

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2020 International Thanksgiving Conference**
 Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Living Stream Ministry will again modify the format for the upcoming 2020 International Thanksgiving Conference. The conference will no longer be held in Boston, MA. Instead, Living Stream Ministry will host this conference completely online, in a way similar to the 2020 International Memorial Day Conference. There will be online prophesying times and review sessions.

We are looking to the Lord and expecting Him to use this pandemic to do something extraordinary among us during this time. We are praying that He will help us to open this channel for the release of His Word through this ministry. To that end, we hope that all the churches and all the saints will prepare for this upcoming time of ministry and sanctify these days for the hearing of faith among us everywhere. Please pray for His blessing upon this conference. May it turn out to be a real memorial among us to the shame of God's enemy and to the glory of God's grace!

Thanksgiving Conference Schedule:

Date	Time	Session
11/26 Thur.	7:00 PM	Message 1
11/27 Fri.	10:00 AM	Message 2
11/27 Fri.	4:00 PM	Review for Msgs 1, 2
11/27 Fri.	7:00 PM	Message 3
11/28 Sat.	10:00 AM	Message 4
11/28 Sat.	4:00 PM	Review for Msgs 3, 4
11/28 Sat.	7:00 PM	Message 5
11/29 Lord's Day	9:00 AM	LORD'S TABLE
11/29 Lord's Day	10:00 AM	Message 6
11/29 Lord's Day	4:00 PM	Review for Msgs 5, 6

- December 2020 Semiannual Training**
 Due to the continued spread of COVID-19 and the likelihood that various government mandates regulating and restricting public gatherings will be extended, Living Stream Ministry has decided that the December 2020 Semiannual Training will not be held corporately as a live training in Anaheim, CA. Instead, the churches will be able to participate in the December 2020 Semiannual Training by video training only. **The registration deadline is December 7th, 2020.** Registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/2020DecemberTraining>

Proposed Semiannual Training Schedule:

Date	Time	Session
12/25 Fri.	4:00 PM	Message 1
12/25 Fri.	7:00 PM	Message 2
12/26 Sat.	10:00 AM	Message 3
12/26 Sat.	4:00 PM	Message 4
12/26 Sat.	7:00 PM	Message 5
12/27 Lord's Day	9:00 AM	LORD'S TABLE
12/27 Lord's Day	10:00 AM	Message 6 (Open Meeting)
12/28 Mon.	TBD	Review for Msgs 1, 2
12/30 Wed.	TBD	Review for Msgs 3, 4
12/31 Thur.	TBD	Review for Msgs 5, 6
1/1/21 Fri.	4:00 PM	Message 7
1/1/21 Fri.	7:00 PM	Message 8
1/2/21 Sat.	10:00 AM	Message 9
1/2/21 Sat.	4:00 PM	Message 10
1/2/21 Sat.	7:00 PM	Message 11
1/3/21 Lord's Day	9:00 AM	LORD'S TABLE
1/3/21 Lord's Day	10:00 AM	Message 12 (Open Meeting)
1/4/21 Mon.	TBD	Review for Msgs 7, 8
1/6/21 Wed.	TBD	Review for Msgs 9, 10
1/7/21 Thur.	TBD	Review for Msgs 11, 12

- **Service Office Hours**

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

- That all the saints would "be empowered in the Lord and in the might of His strength" and "put on the whole armor of God" that they "may be able to stand against the stratagems of the devil" (Eph. 6:10-11)
- The families in the church life – That the Lord's grace and peace would be prevalent in every family and household and that the Lord would meet the needs of every family and household
- The building up of the church through the meetings of the church – The strengthening of the Lord's Day meetings and all the other meetings during the week, such as the prayer meetings and the small group meetings (Matt. 16:18; 1 Cor. 14:3)
- The strengthening of the children's meeting service in every hall
- College conference – the online college conference for the churches in NY, NJ and Eastern Canada held this past Friday and Saturday
- The health and safety of the saints in Orange County, CA as wildfires burn near the cities of Irvine and Yorba Linda, where many saints reside
- The Lord's move in South America – This past weekend there was an online training for the saints serving with the young people in the churches throughout South America in preparation for the truth schools which will be held in 8 countries throughout the continent early next year

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: Crystallization-Study of Jeremiah and Lamentations

Week 5: *God as Our Sovereign Potter Making Us His Vessels, His Containers, to Contain Him*

Portion from Day 4:

When Paul wrote Romans 9, his thought was fully occupied with God's mercy [cf. v. 16]...It is altogether a matter of God's mercy that we are believers and that we are in the church life. Because all is of God's mercy, we have nothing to boast of in ourselves...As vessels of mercy unto honor and glory, we were chosen by God according to His sovereign mercy (Rom. 9:11-16). The expression sovereign mercy means that God's mercy is absolutely according to His sovereignty. Being a vessel of mercy is not the result of our choice; it originates with God's sovereignty. It is of God's sovereignty that He created us vessels of mercy to contain Himself. His sovereignty is the basis of His selection.

However, even the bearing of responsibility is of God's mercy. Why is it that some believers are willing to bear their responsibility and that others are not? The answer lies in God's mercy. In Romans 9:15 Paul quotes the Lord's words, "I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy." Because of God's mercy we responded to the gospel when others did not respond, we received a word about Christ as life when others refused to receive it, and we took the way of the Lord's recovery when others drew back from taking this way.

Regarding His recovery, God has mercy on whom He will have mercy. We are not in the Lord's recovery because we are more intelligent than others or because we seek the Lord more than others do. Our being here is altogether due to the mercy of God. If you consider how the Lord brought you into the church life in the Lord's recovery, you will worship Him for His mercy. Concerning the gospel, the ministry of life, and the church life, God has had mercy on us. How we must praise Him for His sovereign mercy, and worship Him for His mercy! (The Conclusion of the New Testament, pp. 1184-1185, 100)

Corporate Readings: *"The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob" Ch. 9: Jacob's Nature and the Discipline He Received*