

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Spanish-Speaking Conference of the churches in the Northeast (Sept. 8-10)**

We would like to invite you to participate in the Spanish-Speaking Conference of the churches in the Northeast that will take place at the Kingston Penuel Christian Center (KPCC, also known as Camp Penuel) from September 8 to 10, 2023. We praise our beloved Lord that He has blessed us with this time.

The registration deadline is **August 27, 2023**. Translation into English and childcare will be provided during all the messages. For more details, please contact the serving brothers in your district.

- **Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference (Sept. 22-24)**

Registration has opened for the upcoming Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference for the churches in the Northeast, to be held at Camp Penuel on **September 22-24, 2023**. We strongly encourage the saints who will stay overnight to register as soon as possible to secure accommodation at the camp due to limited onsite housing. Please see below for the registration link and more information on the conference.

Registration Link:

<https://tinyurl.com/fall2023conference>.

The registration deadline is September 4, 2023.

Check-in will be open on Friday, September 22 between 6:00 and 10:00 p.m. There will not be dinner provided or a formal meeting on Friday evening, but we encourage arrival on Friday so that the saints can settle in, spend time together, and fellowship before the conference starts.

Young People are those in grades 6 through 12; Children are those grades 5 and under. Information regarding childcare will be provided soon.

We look forward to a sweet and pleasant time for the young working saints and young families. Please pray for the Lord's speaking and blessing at this conference. If you have any questions, please email northeastyws@gmail.com.

- **Service Office Hours**

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

PRAYER BURDENS

- Thanksgiving to the Lord for His blessing on the Family Bible Camp which was held on August 17-19 at Camp Penuel; a total of 190 attended, including 70 children; let us pray for all the children and all the families in the church during the upcoming school year
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for all the middle school, high school and college age young people, and prayer for each one during the upcoming school year; let us pray specifically for all the college freshmen, that they would go on in the church life wherever they are and that they would let their light shine before men from the beginning of their college years (Matt. 5:16)
- The burden for the gospel—That all the saints would have the burden for the gospel and seize every opportunity for the speaking of the gospel “in season and out of season” (2 Tim. 4:2); let us pray for any upcoming gospel meetings in the various halls of the church
- The church meetings, the small group meetings and all the practical services in all nine halls this week
- The fall term of the Full-Time Training in Anaheim (FTTA) and the training extension in

Boston (FTTA-XB)—There are currently 5 trainees from NYC in Anaheim: Miguel Carbajal (1st term), Michelle Wang (1st term), Jessica Chen (2nd term), Benjamin Cooley (4th term), Libby Sun (4th term), and 1 trainee in Boston: Dean Deng

- The Spanish-speaking conference for the churches in the Northeast to be held at Camp Penuel over the weekend of September 8-10
- 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: Romans

Week 3: Romans 9 – 12

Portions from Days 2 & 4:

Romans 9:21 discloses God's purpose in creating man. This verse is unique in its revelation of God's purpose in the creation of man. Without this verse it would be difficult for us to realize that God's purpose in creating man was to make him His vessel to contain Him. We all must thoroughly understand that we are God's containers and that God is our content. Second Corinthians 4:7 says that "we have this treasure in earthen vessels." We are earthen vessels, and God is the treasure and the content. God has sovereignly created us to be His containers according to His predestination.

God's selection has a goal—to have many vessels to contain God and to express Him eternally. So many of us have missed the mark of God's goal, thinking that it was simply to show His love in saving us. Yes, He loves us. However, His love is not only shown to save us, but to make us His vessels. God created us in such a way that we are able to take Him into us and contain Him as our life and life supply, to the end that we be one with Him to express what He is and that He be glorified in us and with us. This is the eternal goal of God's selection. It is also our eternal destiny.

This portion of the Word also unfolds the climax of our usefulness to God, which is not to be used by Him as servants, priests, and kings, but as vessels to contain Him and express Him. If we are to be used as God's vessels, surely He has to be one with us. We are His container and His expression; He is our content and our life. He lives in us that we may live by Him. He and we, we and He, eventually will be one both in life and in nature. This is the goal of His

selection according to His sovereignty. It is also our destiny according to His selection, a destiny which will be fully revealed in the New Jerusalem.

In Romans 9 the chosen ones of God are likened to clay and in Romans 11 they are likened to a lump of flour used for making cakes. Which do you think is better? Would you like to be a piece of clay or a piece of dough? Although I prefer to be a piece of dough, it is still good to be clay because clay is used to make vessels of mercy to contain Christ. Thus, in 2 Corinthians 4:7 we are told that "we have this treasure in earthen vessels." Furthermore, 2 Timothy 2:20 says, "there are...vessels of gold and of silver...to honor." We have seen that the clay vessels in Romans 9 are filled by calling on the name of the Lord as revealed in Romans 10. The same is true for the vessels in 2 Timothy 2:20. In verse 22 of that chapter we are told that the seekers of the Lord need to call upon Him out of a pure heart. Therefore, the way in which the vessels of honor are filled is by calling upon the name of the Lord.

Corporate Reading: *"The Life-study of Romans", messages 37-38*

MINISTRY READINGS

Interceding

This was the way Daniel read God's Word. He understood the word of Jehovah to the prophet Jeremiah concerning the seventy years of Israel's captivity. This produced a burden in him, and he turned the burden into prayer. His prayer was initiated by God's Word. This corresponds to the Lord's word in **John 15:7**: "If you abide in Me and My words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you." We do not initiate the asking; it is initiated by God's word. When the word that we read touches our inward being, it becomes a burden within us and directs us in our prayer. Such prayer is initiated by the Spirit, proceeds from God, and will be answered.

Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 14: HOW TO ENJOY GOD BY MATCHING READING WITH PRAYING (part 3)