

# The Church in New York City

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2023 Gospel to All the Nations Conference (cont'd)**

2023 Gospel to All the Nations Conference concludes today in Hall 7 located at 8501 7th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11228.

**Conference schedule:**

May 7, Lord's Day, 10:00 AM, Session Three (Lunch will be provided)

- **Northeast Spring Middle School Conference (May 12-14)**

There will be a conference for the young people in grades 6-8 and their parents and serving ones from May 12-14 at Camp Penuel. Young people currently in grades 9-12 can sign up to serve, only after fellowship with and recommendation from their local serving ones. Please contact the district serving ones for more details. The saints can check in starting at 5 p.m. on Friday, May 12. The first session begins at 7:00pm.

- **2023 International Memorial Day Blending Conference (May 26-29)**

The 2023 International Memorial Day blending conference will be held from **May 26-29** in Chicago, IL. Live webcast and broadcast will also be provided. For those who are not able to attend the in-person conference, the church plans to broadcast the conference messages via Zoom. Zoom info along with the broadcast schedule will be available on the church website and church App soon.

- **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

- The salvation of all the children in grade 5--The ongoing preparation of the hearts of all the fifth graders through the weekly meetings in each hall and the citywide gathering held this past Saturday in Hall 1
- The Gospel to All the Nations Conference which concludes today in Hall 7 in Brooklyn
- That all the saints would have the burden for the gospel and be ready to "proclaim the word...in season and out of season" (2 Tim. 4:2) so that the Lord's testimony in NYC would spread and shine brighter and brighter
- The Northeast Spring Middle Schoolers' Conference to be held at Camp Penuel over the weekend of May 12-14
- The International Memorial Day Blending Conference being held in Chicago, IL over the weekend of May 26-29
- 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 6: The Intrinsic Significance of the Purification of the Returned Captives***

### **Portions from Days 3 and 6:**

To be pure in heart [Matt. 5:8] is to be single in purpose, to have the single goal of accomplishing God's will for God's glory (1 Cor. 10:31). If we are pure in heart in seeking God, we shall see God. Seeing God is a reward to the pure in heart.

It is impossible, of course, to see God with our physical eyes. However, we can see Him with our spirit and with a heart that is pure and single. If we have an open spirit and a pure heart, we shall see God. To see God is an experience and an enjoyment. When we see Him, He dispenses Himself into us, infusing Himself into our being. (The Conclusion of the New Testament, p. 1480)

If you are infused and saturated by the life-giving Spirit, your inner being will become transparent. Then you will know what is in the Lord's mind. You will also understand what the will of the Lord is. Spontaneously, you will be in His will and do His will. As a result, you become right with Him. Moreover, you will realize how you should act toward others and even how you should deal with your material possessions. Then you will become a righteous person, one who is right in small things as well as in great things, one who is right with God, with others, and with himself. This is a person who expresses God, for his righteousness is the image of God, God expressed. (Life-study of 2 Corinthians, pp. 242-243)

Corporate Reading: *"The Life-study of Romans", messages 15*

### **MINISTRY READINGS**

#### **Extra Grace That Comes with Set Times of Prayer**

If we mean business and set aside a period of time to contact God every day, we will receive many unexpected blessings. God has reserved much grace for us, but we have been too busy. We have never set aside the time for God. Hence, God does not have a way to reach us. If we would set aside some time every day, not merely to pray or to breathe in God but to open ourselves before Him, we will open a door for God to do many things in us. No other time can be compared with our prayer time. The most precious things happen to us when we pray. If we would spend some time before God, not to speak to Him and not to ask Him to do things for us but to give Him the opportunity to speak to us and to do things in us, many wonderful and mysterious things will

happen to us during that time. We will see visions, we will know ourselves, and God will unveil mysteries concerning His Word and grant us understanding (2:17). He will even grant us burdens and gifts that we did not possess. We will receive a special portion of grace as a special kind of enlightenment or as a rebuke, cleansing, or dealing. During this period of time God will speak and operate in us.

#### **Seeking after God**

When we contact God, we must exercise to turn our whole being to our spirit. We should seek Him in our spirit. We close our eyes when we pray in order to stop from being distracted, turn to our spirit, and touch God. For this reason we also should not be too quick to open our mouth. Rather, we should be calm and have a period of silence. Good prayer does not depend on an abundance of words. It is good to be silent at the beginning of our prayer, and it is also good to have a period of silence during our prayer. Many psalms in the Bible end with *selah*. This is the equivalent of a rest note in music notation. It tells a person to stop, to halt for a while. Because our words of prayer can distract us from the spirit, there is the need of a halt to bring our entire person back to the spirit. There are times, however, when we cannot stop; a stop may drive away the spirit. What we should do depends on the circumstance. In prayer we need to learn to be silent. There is no need to be in a hurry. We need to be at ease and quiet.

*Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 12: ENJOYING GOD BY PRAYING AT SET TIMES (part 3)*