

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Fall Chinese-speaking Conference**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We thank the Lord for His speaking to all the churches in the recent ITERO. The speaking in those messages can surely help prepare the saints in life and vision in order to face the rapidly changing situations, so that we can put away every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and run with endurance the race which is set before us, looking away unto Jesus. After fellowship among the leading brothers in the church in New York City, we hope to lead the saints in the church in NYC into this speaking, to give the saints food at the proper time, as our preparation to meet our Lord.

Therefore, we hope to hold the Fall Chinese-speaking Conference on October 17-18, 2020. Brother Keh-shin Lii will coordinate with the brothers in New York City in the release of the messages and testimonies. Given the work schedule of the saints in New York City, the conference schedule is arranged as follows:

Title: *“Receiving the End of Our Faith, the Salvation of Our Souls”*

October 17 (Saturday): 7:30 PM-9:30PM
(Meeting 1)

October 18 (Lord’s Day): 9:00 AM-10:00AM
(Lord’s Table Meeting and Blending)

October 18 (Lord’s Day): 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
(Meeting 2)

October 18 (Lord’s Day): 4:00 PM-5:30 PM
(Meeting 3)

October 18 (Lord’s Day): 7:30 PM-9:30 PM
(Meeting 4)

The Zoom meeting links will be provided prior to the conference.

- **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

- The strengthening of the saints:
 - a. That the saints will rise up to fight the spiritual warfare as God’s corporate warrior by being empowered with God’s resurrection power and by putting on the whole armor of God (Eph. 1:19-23; 6:10-11)
 - b. That all the saints would be strengthened in their personal fellowship with the Lord and in their walk with the Lord in their daily life (SS. 1:2, 4a; Gal. 5:25)
 - c. That all the saints would be burdened for the gospel and for the spreading of the truth (Rom. 1:15-16)
- The church meetings – The attendance in the Lord’s Day meetings and that all the meetings would be rich in the supply of the Word of God to all the saints
- All the services in the church, particularly the service with the children and young people
- The young people – the baptisms of some of the sixth graders in Hall 1 on the Lord’s Day of October 11
- The advance of the Lord’s move in the United States and that the Lord would preserve this country for His ultimate move at the end of this age

- The Full-Time Training – The arrangements for all of the trainees during this term of the FTTA and FTTA-XB which are being held remotely (online), including the arrangement for trainees from NY and NJ being carried out at KPCC

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: Crystallization-Study of Jeremiah and Lamentations

Week 2: The Kernel of the Book of Jeremiah

Portion from Days 1, 3 & 5:

This kernel includes three matters — what God wants from us, what we are in our fallen condition, and what Christ is to us.

God wants us to take Him as the fountain of living waters for our living. This means that He wants us to take Him as the source, the fountain, of our being.

Another aspect of the kernel of the book of Jeremiah is the exposure of what we are in our fallen condition. In this matter Jeremiah is very deep but also very simple. In 17:9 he speaks regarding the human heart. ...Our heart is deceitful to the uttermost and incurable. Just as our heart is incurable, so our fallen nature is unchangeable [cf. 13:23]In our fallen condition we are corrupt and rotten; there is no way for us to change, correct, or improve ourselves.

The third matter in the kernel of the book of Jeremiah is what Christ is to us. ...Although Christ is God, He became a Shoot, or Sprout, of David [Jer. 23:5].

Christ, the righteous Shoot of David, is called Jehovah our righteousness. In our fallen condition we are corrupt, sinful, deceitful, incurable, and unchangeable. How could we ever be righteous before God? In ourselves this is impossible, but we can become righteous in Christ. ...Based upon Christ's redemption, God is able to forgive our sins, to forget our sins, and to justify us. Furthermore, with the redemption of Christ as the foundation, Christ Himself has become our righteousness. ...Outwardly, we are justified, having Christ as our righteousness, but inwardly we are still empty. Therefore, we need Christ to be something else to us. We need Christ as the divine life, the divine life that is wrought into our inner being (Jer. 31:33).

As a result of this dispensing, this transfusing of God Himself into us, we are no longer empty. On the contrary, we are filled with the dispensing Triune God.

Corporate Readings: *"The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob" Ch 7: The Characteristics of Isaac*

A Ministry Portion from *"The Overcoming Life"*

THINGS TO CONSECRATE

Objects

We have to consecrate not only people and affairs but also all objects. ...There is nothing legal about this, but if we want to live a consecrated life, gold ornaments probably have to go, fashionable clothes have to go, and perhaps our money has to go. ...Squandering has no place in the eyes of the Lord, just as saving has no place in His eyes. ... In the New Testament, nothing is said about tithing a tenth of what we have; the only thing that is spoken of is putting everything in the Lord's hands.

Many brothers and sisters have furnishings in their homes, clothes in their closets, or possessions in their hands that are unbecoming of God's children. Once the Lord touches these things, we have to consecrate them. ...Of course, we cannot do this, but thank God that everything is possible with Him. Philippians 4:13 says, "I am able to do all things in Him who empowers me." This means that as soon as the Lord energizes us, we can do all things. It is impossible for us to offer up all things, but we can do it by the One who empowers us. Since Christ is our life, we can do it.

Ourselves

Today we should not only consecrate people, affairs, and objects to the Lord but also consecrate ourselves to Him. Every Lord's Day when we put the money into the offering box, we should put ourselves into it as well. When we hold ourselves back, God does not want our money. God will not have "ours" unless He first has "us." God must have us first before He will have ours. There are many people who will consecrate themselves to the Lord, and the Lord will not necessarily ask them to be preachers. He may want some to be good businessmen. Every corner in this world needs light, and we cannot choose our own work. We should say to the Lord, "From now on I resolve to do Your will.

- Excerpts from *"The Overcoming Life", Chapter 11: Consecration (part 4)*