

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The 3 banners for the church in NYC for 2026:**

1. **Blending—within the church and among the churches**—1 Cor. 12:24
2. **Increase and spread**—John 15:1-11, 16
3. **Walking in the truth**—3 John 4

- **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 48

Level 1—Sequential Life-study Reading

Scripture Reading and Copying: Gen. 41:1-37
Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Genesis*, msg(s). 97-98

Level 2—Topical Study

Crucial Point: Joseph in the Dungeon, Brought Out of the Dungeon, and Set Over All the Land
Scripture: Gen. 40-41

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Genesis*, msg(s). 112, 114

Supplemental Reading: *Three Aspects of the Church, Book 1: The Meaning of the Church*, ch. 8

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

PRAYER BURDENS

- Increase and spread (John 15:1-11, 16)—Let us pray that the Lord would add remaining fruit to the church this year through the fruitbearing of all the saints and for the spread of the Lord's testimony within NYC and to Long Island
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for His speaking in the International Chinese-speaking Conference (ICSC) held last weekend; let us pray that the burden of the word would impact all the saints in the recovery
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for His blessing and speaking in the Young People's Winter Retreat; let us pray for the going on of all the young people during the remainder of this school year; let us also pray for the monthly citywide young people's meeting held yesterday at Hall 1
- The College Conference for the students in the churches in the Northeast concludes today in Ivoryton, CT
- The various needs related to the construction, renovation or acquisition of meeting halls in Atlanta, Orlando, Pittsburgh, and Virginia Beach, and the strengthening of all the local churches on the East Coast
- 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: September 2025 International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones

WEEK 2: The Blessedness of Those Who Mourn, of Those Who Are Meek, and of Those Who Are the Peacemakers, Called the Sons of God

Portion from Day 2:

The sequence of [Matthew 5:3-4] is very significant. First, we must be poor in spirit, and then we can mourn. If we are not poor in our spirit, we do not have the capacity for the King to come in to establish His kingdom within our being. If we do not have the heavenly kingdom established within us, we cannot realize how negative and pitiful the whole

world is. However, when the Lord Jesus is able to set up His kingdom within us and when the full capacity of our whole being, even the depths of our being, our spirit, is available to Him, we will realize that the earth is dark, corrupt, and filled with sin. Spontaneously, we will mourn for this sad situation. For this reason the Lord Jesus did not speak first of mourning and then of being poor in spirit. He put the matter of being poor in our spirit first. Only when we are poor in spirit can we mourn.

If we are poor in spirit and mourn for the pitiful situation of others, spontaneously, we will be meek [v. 5]. Even if your mother-in-law is in a pitiful condition, do not tell her so. Even the condition of your dear wife may not be very positive in the eyes of the Lord. If her heart and her interests are not for the Lord, and she does not care for the Lord's kingdom, her situation is pitiful...You may be in the highest heaven, but she may be in the lowest hell. Furthermore, consider your children. You may love the Lord to the uttermost, but they may not love Him at all. Therefore, you must mourn for your mother-in-law, your wife, and your children. You must also mourn for your relatives, your colleagues, and your neighbors...Look at the deplorable condition of the world today, including that of Christianity. The merchants care only for money, the students care only for their education, and the working people care only for promotions and positions. When we are poor in spirit, we will surely mourn for the whole situation.

Because we mourn for others, we would never fight against them. Instead of fighting them, spontaneously, we will be meek toward them...You will be meek toward others because you have a deep feeling within about their pitiful situation. Because you have been praying for them in the way of mourning, whenever you contact them, you will be meek. (Life-study of Matthew, pp. 178-179)

MINISTRY READINGS

THE MINGLING OF DIVINITY WITH HUMANITY

When God was incarnated, the divine nature was mingled with the human nature. Jesus, the incarnated God, was the mingling of the divine nature with the human nature, and He told us that He was the temple (John 2:20-22). Through the Lord's death and resurrection, this temple was

enlarged to become the church, the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 3:16). The church as the temple of God is the mingling of God with man in a corporate way. There was not just one board in the tabernacle but forty-eight boards overlaid with gold. This mingling of God with man is the mutual abode, the dwelling place of God and the dwelling place of His seeking ones. God's seeking ones are His abode, and He is their abode. Through the death and resurrection of Christ, the mingling of God with His chosen and redeemed people to produce the mutual abode has been accomplished.

THE ENJOYMENT AND EXPERIENCE OF CHRIST

The seeking one in Song of Songs said, "As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, / So is my beloved among the sons: / In his shade I delighted and sat down, / And his fruit was sweet to my taste" (2:3). This indicates how precious the Lord is to the seeking one. He is like an apple tree providing the seeking one with shade and rich fruit. We can rest under His shadow and enjoy His fruit, which are all His riches for our enjoyment. The apple tree is not for the scientific study of the seeking one but for her to rest under its shade and enjoy the fruit. We need to experience and enjoy the Lord in such a way.

For many years I have been taught, helped, and even strengthened to enjoy the Lord in such a way. This is why we should not focus on the doctrines, the teachings, and the gifts, but we should focus our entire being on the Lord Himself. We should learn to enjoy Him, to contact Him, to eat Him, to partake of Him. The Lord said, "He who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me" (John 6:57). We must learn to know the Lord in such an experiential way, day by day tasting Him and being satisfied with Him. We need to be saturated with the fatness of His house, saturated and permeated with His sweetness.

Excerpts from "The Tree of Life", Chapter 4: The Fatness of the Lord's House (part 6)