

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **NY, NJ and Eastern Canada College Conference**
We would like to announce an online conference for the college students primarily in NY, NJ and Eastern Canada over the weekend of October 30-31. The topic will be ***Faith, Love, and Hope for the Lord's Coming***. There will be message meetings as well as small group fellowship. We hope the Lord will speak a timely word to the college saints during this weekend. Please pray for this time. The registration link and schedule can be found below:

Registration link is [here](#) (Deadline: October 25)

Friday, October 30

5:00pm - 6:30pm Session 1 - The Lord's Coming

7:30pm - 9:00pm Session 2 - Faith

Saturday, October 31

9:00am - 9:30am Morning Revival (Optional)

10:00am - 11:30am Session 3 - Love

2:00pm - 3:00pm Recreation time (Optional)

3:00pm - 4:00pm Singing time (Optional)

7:00pm - 8:30pm Session 4 - Hope

- **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 experience the Lord as "the Shepherd and Overseer of (their) souls," especially those who are facing "various trials" and those who may be discouraged or have not been meeting regularly (1 Pet. 1:5-7; 2:25)
- That the saints would be ready to "proclaim the word...in season and out of season" and "let (their) light shine before men" (2 Tim. 4:2; Matt. 5:16)
- 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
- That all the high school seniors would give the Lord the first place and seek His will as they consider their college choice and that they would be burdened for the salvation of some of their friends before their graduation
- 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 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 4: God's Words—the Divine Supply as Food Portion from Days 2, 3 & 6:

The divine concept concerning the Word of God is that the word from the Lord is food for us to feed on for our nourishment. Matthew 4:4 says, "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out through the mouth of God." The divine concept concerning God's Word is that it is food by which we are not only taught but also nourished. Jeremiah 15:16 says, "Your words were found and I ate them." Jeremiah took the word as food to eat. ...We need our concept renewed concerning the

Word of God. The natural concept concerning the Word is that it is a certain kind of teaching or doctrine, but the divine concept is that the Word of God is food to nourish our spirit.

The best digestion occurs when the food that gets into our stomach has a free course to get into our whole system. This affords us the best nourishment. On the other hand, we have indigestion when due to some blockage our food does not have a free course in us. ...Pray-reading is wonderful, but we also have to pray, "Lord, clear a way within me. O Lord, have a free course within me." Pray-reading does not help us to obtain mere knowledge; rather, it brings many things of the Lord into us.

Therefore, we need to give the things of the Lord a free course within us. This affords us the best spiritual digestion, assimilating what we have pray-read. Never say no to the Lord; learn always to say Amen.

We need the arbitrating peace of Christ to preserve us in oneness that the Lord may speak to us. Then we need to give first place to the word of God. If we do this, we shall experience the functions of the word of God: enlightening, nourishing, quenching our thirst, strengthening, washing, building, perfecting, and edifying. What benefit we receive from the word of God! (*Life-study of Colossians, pp. 574-575*)

If we do not feed on the Word daily, it will not be possible for us to live Christ. I am healthy spiritually because daily I eat, digest, and assimilate the Word and am nourished by it. ... God has made Christ to be our life and our everything, and He has destined us to live Christ. If we live Christ, we shall be the most blessed people on earth. We shall have joy, satisfaction, and every blessing. As we have pointed out, the way to live Christ is to receive His word into us and be filled with it.

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

A Ministry Portion from "The Prayer Ministry of the Church"

"Moreover if your brother sins against you, go, reprove him between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not hear you, take with you one or two more, that by the

mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to hear the church also, let him be to you just like the Gentile and the tax collector. Truly I say to you, Whatever you bind on the earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on the earth shall have been loosed in heaven. Again, truly I say to you that if two of you are in harmony on earth concerning any matter for which they ask, it will be done for them from My Father who is in the heavens. For where there are two or three gathered into My name, there am I in their midst" (Matt. 18:15-20). These few verses can be divided into two sections. Verses 15-17 are one section, while verses 18-20 are another section. If we read them carefully, we will find the relationship between the two sections. Verses 15-17 cover one specific thing, one particular thing, while verses 18-20 cover the general principle. ...This is the basis for saying that verses 18-20 are the foundation of verses 15-17.

THE EARTH CONTROLS HEAVEN

In verse 18 the Lord says, "Truly I say to you, Whatever you bind on the earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on the earth shall have been loosed in heaven." ...The special thing is that there must be a move on earth before there is a move in heaven. It is not heaven that binds first but the earth that binds first. It is not heaven that looses first but the earth that looses first. ...The move on the earth precedes the move in heaven. The earth controls heaven.

Ezekiel 36:37 says, "Thus saith the Lord God; I will yet for this be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock." God has a purpose to increase the number of the house of Israel so that the Israelites would increase like a flock. Those who do not know God will say, "If God wants to increase the number of the Israelites like a flock, He could go ahead and do it. Who could stop Him?" But this verse says that God must be inquired of first before He will accomplish it for them. This is a clear principle: Even though God decides on a matter, He will not do it immediately. He would increase the house of Israel only after they inquired of Him. He wants the earth to control heaven.

- Excerpts from "The Prayer Ministry of the Church", Chapter 1: The Prayer Ministry of the Church (part 1)