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2020 JUNE SEMIANNUAL TRAINING Crystallization-Study of Jeremiah and Lamentations

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KEY STATEMENTS

1. Jehovah is the tenderhearted God, and in being tenderhearted, Jeremiah was absolutely one with God; thus, God could use the prophet Jeremiah, an overcomer, to express Him, speak for Him, and represent Him, even in his weeping.
2. Jeremiah, a book full of speaking concerning Israel's sin and God's wrath, chastisement, and punishment, reveals that God's intention in His economy is to be the fountain, the source, of

living waters to dispense Himself into His chosen people for their satisfaction and enjoyment with the goal of producing the church, God's counterpart, as God's increase, God's enlargement, to be God's fullness for His expression.

3. God is eternal and immutable, not subject to any change due to the environment and circumstances, and God's throne is the throne of His eternal and unchanging government; in his speaking about God's eternal being and throne, Jeremiah came out of his human feelings, touched God's person and God's throne, and entered into God's divinity.
4. God as our Potter has sovereignly created us to be His vessels, His containers, to contain Himself according to His predestination; God's purpose in creating man was to make man His vessel, His earthenware container, to contain and be filled with Christ as life for the building up of the Body of Christ as God's great corporate vessel for His expression.
5. As the Shepherd according to God's heart, Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, is continuing His shepherding by incorporating the apostolic ministry with His heavenly ministry to shepherd God's flock; in the Lord's recovery today, we need to realize that the shepherding that builds up the Body of Christ is a mutual shepherding, and we need to shepherd one another according to God, taking all-inclusive, tender care of the flock.
6. In order to be one with God, we need Christ as the Shoot of David to be our redemption and justification; this ushers the Triune God into us to be our life, our inner life law, our capacity, and our everything to dispense Himself into our being to carry out His economy; this is the new covenant, in which we can know God, live God, and become God in life and in nature but not in the Godhead so that we may become His corporate expression as the New Jerusalem.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **A new meeting hall for the church in Washington, DC**

The Church in Washington, DC (CIDC) is moving ahead to purchase a meeting hall in Washington, DC, the capital of the United States. We believe this is a further step in advancing the Lord's move in this country which the Lord has raised up for His Recovery. It would also mark the first permanent meeting facility in the nation's capital, almost 50 years since CIDC was first established in 1973. In the mid-1980s, the saints migrated to nearby suburbs and established churches in Virginia and Maryland, so CIDC was suspended. The lampstand in the nation's capital resumed in 2012 with strong support of the surrounding churches and reinforced by migration back into the city. The church life today has grown to approximately 80 adult saints, about 30 children, a number of home meetings in various locations around the city, and an active campus labor.

The anticipated closing date is August 26, 2020. Please see <https://churchindc.org/meeting-hall> for additional details on the property and the CIDC history.

If you are burdened to contribute for the purchase of this new hall, you can submit your offering to the church in NYC, however, please designate your contribution with the words "Church in DC meeting hall" or simply "CIDC hall."

- **2020 NORTHEAST SUMMER SCHOOL OF TRUTH**

The **2020 Northeast Summer School of Truth (SST)** will be held online over a period of **two weeks (July 27 through August 8)**. Registration is closed.

- **SERVICE OFFICE HOURS**

Service Office hours (in English) is suspended temporarily until Saturday, July 18 due to the June Semiannual Training. The Service Office hours will resume on Monday, July 20.

PRAYER BURDENS

- The summer semiannual training which recently concluded. Pray for the digestion and assimilation of these messages this week in the study sessions.
- The follow-up of the gospel preaching to the children in grade 5
- The North American Summer College Training which is currently being held online
- The continued strengthening of the church life in New York City:
 - a. That all the saints would enjoy the Lord's lovingkindness, His new compassions and His great faithfulness every morning (Lam. 3:22-23)
 - b. The protection and the preservation of the health of the saints in the midst of all the outward environments
 - c. The strengthening of the Lord's Day meetings and all the other meetings during the week, such as the prayer meetings, the small group meetings, the senior saints' evergreen meetings, children's meetings, young people's meetings, college saints' meetings, etc.
- All the summer activities:
 - a. The North America Summer College Training
 - b. The Chinese-speaking Students Perfecting Training
 - c. The Summer School of Truth
 - d. The Family Bible Camp
- Washington, DC—The church in Washington, DC has located a very suitable building in the nation's capital which would serve as a proper meeting hall for the local meetings as well as a blending center for the churches in the Mid-Atlantic region; let us pray that, through the Body, the Lord would provide the necessary funds to acquire this facility
- The various needs of the saints both locally and in other localities (e.g. physical and emotional, health-related, job-related, family-related, etc.)