

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Church-wide Year-end Prayer and Celebration meeting to be held on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, 2019 in Hall 1 (there will not be the regular hall 1 prayer meeting at 7:30 PM):
9 PM: Refreshments (feel free to bring a snack or dessert to share)
10PM: Rejoicing and thanksgiving for 2019
11PM: Prayer for 2020
- The Semiannual Celebration to be held on Jan. 12, 2020 in Queens College

PRAYER BURDENS

- The Video Training (The Crystallization of the Book of Deuteronomy) to be held locally and throughout the earth :
 1. The release of the burden of the word and the speaking brothers
 2. That the saints would have the proper exercise of their hearts and their spirits to receive the word
- Thanksgiving for all that the Lord has accomplished in the church and in each hall throughout this year
- All the saints would experience a fresh consecration and that the Lord would take the church on in the new year
- The young people in the church life:
 1. That all the young people would experience a rich entrance into the church life through their participation in the church services, the gatherings in the homes and the meetings of the church
 2. European Winter Schools of the Truth in the UK, the Netherlands, and Spain to be held December 26-31
 3. Preparations for the truth schools in South America (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Peru) to be held in January 2020
- The various needs of the saints both locally and in other localities (e.g. housing, job-related, family-related, health-related)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Church-wide Parents & Serving Ones Fellowship, Feb. 1, 2020, Hall 1
- International Chinese-Speaking Conference, Feb. 14-16, 2020, in Anaheim, CA
- NYC Middle School & High School Retreat, Feb. 16-18, 2020, in KPCC
- Regional Sisters' Blending, Feb. 29, 2020, Hall 1
- Regional Spanish-speaking Conference, Mar. 13-15, 2020, in KPCC
- Young Working Saints and Young Families Blending, Mar. 20-21, 2020, in KPCC

MORNING WATCH

The All-Inclusive Christ - Week 1
Riches of the Good Land (1)

Portion from Week 1 – Day 6:

All the valleys are the experiences of the cross, the experiences of the death of Christ, and all the mountains are the experiences of the Lord's resurrection. A valley is the cross; a mountain is the resurrection. We must be one who always has some trouble, some valley, but also one who is always on the mountains, always in the experience of resurrection. Whenever there is a valley, there is a mountain. Whenever you experience the death of the cross, you will experience the resurrection. The living waters flow forth from all these experiences...

If you can experience Christ in times of trouble and trial, how much you will have flowing out to others. How blessedly you will water others. It is not in peaceful times or in happy days that you can do this. It is in the days of sorrow, the days of sickness, the days of trouble. It is by your experience of Christ in these times that you may have the living flow to water others. Each situation of death may bring forth a greater outflow of refreshing water—not

only the mountains but also the valleys; not only the valleys but also the mountains. We need many experiences of the Lord’s death and many experiences of the Lord’s resurrection; then we will be full of the springs, the fountains, and the streams.

Corporate Reading:

“The Christian Life” Chapter 2

LORD’S DAY ATTENDANCE – DEC. 22

HALL 1	Jamaica Estates, Queens	245/33
HALL 2	Midtown Manhattan	71/15
HALL 3	Flushing, Queens	152/27
HALL 4	Downtown Brooklyn	50/8
HALL 5	The Bronx	57/9
HALL 6	UWS, Manhattan	52/7
HALL 7	South Brooklyn	50/20
HALL 8	Elmhurst, Queens	87/25
HALL 9	Staten Island	23/4
	TOTAL	787/148 (935)

**Adults including YP/ Children and Infants*

THE MIDWEEK TRAINING REVIEW

During the months of November and December, the church held the 8th session of the six-week Midweek Perfecting Training at Hall 1, covering two topics: (1) The Exercise of the Heart and Spirit in God’s Economy, and (2) Prophesying. Saints from different districts participated in this weekly training on Thursdays.

The Exercise of the Heart and Spirit in God’s Economy

Psalm 51:6 reveals that man has inward parts (the parts of the soul) and a hidden part (the human spirit). God created us with these different parts so that we can know Him. We must learn and even master how to use these parts, particularly the parts that comprise our heart: the mind, emotion, and will as the parts of our soul and the conscience in our spirit. All spiritual experiences begin with love in our heart, so the proper condition and exercise of

our heart is essential (cf. Mark 4:13-20). The exercise of our spirit is through the exercise of the functions of our spirit and our conscience has a crucial position, being both a part of our heart and the leading part of our spirit. God in His economy desires to spread and even be magnified in us, but His dispensing into us hinges on the exercise of our heart and spirit. Any blockage, loss or lessening of God’s flow in us is most likely due to us not taking care of our conscience. We take care of our conscience before God and men so that we can fellowship with God. We specifically touched on sanctifying our body to keep our conscience clean - our eyes, ears, lips, tongue (especially our speaking) can all affect our conscience. There are six key words describing God’s speaking to us in our personal fellowship with Him - inward, hidden, gentle, quiet, small and fine. Often the Lord’s speaking in our spirit is like Jehovah’s speaking to Elijah in a “gentle, quiet voice” (1 Kings 19:12). His speaking is not dependent on anything environmental or external, but it is inward.

Prophesying. Since our God is a speaking God, our prophesying manifests God. Idols are dumb, but God speaks. His word is powerful, even resulting in creation. Moses uttered God’s feeling when he spoke “Oh that all Jehovah’s people were prophets.” Our speaking can build the church. In order to prophesy, there are three main elements: (1) we need to have a knowledge of the Word, (2) instant inspiration of the Holy Spirit and (3) a vision concerning God’s interest and economy. We need to spend time with the Lord in order to be prepared to prophesy. The words that come out of our mouths should be healthy words that can build up, not tear down. Our prophesying should not just be in the church meetings, but also at home and elsewhere, and fitting for the hearers. As we get into God’s Word, there will be normal increase and multiplication.