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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Churchwide Truth Pursuit on Genesis**

The churchwide truth pursuit on the book of Genesis began on February 3. The reading schedule, study questions, and other information are available on the church website churchinnyc.org/bible-study.

Join us for the weekly truth pursuit ministry meeting every Friday night at 7:30 PM. We welcome the saints to invite their family and friends. Translation to Spanish and Chinese is available. Please check the church website for more details.

Week 24

Level 1—Sequential Life-study Reading

Scripture Reading and Copying: Gen. 23

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Genesis*, msg(s). 47-48

Level 2—Topical Study

Crucial Point: A Life of the Altar and the Tent

Scripture: Gen. 12:6-8

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Genesis*, msg(s). 41

Supplemental Reading: *The History of God in His Union with Man*, ch. 7; *The Gospel of God (1)*, ch. 10; *Truth Lessons, Level Two, Vol. 1*, ch. 9; *Revelations in Genesis: Seeing God's Calling in the Experiences of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob*, chs. 4, 7

Questions: See the church website at churchinnyc.org/bible-study

- **Young Working Saints and Young Families' Conference (Sept. 12-14)**

The registration has opened for the upcoming Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference for the churches in the Northeast. The conference will be held **at Camp Penuel (KPCC) on September 12-14, 2025**. The

registration deadline is **September 1, 2025**. We strongly encourage the saints who will stay overnight to register as soon as possible to secure accommodation onsite at the camp.

Please see the registration link and more information on the conference: <https://tinyurl.com/2025fallyws>.

If you have any questions, please email northeastyws@gmail.com.

- **Service Office Hours**

Due to the many activities in the coming summer months, Service Office Hour will be suspended until September.

PRAYER BURDENS

- The Family Bible Camp which was held from this past Thursday through Saturday at Camp Penuel
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for His blessing on the Summer School of Truth and prayer for the going on of all the young people in the coming school year
- The fall term of the Full-Time Training in Anaheim (FTTA) and the training extension in Boston (FTTA-XB) which began last Monday—There are currently two trainees from NYC in Anaheim: Lily Fang and Michelle Quin; we give thanks to the Lord for the consecration of these young saints; let us pray that the Lord would gain each one fully and produce each one as a living, functioning member of His Body
- The Lord's move in Europe:
 - a. The strengthening of the churches in France and that many new ones will become remaining fruit, shepherded and perfected, built up and built in as members of the Body
 - b. The preparations for the gospel trips to German-speaking countries which will take place in October
 - c. The preparations for the gospel outreach which will take place in Italy during the

upcoming Winter Olympic games in February 2026

- The church meetings, the small group meetings and all the practical services in all nine halls this week
- 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: 2024 DECEMBER SEMIANNUAL TRAINING - Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (2)

WEEK 5: Christ as the Image of God and the Treasure

Portion from Days 1 & 6:

God is the image, the image is Christ, Christ is the glory, the glory is the gospel, and the gospel is the illumination. First, the expression the image of God shows that the image is in apposition to God. God, who is the source, has an image, and this image is simply God Himself. If we see the image of God, we see God; if God disappears, His image disappears as well...Therefore, the image of God is nothing less than God Himself.

Second, as we have pointed out, the image of God is Christ. As the image of God, Christ is the expression of the invisible God. Third, Christ is the glory. This is confirmed by Hebrews 1:3, which says that Christ is the effulgence of God's glory. Fourth, Christ, the glory, is the gospel. Acts tells us that the believers preached Christ Jesus as the gospel (5:42; 8:35; 11:20; 17:18). This shows that the gospel is not something separate from Christ; rather, Christ is the gospel.

Fifth, the gospel is the illumination, the enlightenment. The gospel is the gospel of the glory of Christ, which illuminates, radiates, and shines in the heart of man. When the gospel came to us, it came to us by shining, and this shining brought into us Christ, who is the image of the processed Triune God. As a result, Christ, the living person, was illuminated into our being.

Grace.....is the very Christ, who lived in the apostles as their life and life supply for them to live a crucified life for the manifestation of the resurrection life that they might carry out their ministry for God's new covenant. As the apostles were under the killing, life was being imparted to others, and grace was abounding through the

greater number. As a result, much thanksgiving would also abound.

The new covenant ministers with their ministry are earthen vessels containing a marvelous treasure. Their ministry is altogether something in the Spirit, something that is real and living. It is something we can sense, enjoy, realize, and experience...This is the New Testament testimony, and it is what God wants among us.....We must live this kind of life and be in a church that has this ministry. Furthermore, we must minister this to others not mainly by what we do but primarily by what we are and by the way we live. This is the ministers with their ministry of the new covenant. Truly, the ministers and the ministry are one. (Life-study of 2 Corinthians, pp. 93-94, 264-265)

MINISTRY READINGS

HOW TO ENJOY CHRIST

We need to retire and resign from doing, from working, from toiling, from laboring. We have to be retired to Him and resigned to Him. Learn to go to Him to spend some time. Retire from your job for the Lord, from all your activities for the Lord. I found the secret that if you are going to retire yourself from all things to the Lord, you have to learn how to open yourself, the deeper the better. You have to open yourself from the depths of your being. Learn to do this one thing. Then the Lord's image and authority will be with you by the way of life. The living water will have a way to spring up within you by your opening yourself. You are the barrier, you are the hindrance, and you are the dirt. You have to dig away so that the fountain of living water can spring up within you.

Learn to open yourself. Then you will enjoy the Lord as the tree of life. With the tree of life is the flow of living water and the fresh air as the breath of life. If you open yourself to the Lord, the Lord will spring up from within you. Then you will be nourished, watered, refreshed, and strengthened from within. You will be right in your person, in your being, in what you are, not just in what you do. May the Lord bring us into His intention, that is, into the enjoyment of Himself as our life and life supply that we may express Him in His image and represent Him with His authority on the earth.

Excerpts from "The Tree of Life", Chapter 1: The Way to Fulfill God's Purpose (part 3)