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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Northeast Young Working Saints and Young Families' Conference (Sept. 18-20)**

The registration is now 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 18-20, 2026**. 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/2026fallyws>. The registration deadline is **September 7, 2026**.

- **Upcoming Activities** (more details to follow)

Oct 9 to 11: Chinese-speaking Conference (KPCC)

PRAYER BURDENS

- The Family Bible Camp which was held from last Thursday through Saturday at Camp Penuel
- Gospel meeting in Hall 2 (Midtown Manhattan) last Wednesday; the burden for the timing of this gospel meeting was to provide an opportunity for the college saints from other localities who have been in NYC this summer for internships to share the gospel with their coworkers and friends before they return to their localities for the fall semester
- 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, specifically, that they all may experience the joy of their salvation and be

burdened for the salvation of their friends, classmates, and relatives

- The fall term of the Full-Time Training in Anaheim (FTTA) which began last Monday—There are currently three trainees from NYC in Anaheim: Jonathan Hong, Beracah Lam, and Stanley Tsou; 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 saints in the church in Spokane, WA and the community at large in the wake of the wildfires in Eastern Washington; let us pray for the saints and the people of Spokane, and stand with the church in Spokane for their burden for the gospel at this time
- The saints in Colombia, South America in the aftermath of the earthquake which struck there yesterday
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for the completion of the new meeting hall of the church in Atlanta and prayer for the regional blending conference which will be hosted there over the Labor Day weekend for all the churches in the Southeast
- 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: THE GOSPEL

WEEK 1: Bearing Fruit and the Call to Preach the Gospel

Portion from Days 2, 6:

If we want to preach the gospel and bear much fruit, we must be pruned. This does not refer merely to being pruned of things related to filthiness and sin; it refers even more to being pruned of everything that is not proper before God. God prunes every

branch that bears fruit so that it can bear more fruit. Pruning is not merely a washing but also a cutting. Everything that is not proper, everything that hinders the branch from bearing more fruit, must be cut away. Although we need to thoroughly deal with sin in order to eliminate all filthiness, we must also receive God's dealing in order to eliminate everything that hinders us from bearing fruit or from bearing much fruit.

It is a marvelous fact that once we are saved, we spontaneously feel that we should preach the gospel. If we do not preach the gospel, we feel that we have let people down, that we owe them something, and that our heart is empty and without peace. Whenever we preach the gospel, our heart is joyful, satisfied, and peaceful. Furthermore, the more we preach, the happier, more released, and more comfortable we are because the Lord has entrusted us with the stewardship, or responsibility, to preach the gospel. When we receive His salvation, we also receive His commission and spontaneously feel a spiritual responsibility. This stewardship is in our innermost heart, and through the moving of the Holy Spirit, it becomes a burden, a pressing voice, that compels us to preach the gospel. If we do not preach the gospel, we feel like saying, "Woe to me." Unbelievers think that Christians are zealous to preach the gospel, but actually this is a necessity laid upon us because we have an urgent, inward sense of responsibility. This sense of responsibility comes from within. It is the third direction from which a call for the gospel comes. This inward call is an irresistible call.

Paul, who was zealous for the gospel and active in preaching throughout the Mediterranean area, saw a vision and heard a call for him to come to Macedonia. This is the fourth direction from which a call for the gospel comes. It comes from people, and it speaks of the desperate need of those around us. Today these kinds of Macedonian calls are numerous and pressing. Regrettably, we often ignore them or do not even hear them, because we do not have a strong desire to reach others with the gospel, and our sense is quite dull. We should ask the Lord to operate and increase our desire so that our inward sense can be sharpened, and we would feel the desperate need of people for the gospel. Then we would hear their pitiful cries and answer their thirsty needs by going to help them with the gospel (*Crucial Truths in the Holy Scriptures*, vol. 3, ch. 28, pp. 500-501).

MINISTRY READINGS

THE ULTIMATE CONSUMMATION OF OUR ENJOYMENT OF GOD

The whole Scripture reveals nothing but God, the Triune God, the Father in the Son as the Spirit. Such a wonderful Triune God offered Himself to us as our enjoyment in many items. This enjoyment starts with the Lamb and consummates in its fullest way with the temple. Eventually, the temple is enlarged into a city, the New Jerusalem, where God Himself is the temple (**Rev. 21:22**). In 1 Samuel (**1:9; 3:3**) the tabernacle in Shiloh was called the temple before the temple was built by Solomon. Thus, the tabernacle is the temple. The New Jerusalem is called the tabernacle of God (**Rev. 21:3**). We are God's tabernacle for God to dwell in, and He is our temple for us to dwell in. This city is a mutual abode for God and His chosen and redeemed people. The New Jerusalem is the climax of our enjoyment of the Triune God, where we will enjoy God in the fullest way. **[119]**

We have to see the heavenly vision that God is the tree of life for us to enjoy. All of the items of what Christ is in John are the outcome, the outflowing, of the tree of life. If we read the Scriptures again to find out what are the aspects, the items, of God being our enjoyment, the Bible will become a new book to us. It will become a book of life instead of a book of knowledge. Many take the Bible as a book of knowledge, but we have to change our realization of this book. The Bible is a book of life. This wonderful Triune God is our enjoyment in many aspects revealed in the Scriptures.

Excerpts from "The Tree of Life", Chapter 5: The Fruit of the Tree of Life (part 5)