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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Citywide Church Gathering (June 21, Lord's Day)**

We will have a citywide church gathering in Hall 1 (Jamaica Estates meeting hall) on Lord's Day, June 21. More details about the arrangement will be available soon.

- **The Northeast College Training (July 10-14)**

We encourage the college students and high school seniors to register for the College Training (Northeast). It will be held July 10-14 at KPCC. Please encourage the students to register at <https://www.collegetraining.org>.

- **2026 June Semiannual Video Training Registration**

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

- **Churchwide Truth Pursuit on Genesis**

The churchwide truth pursuit on the book of Genesis began on February 3, 2025. The church newsletter has finished posting all 60 pursuit schedules. The saints are welcome to visit the church website to view each week's contents: <https://www.churchinnyc.org/bible-study/>.

PRAYER BURDENS

- The salvation of the children in grade 5--Let us give thanks to the Lord for the salvation of the children in grade 5; let us also pray for the experience of the assurance and joy of salvation of all these newly saved children and for their baptisms The churches in the

Northeast--Let us give thanks to the Lord for the gathering this past Saturday of the responsible brothers from the churches in the Northeast for a day of prayer; let us pray for the going on of all the churches in the Northeast

- The Summer School of Truth Teachers' Training for the churches in the Northeast--The Teachers' Training held this past Saturday in four locations, connected via video: NYC (Hall 1), Philadelphia, PA, Newington, CT, and Newton, MA
- The citywide church gathering on Lord's Day, June 21--Let us pray for every aspect of this gathering, including the attendance of the saints, the Lord's speaking to the church that day, and all the related practical services
- The strengthening of the church life throughout the coming months and all the summer activities:
 - a. The semiannual training
 - b. The College Training
 - c. The Chinese-speaking Perfecting Training
 - d. The Summer School of Truth
 - e. The Family Bible Camp
- The churches in Atlanta, GA and Newington, CT:
 - a. That the Lord would cover all the details related to the completion of the construction of the meeting hall in Atlanta
 - b. That the Lord would supply the church in Newington with the funds necessary to purchase a home in a strategic location just outside of the University of Connecticut (UConn) campus in Storrs, CT
- 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 December Semiannual Training - Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (4)

WEEK 8: The Man-child, the War in Heaven, and the Overcoming Saints

Portion from Days 1 & 2:

Revelation 12:2 says that the woman was with

child, and verse 5 says that “she brought forth a son, a man-child.” The child here, being a man-child, signifies the stronger part of God’s people...Man-child here does not indicate a baby. Rather, it indicates the stronger part within the woman. The woman represents the totality of God’s people. But throughout all generations there have been some stronger ones among God’s people. These are considered in the Bible as a collective unit fighting the battle for God and bringing God’s kingdom down to earth. (Life-study of Revelation, pp. 399-400)

We should not only be part of the woman but also part of the man-child...The man-child consists of the resurrected overcomers. That the man-child “is to shepherd all the nations with an iron rod” (Rev. 12:5) indicates that the man-child consists of the overcomers as mentioned in 2:26-27. These overcomers are those who have already died.

Immediately after the man-child is raptured to heaven, a war commences with Michael and his angels against Satan [Rev. 12:7]. This indicates that the man-child, the stronger part of God’s people, is always engaged in fighting God’s enemy, Satan. The overcomers have been fighting Satan continually, even unto death, and have defeated him on earth. But heaven is still waiting for them to arrive there so that a war may be waged to cast Satan out of heaven. (Life-study of Revelation, p. 430)

If you would be qualified to participate in this, you must fight now. Do not be indifferent. I hope...you will give a strong word to the enemy, saying, “Satan, you have deceived me for years...My eyes have been opened, and I see that I must no longer be indifferent. Satan, you are not only God’s enemy—you are also my enemy. From now on, I will be absolute for my Lord, and I will never listen to you.”...If you preach to Satan like this, you will become another person and will probably soon be included in the stronger part of the woman. Begin now to be qualified, equipped, and perfected to be among those who will be raptured to heaven to execute judgment upon Satan. We must tell the enemy, “Satan, I will preach to you on earth today. Later, I will also give you a message in the heavens. After that, I will see you on earth and preach to you once more. Finally, I will give you one more message, and then you will be cast into the lake of fire.”

The rapture is not for our happiness; it is for God’s purpose. Our God is waiting for the

overcomers, the man-child, to go to heaven to execute His judgment upon the enemy. What a privilege it is to share in this! The angels are not positioned to share this privilege, but we are. Now we have the ground to say, “Praise the Lord that I am in the position to be an overcomer!” (Life-study of Revelation, pp. 430-431).

MINISTRY READINGS

THE FRUIT OF THE TREE OF LIFE

Christ As the Tree of Life and the Lamb of God

The first picture in the entire Bible is that God offered Himself to man as the tree of life in the form of food, that man may take Him in, eat Him, and have Him as his life. After this, man fell. But immediately after the fall of man, God provided him a lamb. If you read the Scriptures with a heavenly view, you will see who this lamb is. After the fall of man, God not only provided a lamb for fallen man but also offered a lamb for him (Gen. 3:21; 4:4). Adam became fallen, yet due to his enjoyment of the lamb as his covering, his clothing, he could still live. Abel, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all of their descendants, the sons of Israel, also enjoyed the lamb (v. 4; 8:20; 12:7; 26:25; 35:7; Exo. 12:3-10).

After creation, before the fall of man, God offered Himself to man as the tree of life (Gen. 2:9, 16). After the fall of man, God offered Himself as a lamb (3:21; 4:4) because there was the need of redemption. With the tree of life before the fall, there was no need of redemption because there was no sin. With the fall sin came in (Rom. 5:12); thus, redemption is required. After the fall the tree of life alone is not sufficient to meet man’s need. After the fall man needs redemption (Heb. 9:22), and with the lamb, there is [114] redemption. Before the fall God ordained that man should eat only vegetables (Gen. 1:29), not animals. After the fall and its development, God changed His ordination, giving man not only vegetables but also animals to eat (9:3).

Excerpts from “The Tree of Life”, Chapter 5: The Fruit of the Tree of Life (part 1)