

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Training Schedule:

Date	Time	Session
12/25 Fri.	4:00 PM	Message 1
12/25 Fri.	7:00 PM	Message 2
12/26 Sat.	10:00 AM	Message 3
12/26 Sat.	4:00 PM	Message 4
12/26 Sat.	7:00 PM	Message 5
12/27 Lord's Day	9:00 AM	LORD'S TABLE
12/27 Lord's Day	10:00 AM	Message 6 (Open Meeting)
1/1/21 Fri.	4:00 PM	Message 7
1/1/21 Fri.	7:00 PM	Message 8
1/2/21 Sat.	10:00 AM	Message 9
1/2/21 Sat.	4:00 PM	Message 10
1/2/21 Sat.	7:00 PM	Message 11
1/3/21 Lord's Day	9:00 AM	LORD'S TABLE
1/3/21 Lord's Day	10:00 AM	Message 12 (Open Meeting)

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

- That all the saints would "run with endurance the race which is set before us, looking away unto Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith" (Hebrews 12:1-2)
- The burden for the gospel during these challenging times and the church gospel meeting on Saturday, December 19 – The subject of the gospel message will be *The Coming Christ as the Desire of All the Nations* (Haggai 2:7)
- 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 all-inclusive care of each of the saints in their "spirit and soul and body" (1 Thessalonians 5:23)
- 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 10: The Promise, the Prophecy, the Remnant, and the Recovery

Portion from Days 5 & 6 :

Spiritually speaking, the church, due to its degradation, has been in captivity. God's people have been divided, scattered, and carried away from the proper ground of unity to a wrong ground....In a very real sense, the believers today are more scattered than the children of Israel were. Therefore, we need to be recovered. We need not only revival but also recovery.

Today's Babylon has not only captured God's people but also robbed all the riches from God's temple. The vessels, signifying the riches of Christ, have been carried away. This is the reason that in Roman Catholicism and in the Protestant denominations very little is said, if anything, concerning the unsearchable riches of Christ (Eph. 3:8). The believers are not encouraged to eat Christ, to drink Christ, to feast with Christ, to enjoy Christ in full. The reason there is little or no enjoyment of the riches of Christ is that all the vessels in the temple have been carried away by Babylon the Great. Now the Lord wants to recover the experience of the riches of Christ. He wants not only to call His faithful people out of Babylon and back to the proper church life, but also to recover and bring back all the different aspects of Christ which have been lost. (The Conclusion of the New Testament, pp. 2449, 2451-2453)

With Christ's second coming, if there is no recovery of the church life, that is, no return of God's people from Babylon the Great to the church life, there will be no way for Christ to carry out His second coming. This is the reason that the Lord, at the end time, is working to have a recovery. I believe that this recovery will be a preparation and a base for Christ's coming again. (The Conclusion of the New Testament, pp. 2453-2455)

Corporate Readings: *"The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob" Ch. 11: The Maturity of Jacob & Ch.12 The Constitution of the Spirit*

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

THE GREAT PRINCIPLES

Even though God has a will, He wants the free will on earth to echo His will before He does anything. If there is only a will in heaven, God will not move. The heavenly move is accomplished on earth only when the earth wants the same thing as heaven. Today this is called the ministry of the church. Brothers and sisters, the ministry of the church is not only the preaching of the gospel. This does not mean that we should not preach the gospel; it means that the ministry of the church is not merely the preaching of the gospel. The ministry of the church is to bring the will in heaven to earth. How does the church bring the will in heaven to earth? It is by prayer on earth. Prayer is not as small and insignificant as some may think. It is not something that is dispensable. Prayer is a work. Prayer is the church saying to God, "God, we want Your will." Prayer is the church knowing God's heart and opening its mouth to ask for what is in God's heart. If the church does not do this, it does not have much use on earth.

Many prayers for spiritual edification, prayers for fellowship, and prayers for supplication cannot replace prayers which are in the nature of work or ministry.... A prayer which is in the nature of work or ministry is one in which you stand on God's side, wanting what God wants.if a prayer is uttered according to God's will, it is the most powerful thing. For the church to pray means that it finds out God's will and speaks out this will. Prayer is not just asking God for something. For the church to pray means that it stands on God's side to declare that man wants what God wants. If the church declares this, the declaration will be effectual.

- Excerpts from "The Prayer Ministry of the Church", Chapter 1: The Prayer Ministry of the Church (part 3)