

The Church in New York City

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Issue No. 231 May 5, 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Registration for the July 2024 Semiannual Training (Video Training)**

Registration for the July 2024 Semiannual Training has closed. However, the video training registration is still open. Please submit your registration for the video training by filling out the online form: <http://bit.ly/nycregistration>.

- **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

- Truth constitution—That the love for the Word of God would increase in all the saints and that all would come to the full knowledge of the truth (*1 Tim. 2:4*), and that as a result, more and more, the church would have the reality of being the pillar and base of the truth (*1 Tim. 3:15*); let us pray for the ongoing truth pursuit this year in the book of Hebrews and for the Friday night online Bible study
- The salvation of the children in grade 5—Let us pray for the citywide gathering yesterday in Hall 8 in Elmhurst for the preaching of the gospel to the fifth grade children
- That all the saints of all ages would have the burden for the gospel and be ready to proclaim the word in season and out of season (*2 Tim. 4:2*)
- The Chinese-speaking conference for the churches in the Northeast to be held at Camp Penuel over the weekend of May 11-12
- The Lord's move in Europe:
 - a. Conferences in Paris, France, in Warsaw, Poland, and in The Netherlands concludes today—Let us pray for the saints' attendance and the release of the Lord's burden in these conferences
 - b. 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 DECEMBER SEMIANNUAL TRAINING: Laboring on the All-inclusive Christ Typified by the Good Land for the building up of the Church as the Body of Christ, for the Reality and the Manifestation of the Kingdom, and for the Bride to Make Herself Ready for the Lord's Coming

Week 2: Inheriting the All-inclusive Christ as the Good Land by Taking Heed to His Words of Advice and Warnings and by Receiving His Renewed Training to Have Our Inner Man Renewed Day by Day

Portions from Days 1, 2, and 5:

Although we have been redeemed through Christ, delivered out of Satan's bondage, and brought into the revelation of God's economy, we may yet fail to reach the goal of God's calling, that is, to enter into the possession of our good land, Christ (Phil. 3:12-14), and enjoy His riches for the kingdom of God that we may be His expression in the present age and participate in the fullest enjoyment of Christ in the kingdom age (Matt. 25:21, 23). This should be a solemn warning to all New Testament believers. (Life-study of 1 Corinthians, second edition, p. 421)

We must pray, "Lord, I do want a good heart, a heart full of faith. I am not able to enter the land, but You are." The One who is in us is greater than he who is in the world. I cannot make it, but Christ can make it, and He is in me. We must have faith in the power of His resurrection. God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think and all that we dream or imagine. God will do it; God will make it. Let us follow the example of Joshua and Caleb. They had hearts full of faith. They could tell the people, "Let us go up at once and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it" (Num. 13:30).

Believe with full assurance of faith. Christ is in you. You have been united with the almighty God. Day by day His Spirit transmits into you all that God is and all that God has. He will make it for you. As long as you maintain your fellowship with Him, you will be able to enter the land.

We in the Lord's recovery need to grow in life.To grow in life is.....to eliminate the old generation and to be renewed in our mind, emotion, and will. This involves transformation. Transformation is a matter of eliminating the old generation, the old man, and putting on the new generation, the new man.

Today we are enjoying Christ, but we have not yet possessed Him as the all-inclusive land. If we would possess Christ in this way, our old man must die out, and the new man must come forth...Many of us can testify that since we have come into the Lord's recovery, a change has taken place within us. This change is the dying out of the old man and the growing up of the new man. This is transformation,

the growth in life. (Life-study of 1 Corinthians, second edition, pp. 432-434)

Corporate Reading: *Life-study of Hebrews, msg. 20-21*

MINISTRY READINGS

More Crucial Points

Concerning Our Reading of the Bible

When a person comes to the Word, he must drop his concepts. He should not read the Lord's Word with his own ideas, nor should he seek to learn some teachings from the Bible. He does not even need to expend any effort to gain inspiration. Many times we ourselves are the problem and the obstacle in the study of the Word.

Our Concepts Hindering Us from

Obtaining the True Meaning of the Bible

However, while those who are nonchalant, having no concepts, do not receive anything from the Word, those who are full of concepts do not receive the true meaning of the Word either.A student of the Word should not be void of all concepts, but his concepts must be dealt with and broken by the Lord.

Our concepts hindering us from

receiving the central thought of the Bible

Since many of God's children are trapped by their concepts, they do not know the central and crucial things in the Bible even though they have read it for many years. They always come to the Bible with their concepts. These concepts are a veil and limitation, blocking and limiting them from seeing the central and crucial matters in the Word. Hence, they receive only superficial and irrelevant points. When they testify about reading the Bible, they speak of superficial matters. They seldom speak of crucial matters. This does not mean that the Bible does not contain crucial matters, but there is no response or reaction in them when they read the crucial matters.

Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 17: Practicing dropping our concepts to pick up the central thought of the Bible (part 1)