

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2020 International Thanksgiving Conference, Nov. 26 - 29**

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

We are pleased to announce the meeting schedule for the 2020 International Thanksgiving Conference. Living Stream Ministry will host this conference completely online, in a way similar to the 2020 International Memorial Day Conference. The church in New York City will host Zoom meetings for viewing and for prophesying after the messages. All of the saints are invited and encouraged to attend these meetings. You may find the Zoom meeting information on the church website, <https://churchinnyc.org>

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!

- **2020 December Semiannual Training, Dec. 25 - Jan. 7**

It is time to register for the December Semiannual Training. Each year in July and December the churches gather for a training on a "crystallization-study" of a book in the Bible. These are concentrated days to spend time in the Lord's Word, receiving the ministry and fellowshiping with the saints. This year, all of the training meetings will be conducted online as a video training. The church in NYC will host Zoom meetings for viewing the messages, for studying and testing, and for prophesying.

If you wish to participate, you must register by the deadline of December 7, 2020. The requested training donation is \$125.00 USD. After registration, you will be provided with Zoom information and further instructions. Please register using this online form: Church in NYC semiannual training registration <https://tinyurl.com/2020DecemberTraining>

- **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

- Pray for the saints to live in the reality of the church as a house of prayer
- For the preservation of the United States and for the leaders of this nation so that the Lord's testimony would be strengthened and advance in every locality where it is established and spread to other areas of the country
- The continued strengthening of the church life in New York City:
 - a. The mutual shepherding of all the saints and that not one saint would be overlooked or feel isolated
 - b. The strengthening of the families and all the households in the church life
 - c. The strengthening of the church meetings and small group meetings
- The follow up of the online Chinese-speaking gospel meeting this past Saturday
- The saints in Honduras in the aftermath of Hurricane Eta--In San Pedro Sula, around 40 saints were evacuated from their homes (their homes were flooded and they have lost everything) and are being housed in the church meeting hall; in La Lima, 50 people from the community are being housed in the church hall.
- Thanksgiving conference--The International Thanksgiving Blending Conference will be held online from November 26-29

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: Crystallization-Study of Jeremiah and Lamentations

Week 7: Knowing Jehovah, the Eternal God, in His Lovingkindness, Compassions, and Faithfulness

Portion from Day 6

I appreciate the three matters we have emphasized in this message: to have our hope in the Lord, to wait on Him, and to call upon His name. If we practice these things, we will be under God's dispensing in a practical way.

When the situation around us seems to be hopeless, we need to realize that our God can never be defeated. Whatever He has spoken, He will be faithful to fulfill. Therefore, we should believe all that the Bible says. In addition, we need to realize that God is the portion of His people, and we need to put

our hope and our trust in Him. We need to trust in Him and wait on Him whether He answers us now or later. Even if He seemingly does not answer our prayer, we should continue to pray and wait on Him. The eventual result will be according to His purpose, and we will be the ones benefited by Him. May we all learn this lesson. (*Life-study of Lamentations, pp. 7-9*)

Corporate Readings: *"The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob" Ch. 10: The Breaking of Jacob's Natural Life*

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

HARMONY OF WILL

We have to remember that our God is limited by time. ...There is an eternity past and an eternity future. Between these two eternities, there is time. Within this section called time, God is limited. ...According to Genesis 2, God gave man a free will when He created him. God has a will, and man has a will. Whenever man's will is not one with God's will, God is limited. ...God is a powerful God; He can do anything. If the earth was filled with spiritless material, God would be without restriction. But one day, God created man. ...God did not create a man who was obligated to obey Him. ...After God created a man with a free will, His power was limited by this man. He could no longer act according to what He wanted. He had to ask whether man wanted the same thing and whether he was willing to do the same thing. ...This is why we say that within time, the period between the two eternities, God's authority is limited by man.

God is willing to be limited in time because He wants to gain a harmonious will in the second eternity. ...God's intention is that man's free will would choose to obey Him. This is a glory to God! In eternity future the free will of man will be joined to God's eternal will. That will be the time for God's eternal will to be fulfilled and for man's free will to become harmonious with God's eternal will. ...In eternity future man still has a free will, but it will stand on God's side. ...Hallelujah! Even though man will have the freedom to oppose God, he will not oppose Him. He will do what God wants. This harmony of will is a glory to God!

- Excerpts from "The Prayer Ministry of the Church", Chapter 1: The Prayer Ministry of the Church (part 2)