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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2023 Northeast Summer School of Truth (continued through August 10)**

The details for the 2023 Northeast Summer School of Truth are as follows:

TOPIC: Lesson Book **Level 4: Knowing and Experiencing Life**

Dates:

High School (Grades: 9th to 12th grade in September 2023) – concludes today
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Middle School (Grades: 7th to 8th grade in September 2023) - August 6 - August 10
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LOCATION: Kingston Penuel Christian Center (KPCC) also known as Camp Penuel

For more information, please visit the website: www.pursuewiththose.org or fellowship with the young people's serving ones in your district.

- **2023 Church in NYC's Family Bible Camp (Con.)**

August 17-19, Thur. to Sat. - In-person camp in KPCC, 288 Hickory Bush Rd, Kingston, NY 12401.

This time will be open to rising Kindergartners to 5th graders (rising 6th graders and young people can be helpers). A new registration form will be available soon.

- **Service Office Hours**

Due to the many activities this summer, Service Office Hours will be suspended until after Labor Day.

PRAYER BURDENS

- The high school section of the Summer School of Truth (SST) for the churches in the Northeast concludes today, Lord's Day. The middle school section begins today (August 6-10); the general subject of the SST is *Knowing and Experiencing Life*; a total of 289 saints were in attendance this past week and 185 are expected this week
- Gospel meeting in Hall 2 in Manhattan (34th Street) on Friday, August 11
- The continuation of the Family Bible Camp which will be held at Camp Penuel (KPCC) from August 17-19
- The European Young People's Conference held in Poland this past week (July 30-August 5)—This conference was for young people from 13-19 years of age; a conference for families took place at the same time and in the same location
- 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: 2023 INTERNATIONAL CHINESE-SPEAKING CONFERENCE - MAKING OURSELVES READY FOR THE LORD'S COMING

Week 4: Making Ourselves Ready for the Lord's Coming By Having a Revived Living and a Labor of shepherding

Portions from Days 2 & 3:

In Matthew 13:43 the overcomers are likened to the sun shining forth in the kingdom of their Father. The sun rises afresh every morning. If we are to be the overcomers, the sun, we must also rise up every morning to be revived by the Lord... We should follow the sun to be revived and to have a new start every morning [cf. Prov. 4:18]. Our path is like the dawning light that shines more and more until the full day. I like Paul's expression in 2 Corinthians 4:16— "day by day." The Christian life does not only

have one day. We are being renewed day by day. This means that day after day we have to be revived by the Lord. Yesterday morning we may have had a revival, but this morning we need another one, and tomorrow we need another one. Every year we need three hundred sixty-five revivals to be renewed day by day. (CWWL, 1989, vol. 2, "Being Renewed Day by Day," p. 351)

In order to achieve this, all of you should rise up early in the morning. But to rise up early, one must go to bed early... Early rising affords tremendous benefits for a Christian. Every morning when the sun rises up, it is time for us to rise up to fellowship with the Lord. We should pray to the Lord, "Thank You, Lord, for a new beginning. May this day be a memorable day in my life." On the one hand, we have such a fresh consecration and waiting before the Lord; on the other hand, we receive from Him fresh bestowals and enlightenings. With all this freshness, we will naturally have a revival. This is what we call a morning-by-morning revival. It is also what Paul described as the renewing day by day. This renewal happens early every morning. I hope that this matter would be practiced properly among us. All the co-workers with the elders should trumpet this call in all the places, awakening all the saints to go to bed early and rise up early. As soon as we get up, we should have a good touch with the Lord. No matter how busy we are or how important other things are, we must put them aside until we have a touch with the Lord.

Daily revival brings transformation with it. Romans 12:2 says, "Be transformed by the renewing of the mind." Second Corinthians 3:18 says, "We all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit." This shows us that transformation comes from beholding the Lord... The more we behold Him, the more we reflect the glory of the Lord, and we are transformed into the image of the Lord from one stage of glory to another. This transformation is from the Lord Spirit. There is not just a revival but a transformation as well. Hence, to have a revival that is renewed daily is to have a transformation that is fresh daily. If we remain in this transformation our whole life, we will grow in the life of the Lord until we are matured. This kind of revival, renewal, and transformation is what we all need today. (CWWL, 1988, vol. 4, "A Timely Trumpeting and the Present Need," p. 41)

Corporate Reading: "The Life-study of Romans", message 32

MINISTRY READINGS

Not Studying but Eating and Drinking

Whenever we come to the Word, we must be strict to not research doctrines. Rather, we must eat and drink God; we must absorb Him.

For example, Matthew 1 is a huge obstacle to every student of the Bible. This chapter on the genealogy of Jesus is a high mountain, a big puzzle. Even after three months of studying, we will not be clear. On the contrary, we may end up with a headache, an ulcer, or we may lose our spiritual health. Many brothers and sisters are in this condition. The more they read, the hungrier they become. The more they study, the emptier and drier they are in their spirit. This is the result of merely studying the Bible.

We are now clear that reading the Word is not for studying, in the same way that eating chicken is not the same as studying the chicken. Zoologists and biologists study the chicken. They spend all their lives studying, but still they may not understand everything about a chicken. We are not "zoologists" or "biologists" of the Word; we are not here to study but to eat. We do not read the Word in order to study it. Let the theologians study theology. Let the students of the Bible study the Bible. We are here to eat and drink God. We are the eaters, and we want to feast on the Word until we are filled.

In conclusion, God is Spirit for us to breathe Him in through prayer, and God is the Word for us to eat Him through reading the Word. The more we pray, the more we breathe in His Spirit, and the more we read, the more we eat His word. The Spirit is God, and the Word is also God. When we breathe and eat enough of God, we will be filled and satisfied with God. This is what it means to enjoy God through praying and reading.

Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 13: ENJOYING GOD AS FOOD BY READING THE WORD (part 8)