

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUCEMENTS

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

Day & Time: Monday through Saturday (except Wednesday), 11AM-12PM.

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)

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

PRAYER BURDENS

- The children and the families:
 - a. The Family Bible Camp was held online last week
 - b. The care for the children and the families' handling of the children's education during the new school year with part-time or full-time learning at home
 - c. The service with the children in all nine halls of the church during the upcoming school year
- The young people:
 - a. The going on of the young people after the Summer School of Truth
 - b. The strengthening of the family life of all the young people
 - c. The shepherding of the young people by all the serving brothers and sisters
 - d. The young people's gospel meeting this Wednesday, August 19
- The church meetings--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 children's meetings, young people's meetings, etc.

- Shepherding--The mutual shepherding of all the saints
- The Full-Time Training--The arrangements for all of the trainees during the upcoming term of the FTTA and FTTA-XB which will be held remotely (online)
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for turning the fire in Southern California away from the Blending and Conference Center (Oak Glen Camp) last week right after the saints in the churches prayed
- 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: 2020 Spring ITERO "The Will of God"

Week 8: Meeting to Know and Do the Will of God

Portion from Day 1:

Exodus 15:13 says, "In Your lovingkindness You have led the people whom You have redeemed; / You have guided them in Your strength to Your holy habitation." Have you ever noticed that the destination of God's guiding is His holy habitation? Could you realize that God's habitation is the meeting of His redeemed people? So you have a term that combines these two things together: the Tent of Meeting. The tent refers to God's dwelling place, and the meeting, no doubt, refers to the gathering of God's people. This indicates that the gathering of God's people is just God's dwelling place. In the New Testament ...God's habitation is the church. And the church, according to the Greek word *ekklesia*, means a kind of meeting. It is a meeting or an assembly of the called-out ones. When God's called-out ones meet together, this is the church. The church is the meeting of a collective people, a gathering of the believers. This gathering is the habitation of God. So the church is the "Tent of Meeting." (CWWL, 1982, vol. 1, "Experiencing Christ as the Offerings for the Church Meetings," pp. 481-482)

We live on this earth, and our goal, our purpose, is to do the will of our Father. How could we know His will? There is no other way except by attending the meetings... When you begin to miss the meetings, you begin to miss God's will. Then you would begin to go back to that miserable life under Satan's tyranny from which you have been delivered already.

So we must do whatever we can not to miss any meetings... Coming to the meeting must be first. I have never seen one saint who eventually really suffered because of coming to the meeting... Rather, I can testify that I have seen thousands in the past who kept coming to the meetings and who were much blessed by the Lord, not only spiritually but even physically. The Lord is faithful, and His promise is trustworthy.

Some might consider that they sacrifice too much time to come to the meetings. They might consider that if they used all their time to do business, they would make more money. Let them try four or five years, and they will see the suffering. I have seen too many cases like this. This thought is quite deceiving and quite misleading....If we come to the meeting, we are keeping His predestination, and the destiny of blessing will come to us. It will come not only to us, one generation, but perhaps even to the third generation, or generation after generation. Both we and our children will be under God's blessing.

To meet together is not a small thing.... Here we know the will of God, here we do the will of God, and eventually we will fulfill His purpose. (CWWL, 1982, vol.1, "Experiencing Christ as the Offerings for the Church Meetings," pp. 488, 490-491)

Corporate Readings: *"The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob" Ch 1: Introduction*

A Ministry Portion from "The Overcoming Life"

THE JUST LIVING BY FAITH

"The righteous shall have life and live by faith." The righteous receive life by faith; this is the initial experience. The righteous also live by faith; this is the ongoing experience.

There are two worlds before us. One is the physical world, and the other is the spiritual world. ... If we live according to the senses of our physical organs in the physical world, we will substantiate the physical world. If we live by faith in the spiritual world, we will substantiate the spiritual world. In

other words, when we exercise our senses, we live in Adam, but when we exercise our faith, we immediately live in Christ. ... When we live in Christ, everything in Christ will be our experience.

The Bible never teaches that sin can be eradicated. But once a believer has entered the overcoming life, according to the principle of God's work and according to His provision and His commandments, such a person should no longer sin. It is possible for us to express Christ every day, and it is possible for us to more than conquer every day. ...Brothers and sisters, we have to live by faith daily; only then can we substantiate everything in Christ.

BEING RECOVERED BY THE BLOOD IMMEDIATELY AFTER FAILURE

What should we do if we fail accidentally? We should come immediately to God and put our sins under His blood. The very next moment, we can look to the Lord and say, "God, I thank and praise You because Your Son is still my life and my holiness. He will live out His overcoming life from within me." We can be recovered within a second.

Some may ask, "If a man still fails and needs the cleansing of the blood after he has entered the overcoming experience, is he not the same as those who never have the overcoming experience?" Brothers and sisters, there is a big difference. Before one overcomes, his life is a total failure. Occasionally he may overcome, but he fails habitually and repeatedly. However, after he has overcome, his life becomes a victorious life. If he fails, it is an occasional failure; on the whole, he overcomes continuously. There is a big difference between the two! Hallelujah!

Before a person overcomes, he will be at a loss as to what to do once he fails. He will not know how to recover his fellowship with God and how to receive God's light once again. ... After he has overcome, he may still fail occasionally, but within a few seconds, he will be recovered. He will immediately confess his sins and be cleansed. He can thank and praise the Lord at once, and Christ will live out His victory from within him once again. This is the great difference between overcoming and not overcoming.

- Excerpts from "The Overcoming Life", Chapter 9: Growth (part 3)