

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The **Northeast HS Juniors and Seniors Retreat** will be held online on *Friday, October 9th, 2020 through Saturday, October 10th, 2020.*

-Friday, October 9th

8:00- 9:15 PM

-Saturday, October 10th

2:00- 3:00 PM Recreation

3:00- 4:15 PM

8:00- 9:30 PM

Please register on [Pursuewiththose.org](https://pursuewiththose.org) by Lord's Day, October 4th.

- **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

- ITERO--The Training for Elders and Responsible Ones held online this past weekend
- The strengthening of the Lord's testimony in New York City:
 - a. The mutual shepherding of all the saints, including those who may be discouraged or have not been meeting regularly
 - b. That all the saints would be burdened for the gospel and for the spreading of the truth (2 Tim. 4:1-2)

- c. The strengthening and enriching of the Lord's Day meetings and all the other meetings during the week, such as the prayer meetings and the small group meetings
- The children and the families:
 - a. That the Lord would have the preeminence in every family in the church (Col. 1:18)
 - b. The care for the children and the families' handling of the children's education during the new school year with all the challenges that this presents
 - c. The children's meeting service in each of the nine halls of the church
 - d. That many neighborhood children's meetings could be raised up all over the city for the gaining of more children and families
 - The young people:
 - a. The going on of the young people during the new school year and the weekly young people's meetings
 - b. The strengthening of the serving ones and the shepherding of the young people
 - 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: Crystallization-Study of Jeremiah and Lamentations

Week 1: Jeremiah, the Tenderhearted Prophet of the Tenderhearted God

Portion from Days 4 & 6:

No proper worker of the Lord can be without tears... All those who have a heart for their work cannot help weeping. Many times when we try to deal with someone and exhaust all means, there is no result... Sometimes when no persuasion works, tears become the last persuasion.

There is no lover of the Lord who does not cry. We should ache for sinners to the point of weeping

for them. We should weep because God's glory is challenged, and we should weep in anguish that the enemy is not yet bound...All those whose hearts are in the Lord's work surely weep. Jeremiah was a prophet who was greatly used by the Lord. He was such because of his tears. He was anxious and felt responsible for God's children, and he wept for them day and night. (CWWN, vol. 19, p. 494)

Paul said that for three years he was in tears for them night and day [Acts 20:31]. Have you shed tears this way for your work? All we have to ask a person is whether or not he has shed tears to find out whether or not he is zealous, if he is single for his work, and if his heart of service is complete. I must say honestly that without tears no work can become prosperous. If we do not do this one thing in secret, the progress of our work will be hindered. (CWWN, vol. 19, pp. 495-496).

The more spiritual we are, the more emotional we are. Actually, if we do not know how to weep or shed tears, we are not very spiritual. However, ...if we shed tears from our soul as our person, this is not to live Christ. ...When I began to live in the spirit, in my new man, taking the soul as my organ, I began to shed tears. At these times I shed tears by the soul as my organ, not as my person. The person who shed tears was my spirit.

(In Psalm 84:6a) "Baca" means "weeping." On the one hand, when we had the intention to come into the church life, we were strengthened in God; on the other hand, we were opposed by Satan, who has caused many saints to suffer persecution. The trouble and persecution caused by Satan can make our highway a valley of weeping.

Verse 6c says, "Indeed the early rain covers it with blessings." According to our experience, this means that our tears become a spring and that this spring becomes the early rain that covers the valley with blessings. This early rain is the Spirit, and the Spirit is our blessing.

Corporate Readings: *"The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob" Ch 6: Abraham and His Son (3)*

A Ministry Portion from "The Overcoming Life"

THINGS TO CONSECRATE

People

The first thing we should consecrate is the people we love. If a man does not love the Lord more than his parents, wife, children, and friends, he is not

worthy to be the Lord's disciple. If you have consecrated yourself to the Lord, there should be no one in this world that can occupy your heart and nothing that can capture your heart any longer. God saves you in order to gain you wholly. ... You have to say, "Lord, all my relationships with men are on the altar. My relationship with the whole world is over."

God has given Christ to us as our overcoming life so that we would not only know His will but also obey it. We must never think that the overcoming life only delivers us from sin on the negative side. The real overcoming life enables us to fellowship with God and to obey His will on the positive side. God gives us His overcoming life so that we can meet His goal, not so that He can meet our goal. No Christian can hold on to any person. Tonight if the people we love are not consecrated, we cannot satisfy God. The people have to go. We must say, "Whom do I have in heaven but You? / And besides You there is nothing I desire on earth" (Psa. 73:25). We must say, "I will serve the Lord my God with all my heart, all my mind, and all my soul."

Even if the Lord has given someone to you, He will not allow you to be attached to him or her. He will not allow you to be attached to your wife, your children, or your friends. Even the Isaac that God promised had to be put on the altar.

Affairs

Brothers and sisters, we all should consecrate our affairs to the Lord. ...I am saying that all of us have to consecrate everything to the Lord. What is consecration? What does it mean to offer ourselves up? It is to declare, "Lord, I will do Your will." Many people think that consecration is offering up oneself to be a preacher. No, we consecrate ourselves to do God's will. Many people realize through a genuine consecration that they should be faithful in their business and supply the need of God's work. As a result, they give up their preaching work. Many others are motivated by the present needs and the needs in frontier lands to devote themselves to the preaching work. During the past few years, we have been short of co-workers. If God is to work among us, many brothers and sisters will give themselves to serve the Lord full-time in the near future. They will find that they must consecrate all of their affairs to the Lord.

- Excerpts from "The Overcoming Life", Chapter 11: Consecration (part 3)