

The Church in New York City

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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 35

Level 1—Sequential Life-study Reading

Scripture Reading and Copying: Gen. 30:1-24

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Genesis*, msg(s). 69-70

Level 2—Topical Study

Crucial Point: Sarah and Hagar, Ishmael and Isaac
Scripture: Gen. 16-21, 26

Assigned Reading: LS of Genesis, msg(s). 46, 56, 63-65

Supplemental Reading: The History of God in His Union with Man, ch. 8; Truth Lessons, Level Two, Vol. 2, ch. 21; Truth Lessons, Level Three, Vol. 1, ch. 6; Revelations in Genesis: Seeing God's Calling in the Experiences of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, ch. 10

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

- **Citywide Senior Saints' Conference (Nov. 22)**

We are glad to announce that we will have a special in-person gathering for all the senior saints, including all the districts and all languages. The conference is for all nine halls of the church. Lunch, translation and transportation will be provided.

Time: Saturday, November 22, 2025, 10am

Place: Hall 1 (Jamaica Estates, Queens)

- **Registration for the 2025 December Semiannual Training**

Registration for the 2025 December Semiannual Training is still open. Please submit your registration for the Video Training by filling out the online form: <http://bit.ly/nycregistration>.

- **2025 International Thanksgiving Blending Conference (Nov. 27 – 30)**

The 2025 International Thanksgiving Blending Conference will be held in **Indianapolis, IN** from **Thursday, Nov. 27 through Lord's Day, Nov. 30**. For more details, please visit LSM website at: <https://www.lsm.org/pdfs/2025-Thanksgiving-conf/2025ThanksgivingConferenceInformation-en.pdf>.

Volunteer needed: If anyone plans to attend the conference in-person and is available to serve with childcare **on Nov. 28, Friday evening**, please contact Brother Frank Hong at 917-881-5332.

PRAYER BURDENS

- The strengthening of the prayer ministry of the church and of all the prayer meetings in the church
- That all the saints, from the youngest to the oldest, would be strengthened in their daily reading and enjoyment of the Word of God
2 Timothy 3:16-17 — All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work.
- The citywide young people's gathering was held last Saturday in Hall 1—This gathering included

the families of the young people, and the friends that young people invited

- The Citywide Senior Saints' Conference which will be held on Saturday, November 22, in Hall 1
- The International Thanksgiving Blending Conference to be held in Indianapolis, IN over the weekend of November 27-30
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for His constant and all-inclusive care for the church in NYC and prayer for the church's further going on:
 - a. That all the saints of all ages would have the burden for the gospel
 - b. The shepherding of all the saints and all the new ones
 - c. The strengthening of all the families and households in the church life
 - d. The strengthening of the church meetings and small group meetings this week
- The Lord's move in South America—Let us pray for the truth school teachers' training which concludes in São Paulo, Brazil today; more than 400 saints from all over South America gather together for this training (the truth schools will be carried out in eight countries throughout South America in the early part of 2026)
- 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: 2025 MEMORIAL BLENDING CONFERENCE – THE PREPARATION OF THE BRIDE

WEEK 6: The Bride as the Corporate Warrior

Portion from Days 2 & 5:

In these four things—life, nature, expression, and function—we become the same as God and Christ but not in Their Godhead. To say that we are the same as God in His Godhead is a great blasphemy, but if we say that we cannot be the same as God in life, nature, expression, and function, this is unbelief.

The phrases in Christ and in the Lord are used repeatedly in the New Testament.In the Lord we are able to do all things (Phil. 4:13). Surely, our God is more qualified than Solomon. He is able to make us the same as He is in His life, in His nature, in His expression, and in His function to carry out His economy. This signifies that the overcomers were sinners. Now, in the maturity of Christ's life, they

have become the same as Christ in life, in nature, in expression, and in function for the accomplishment of God's eternal economy.

The armor in Ephesians 6 is not for Christians as individuals; it is for the church corporately as the Body. What this chapter reveals is not the believers fighting as individuals but a corporate army fighting the battle for God's interests on earth.

No soldier in a modern army would enter into battle by himself. Rather, he would fight as part of a well-trained and fully equipped army. After we have been formed corporately into an army, we will be able to fight against God's enemy. God's strategy is to use the church as His army to fight against the enemy. Therefore, it is very dangerous to be isolated from the army. Only by remaining in the army will we have the necessary protection. (Life-study of Ephesians, p. 793)

If you separate yourself from the church, you will be defeated. Satan's strategy is simply to isolate you from the church as God's army. It is crucial for us to realize that spiritual warfare is a Body matter. If we realize this and stay with the church, we will be victorious. The battle is not for us as individual believers; it is for the church as God's army.

MINISTRY READINGS

THE ENJOYMENT OF CHRIST IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

All the positive things come out of the experience of the tree of life, out of the mingling of Christ as life with our spirit. The church, the kingdom, the New Jerusalem, and all the positive spiritual heavenly things come out of the mingling of God with our spirit, that is, out of the experience of the tree of life. The ultimate consummation of the tree of knowledge is the lake of fire (Rev. 20:10, 14-15), and the ultimate consummation of the tree of life is the city of water, the New Jerusalem (21:2). This city is characterized by a pure river of water of life with the tree of life in its flow (22:1-2). All the things of man related to the tree of knowledge, related to Satan, will go into the lake of fire, and the things of man related to God, to the tree of life, will go into the city of living water. We need to spend our time to read the New Testament once more with this point of view, the point of view in the spirit.

Excerpts from "The Tree of Life", Chapter 3: The Tree of Life in the Gospel of John (part 1)