

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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: <http://bit.ly/nycregistration>. The due date for registration is **May 1, 2024**.

- **Northeast Spring Middle School Conference (May 17-19)**

There will be a conference for the young people in grades 6-8 and their parents and serving ones from **May 17-19 at Camp Penuel**. Young people currently in grades 11-12 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 17. The first session begins at 7:00pm. The deadline for registration is **Monday, May 6**.

- **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

- **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 His faithfulness in blessing the International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (ITERO) this past weekend with His speaking and prayer for the responsible brothers in all the churches all over the earth (*Heb. 13:7*)
- The Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference being held at Camp Penuel this weekend for the churches in the Northeast
- The salvation of the children in grade 5--Let us pray for the ongoing, week by week citywide labor of the preaching of the gospel to the fifth grade children
- The Lord's move in Europe:
 - a. Spring 2024 European Brothers' Training in London this past week (April 17-19)
 - b. Spring 2024 International Blending Conference in London concludes today (April 20-21)
 - c. Preparations for the Bible distribution and gospel outreach at the 2024 Summer Olympic Games in Paris
- The care for the saints in Taiwan in the aftermath of the recent earthquake--A major earthquake occurred in Hualien, Taiwan, on April 3. The meeting hall and some of the saints' homes were damaged. About 10 saints were injured and were discharged after being admitted to hospital. About forty saints were placed in temporary residences. Please pray for the comfort, care, and safety of the saints in Hualien and for the replacement of the meeting hall

- 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 6: The Joy Set before Christ and the Joy Set before Us

Portions from Day 3:

[In Revelation 19:7] His wife refers to the church (Eph. 5:24-25, 31-32), the bride of Christ (John 3:29). However, according to Revelation 19:8-9, the wife, the bride of Christ, consists only of the overcoming believers during the millennium, whereas the bride in 21:2 is composed of all the saved saints after the millennium for eternity. The wife of the Lamb in Revelation 19 is the aggregate of all the overcoming saints from Abel until the Lord's return. The aggregate of all the Old Testament and New Testament overcomers is the wife in Revelation 19:7 who will be ready for Christ's wedding. The readiness of the bride depends on the maturity in life of the overcomers. Furthermore, the overcomers are not separate individuals but a corporate bride. For this aspect, building is needed. The overcomers are not only mature in life but also built together as one bride. Christ will not marry each believer individually; instead, He will marry His corporate bride composed of His overcoming believers. When we have been fully saturated with the Triune God so that He flows out of us, we will be completely built and fitted together to become the glorious church, the beloved bride of the Lord Jesus. (The Conclusion of the New Testament, pp.4320-4321)

We also need to see that only the church as the golden lampstand can be the bride of Christ (Rev. 1:20). This indicates that we need to live out the life of Christ. Although this goes against our human concept, we should not focus on caring for the goodness or wickedness that comes out of us. Instead, we need to care for the tree of life, the Triune God, and Christ as the all-inclusive Spirit. Whether we are at home with our family or in the church meetings with the brothers and sisters, we all need to live out Christ. If we live by Christ, what we

live out is God, who is Spirit, signified by the pure gold that shines forth the light; then we will become the bride of Christ who satisfies His desire. We must be the bride for Christ. When we are eager to be the bride, Christ will receive His satisfaction. Not only will Christ be satisfied, but we also will be satisfied. Revelation 19:7 says, "Let us rejoice and exult." In principle, a bride is the most pleasant and happy person.

Corporate Reading: *Life-study of Hebrews, msg. 16-17*

MINISTRY READINGS

PRACTICAL EXAMPLES

Suppose we are reading Matthew 11. In this chapter John the Baptist, the Lord's first faithful witness, was in prison. After hearing about the miracles that the Lord performed in healing the sick, casting out demons, and even resurrecting the dead, John wondered how people who had done nothing for the Lord could receive such miracles, but he received no deliverance. Hence, he sent men to question the Lord, asking if He was indeed the coming Christ. In other words, if the Lord was the Christ, He should deliver John from prison, and if He was not, John should wait for someone else. This word was meant to provoke the Lord Jesus. The Lord replied, saying, "Blessed is he who is not stumbled because of Me" (v. 6). If our inner being is touched with the Lord's response, we may say to the Lord, "Even though I have served You faithfully, and You do not seem to care for me in my sufferings and are doing many things for others who seem to have nothing to do with You, I am not stumbled by You. On the contrary, I am blessed." Such a response does not come from our concepts; it is not imagined, and it does not come from study. Rather, the Holy Spirit has touched us and inspired us as we were reading the Word in a simple way. This is the way to eat the Word.

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 5)