The Church in New York City WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Northeast Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference (April 19-21)

A Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference for the saints in the Northeast will be held from **April 19-21 in Camp Penuel**.

The conference has reached the camp's housing capacity for overnight stays and closed registration. If you would still like to register, please 1) contact northeastyws@gmail.com and 2) be prepared to arrange your own housing offsite.

• Registration for the July 2024 Semiannual Training

Registration for the July 2024 Semiannual Training has begun. Please submit your registration for both the live training in Anaheim, CA and the video training by filling out the online form: <u>http://bit.ly/nycregistration</u>. The due date for registration is **May 1, 2024**.

• 2024 International Memorial Day Blending Conference (May 24-27)

The 2024 International Memorial Day Blending Conference will be held **in Bellevue, WA** from **Friday, May 24 through Monday, May 27**.

- Upcoming Church Events: details to follow
 - 1. May 10-12 (Fri. to L.D.): Chinese-Speaking Conference in KPCC
 - 2. May 17-19 (Fri. to L.D.): Northeast Middle School Conference in KPCC

• 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 One tap mobile: +19294362866,, 3785123114#

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 all the senior saints in the church and for the Citywide Senior Saints' Conference held two weeks ago; let us pray for the health and wellbeing of all the senior saints and the strengthening of their church life, that they all would be expectantly waiting like Simeon (Luke 2:25) and joyfully serving like Anna (Luke 2:36-37)
- The International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (ITERO) concludes today in Anaheim, CA and online in many localities throughout the earth, including NYC
- The salvation of the children in grade 5–Let us pray for the citywide gospel time held yesterday at Hall 9 in Staten Island from 11:00am to 2:30pm
- The Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference being held at Camp Penuel for the churches in the Northeast over the weekend of April 19-21
- The Lord's move in Europe:
 a. Spring 2024 European Brothers' Training in London (17-19 April)

b. Spring 2024 International Blending Conference in London (20-21 April)

c. Preparations for the Bible distribution and gospel outreach at the 2024 Summer Olympic Games in Paris

 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 THANKSGIVING BLENDING CONFERENCE- THE ENJOYMENT OF CHRIST AND OUR GROWTH IN LIFE UNTO MATURITY

Week 5: The Reigning Aspect of the Mature Life Seen in the Life of Joseph

Portions from Days 1, 2 & 6:

A matured saint who has passed through the experiences represented by Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob...has an aspect that is constituted solely of Christ. Because this aspect of him is the constitution of Christ, it is perfect. Joseph represents this constituted aspect of a matured saint. In each of us there is a part that is constituted of Christ. Even if you have just been regenerated, a part of you, your regenerated spirit, has been constituted of Christ. This is the beginning of Christ's constitution in you. The process of being constituted of Christ will continue until it reaches its climax when the reigning aspect comes forth in you. When you are fully matured, you will have this top portion, this top aspect. Joseph represents the constitution of Christ in Jacob's mature life. This aspect, Christ constituted in the matured saints, is perfect. Hence, it perfectly typifies Christ.

In the kingdom life today, kings are being trained. We, the kingdom people in the kingdom life, are being trained to be kings, to be Josephs, to be the reigning aspect of the mature life. For this, we must subdue our anger and conquer our lust. What a wonderful picture Joseph's life is of our experience today!... Instead of agreeing with our anger or cooperating with our lust, we reject our anger and condemn our lust, because we are the reigning aspect of the mature life. We have the constitution of Christ within us, and we are being prepared to reign as kings.

Wherever the constitution of Christ goes with the presence of God, there will be the reigning part. In the coming kingdom it will be this part that will be the co-kings with Christ in the kingdom of the heavens. Thus, the reigning aspect of the mature life is a life that always enjoys the presence of the Lord. The authority in this universe is the Lord Himself. Wherever His presence is, there is authority, the ruling power. As long as we have the Lord's presence, we have authority, even if we are in prison. Although we may be prisoners, we shall eventually become rulers. We shall rule wherever we are. This indicates that we are the reigning aspect of the mature life. (Life-study of Genesis, pp. 1428- 1429)

When the Lord Jesus comes, the whole earth will be under one landlord and one banker. All the land will belong to Christ, and we shall hand over whatever we have and whatever we are to Him. We are the enjoyers, not the lords. At that time in Egypt everything was under the hand of one lord. Joseph moved the people to cities "from one end of the border of Egypt even to the other end" (47:21) in order to have an even distribution. There were no rich and no poor. It is the same today regarding the spiritual supply. Christ has the riches. The amount of these riches that He is able to supply us depends on what we are willing to pay. (Life-study of Genesis, pp. 1533, 1531)

Corporate Reading: Life-study of Hebrews, msg. 14-15

MINISTRY READINGS

NOT LOOKING FOR INSPIRATION

When we come to the Bible, we also should not look for inspiration. We should not try to find or create some kind of inspiration. We do not need to seek inspiration from the Holy Spirit. Inspiration from the Holy Spirit is like radio waves in the air; as long as we adjust to the right frequency in our spirit, the radio signals will come. When we purposely look for something, we oftentimes find something false. When many brothers and sisters read the Bible, they create their own inspiration. This is unnecessary. The Spirit who has been sent forth to all the earth is omnipresent and all-pervading. As long as the frequency in our spirit is right and the condition of our spirit is proper, we do not need to look for or think about inspiration when we come to the Bible; inspiration surely will come.

I hope that God's children can grasp these four points. We should realize that reading the Bible is a simple matter, we should not come with a heart to study, we should drop our concepts, and we should not look for our own inspiration. May we all practice these four points.

Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 16: Learning to be Simple to Pick Up the True Meaning of the Bible (part 4)