

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.

Following Saturday, October 17, 2020, the conference will continue and conclude on the Lord's day, October 18 2020. Brothers Keh-shin Lii and John Liu (from the churches in Northern CA) 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 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): 3:00 PM-4:00 PM

(Testimony & Q/As)

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)

Join via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/94456833745?pwd=TVd4VU1ZSHFaZHFhZ1JpTVp6V1huUT09>

Meeting ID: 944 5683 3745 (Passcode: 2020)

Dial-in by Phone: +19294362866,,94456833745#

- **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 mutual shepherding of all the saints through one-on-one contact and the small group meetings, that none would be overlooked or feel isolated (John 21:16; 1 Pet. 2:25)
- 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 (Heb. 10:25; 1 Cor. 14:3, 26)
- The Fall Chinese-speaking conference being held online from the past Saturday and continue this Lord's day (October 18)--This conference is primarily for the saints in the church in NYC, however, many other localities have indicated their desire to join the conference for the sake of blending and to receive the Lord's up-to-date speaking
- Gospel to All the Nations conference--The last in a series of online conference meetings with the focus of reaching the seekers in the African-

American community and among those of African descent was held this past Saturday, October 17

- The advance of the Lord's move in the United States and the migration to the 10 target cities in the Midwest and Southeast: Minneapolis, MN, St. Louis, MO, Lexington, KY, Cincinnati, OH, Pittsburgh, PA, Richmond, VA, Charlotte, NC, Columbia, SC, Memphis, TN, Orlando, FL
- 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 3: The Two Evils of God's People and God's Faithfulness in Fulfilling His Economy

Portion from Day 5:

When we believed in the Lord Jesus, we might have expected to have peace and blessing. But instead we might have had many troubles and might have lost our security, our health, or our possessions.

We need to realize that in allowing us to have troubles, God is faithful in His purpose to turn us from idols and bring us back to Himself. Our peace, safety, health, and possessions may become idols to us, and God is faithful to take these things away so that we may drink of Him as the fountain of living waters. If our house or our possessions become idols to us, we drink of them and not of God. God's faithfulness is a matter of dealing with these idols and causing us to drink of Him.

God is faithful in leading us into His economy, and His economy is for us to drink Christ, to eat Christ, to enjoy Christ, to absorb Christ, and to assimilate Christ that God may have His increase with us to fulfill His economy.

Instead of drinking of God as the fountain of living waters, Israel drank of their idols. Therefore, God used the Babylonians to deal with these idols and also to destroy Jerusalem and even the temple, which had become an idol to them. We need to see that we are not better than Israel. Anything can become an idol to us. But God is faithful in fulfilling His economy. In His faithfulness He deals with our idols that we may drink of Him. We all need to drink of God as the fountain of living waters, receiving Christ into us and assimilating Him, so that He may

increase for the fulfillment of God's economy to have His expression through His counterpart.

Whereas God is faithful, we are neither faithful nor chaste but go to many other husbands. After failing God, we may receive some mercy and grace and therefore repent and weep....While we are repenting and weeping, God is rejoicing....After repenting, we should begin to drink of the living waters, praising God, giving thanks to Him for everything, and enjoying Him. This is what God wants. God is not interested in anything other than our enjoyment of Christ. (*Life-study of Jeremiah*, pp. 28-29)

Corporate Readings: *"The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob" Ch 7: The Characteristics of Isaac & Ch. 8: Isaac in the New Testament –God's Provisions in Christ*

A Ministry Portion from *"The Overcoming Life"*

THE RESULT OF CONSECRATION

Romans 12 shows us that our jobs, husbands, children, money, and treasures are all for God alone; they are reserved for God's use. God's goal is not that we would be zealous for a little while. If a man does not consecrate himself to the Lord, He will not be satisfied. Unless a man consecrates himself fully to the Lord, God is not satisfied. Everything has to be offered up to Him.

This consecration is well pleasing to God, and it is reasonable. Every Christian should consecrate himself; it is wrong to assume that only special Christians should consecrate themselves. His blood has purchased us, and we are His. His love has constrained us, and we live for Him.

If we do not consecrate ourselves, we will never realize that this will is good. God's will is not only good but also perfect. All of God's will toward those who love Him is profitable. If we know this, we will not reject His will. Presenting our bodies to Him is holy and well pleasing to Him. Moreover, we will find His will well pleasing to us and find that His will is good and perfect.

I will ask you to do one final thing, that is, to say to the Lord, "God, I am wholly Yours. From now on I will not live for myself."

- Excerpts from *"The Overcoming Life"*, Chapter 11: Consecration (part 5)