about so many things. There is no need to think, worry, or consider too much. We do not even need that much teaching. We need to be a simple Christian and focus only on the fact that Christ is our life and that He is dwelling in us. We can simply enjoy Him in our spirit. When we enjoy Him and are connected to Him, we are a Christian. Whatever we ask in prayer should be out of Him; He should be the One asking from within us. Requests made in this way are surely granted, and we bear much fruit because His fullness is expressed and manifested through us. Spontaneously, we glorify God and are His disciples because we are inwardly filled with Him. When we are full of Christ, we are a Christian. Christ makes His home in our heart by faith, and we are filled unto all the fullness of God. God operates in us, and the exceedingly great power accomplishes everything for us, even above all that we ask or think. We are Christians who are full of Christ and who fully enjoy God. We enjoy God Himself. Day by day and moment by moment, we are eating and drinking God. We will enjoy Him and absorb Him without a moment of interruption.

Excerpts from “How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God”, Chapter 11: How God Becomes Man’s Enjoyment (part 6)