

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Service Office Hours** are available for saints to call in to fellowship or to pray with some serving ones.

Day & Time: Monday through Saturday, 11AM - 1PM

Join via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/3785123114?pwd=dEpzN2ZGZ21aaGV5dTfob3AwQlBodz09>

Dial-in by Phone: +1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 378 512 3114 (Password: 3131)

1. Saints can call in to pray with the serving ones, to pursue together, or just to say hello.
2. Saints can call in to discuss any matter.
3. Saints can ask questions about the Bible or about other matters.
4. Saints can request prayer for particular needs or have fellowship with the serving ones concerning their own needs or others' needs.
5. Saints can bring up various needs and difficulties in their family life.

The burden for holding these office hours is that the hearts of the saints can be comforted and that their souls would be restored.

- **2020 International Memorial Day Conference:**

Due to the spread of the COVID-19 virus, Living Stream Ministry has decided to modify the format for the upcoming 2020 International Memorial Day Blending Conference. The conference will no longer be held in Atlanta, GA. Instead, LSM will host this conference completely online. Here are some details about LSM's first global online ministry conference.

Description

All the messages of the 2020 Memorial Day Conference will be streamed beginning at the following times **in each locality's time zone:**

Message 1: 7:00 p.m. Friday, 22 May 2020
Message 2: 10:00 a.m. Saturday, 23 May 2020
Message 3: 7:00 p.m. Saturday, 23 May 2020
Message 4: 10:00 a.m. Lord's Day, 24 May 2020
Message 5: 7:00 p.m. Lord's Day, 24 May 2020
Message 6: 10:00 a.m. Monday, 25 May 2020
(U.S. only)

Messages will be streamed in English, Chinese, Spanish, Korean, Japanese, and Portuguese.

There will be online prophesying sessions following each message meeting. Details will be provided in the weeks to come.

Details

The website for streaming the conference messages is conf.lsmwebcast.com. This site does not require an account and is open to all the saints and churches during the following times:

Beginning: 6:55 p.m., Friday, 22 May 2020, in each time zone

Ending: Midnight, Monday, 25 May 2020, in each time zone.

The site will interactively guide each saint to the correct language and to the correct time zone for his or her locality.

PRAYER BURDENS

- That all the saints would walk by faith and not by appearance--That all the saints would be strengthened in their faith to not regard the things which are seen but the things which are not seen, that is, the eternal things, and that none of the saints would lose heart, because though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day (2 Cor. 4:16-18; 5:7)
- The gospel--That all the saints would lift up their eyes and look on the fields, for they are already white for harvest (John 4:35)
- The young people-- The follow-up with all those friends who received the Lord both in the Northeast online young people's conference and in the citywide online young people's gospel meeting
- That in the midst of the worldwide pandemic the Lord would protect His interests on the earth, including all the saints and all the churches
- The International Memorial Day Blending Conference which will be held online--The general subject of the conference will be *The World Situation and the Lord's Recovery*

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: *Crystallization-Study of Deuteronomy*

Week 11: Aspects of the Church Life under the Government of God

Portions from Week 11 - day 3:

The portions of Deuteronomy which deal with the divine government are the word of God, not merely the word of Moses [Deut. 16:18-20; 17:8-20; 19:15-21; 21:1-9, 18-23; 22:13-30; 24:1-4, 7, 16; 25:1-3, 5-16]. We need to study all these portions in order to know God's mind and to know what He is thinking. God knows man and man's need, condition, and situation. Therefore, whatever God speaks regarding man is the final word. The divine government among God's people is neither autocracy nor democracy but theocracy. Theocracy is government by God according to what He is. In the church life today, we exercise neither autocracy, which is a kind of dictatorship, nor democracy, which is according to the opinion of the people. Instead, we honor God's authority as our government, and thus the government in the church is a theocracy. (*Life-study of Deuteronomy*, p. 117)

The government in the church should be neither autocratic nor democratic but theocratic....All the saints are priests, but the elders are the leading priests. As such priests, they should stay in the Lord's presence with God's holy word and with today's breastplate—the mingled spirit with Christ and the church. As they remain in the Lord's presence with the word and the mingled spirit for the church, they will receive an understanding that is according to the Lord's thought, and this will become a decision as a kind of judgment. The elders should then administrate according to this divine judgment. Thus the elders function first as the leading priests and then as the administrators. (*Life-study of Deuteronomy*, p. 119)

Corporate Reading:

"The Christian Life" Chapter 15

A Ministry Portion from "*The Overcoming Life*"

FAITH—

"THE LIFE WHICH I NOW LIVE IN THE FLESH I LIVE IN FAITH, THE FAITH IN THE SON OF GOD"

Faith in God's Fact

The Bible shows us that Christ is our Head already. Just as a head has a feeling for the body, being responsible for it and ruling over it, Christ is the Head to us. We do not have to ask Him to be our Head and we do not have to ask to be His Body. He is the Head already, and we are His members already. This requires faith on our part.

God has given us His Son, who is responsible for us, who is living for us, and who is the power of life to us. God gave Him to us in order that all His perfection, fellowship, joy, and riches may be lived out through us. In the past, we did not understand this truth, and we tried to build up our own holiness, thereby denying God's holiness.

God is inviting us, as well as commanding us, to believe that our union with the Lord is the same as His union with God. In such a union all of His patience, meekness, purity, and goodness become ours.

All that we need to do is receive. When we believe in God's Word, we receive His grace. This is the gospel...Everything that is Christ's becomes ours through faith! By faith Christ's perfect life is lived out of our mortal body day by day! By faith it is not only "no longer I who live," but it is also "Christ who lives in me"! Beyond any doubt, Christ is living within us and for us! But this can come only by faith!

- Excerpts from "*The Overcoming Life*", Chapter 5 (part 2)