

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Corporate Church-wide Lord's Table Meeting**
 We will have a corporate church-wide Lord's table meeting **this Lord's Day (Dec. 27) from 9:00-9:40am, followed by Message 6 of the Semiannual Training at 10:00am.** Message 6 is an open meeting and all are welcomed to join. Translation in Chinese, Spanish and Korean will be provided.

Join via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/94027866418?pwd=YmptZTZWbHFzTEZFYmtobFFzREtmUT09>

Meeting ID: 940 2786 6418 (Password: 2020)

One tap mobile:

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- Service Office Hours**
 Service Office hours will be temporarily suspended in preparation of the upcoming Semiannual Training and resume on Monday, January 11, 2021.
- 2020 December Semiannual Training, Dec. 25 - Jan. 7 (continued)**

Remaining Training Schedule:

Date	Time	Session
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)

Review/Study Session:

Date	Time	Session
12/28 Mon.	10:30 AM	Messages 1, 2
	7:30 PM	Messages 1, 2
12/30 Wed.	10:30 AM	Messages 3, 4
	7:30 PM	Messages 3, 4
12/31 Thur.	10:30 AM	Messages 5, 6
	7:30 PM	Messages 5, 6
1/4/21 Mon.	10:30 AM	Messages 7, 8
	7:30 PM	Messages 7, 8
1/6/21 Wed.	10:30 AM	Messages 9, 10
	7:30 PM	Messages 9, 10
1/7/21 Thur.	10:30 AM	Messages 11, 12
	7:30 PM	Messages 11, 12

- Crystallization-Study of Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes**

Key Statements

- God's purpose in dealing with those who love Him is that they may gain Him to the fullest extent, surpassing the loss of all that they have other than Him, so that He might be expressed through them for the fulfillment of His purpose in creating man.
- Job was a good man, expressing himself in his perfection, uprightness, and integrity, but God's intention was that Job would be reduced to nothing, be maintained in his existence, have God imparted into him, and become a God-man, expressing the divine attributes.
- God's purpose in dealing with His holy people is that they would be emptied of everything and receive only God as their gain; the desire of God's heart is that they would gain Him in full as life, as the life supply, and as everything to their being.
- When God's chosen and redeemed people experience Christ as wisdom to them from

God and partake of and enjoy the riches of Christ, these riches will constitute them the church, through which the multifarious wisdom of God is made known to the angelic rulers and authorities in the heavenlies.

Message Titles

- Message One:** The Great Question in the Book of Job and the Great Answer
- Message Two:** God, Man, and Satan
- Message Three:** Job's Experience of God's Consuming and Stripping in the Old Testament Being Far Behind That of Paul in the New Testament
- Message Four:** Job and the Two Trees
- Message Five:** God's Intention with Job- a Good Man Becoming a God-man
- Message Six:** Gaining God to Be Transformed by God for the Purpose of God
- Message Seven:** The Intrinsic Divine Revelation concerning the Move of God with and among Men in the Old Testament and concerning the Move of God in Man in the New Testament to Accomplish God's Heart's Desire and to Meet Man's Need before God
- Message Eight:** The Multifarious Wisdom of God
- Message Nine:** Reading the Book of Proverbs with a Praying Spirit So That It Will Render Us Nuggets and Gems to Strengthen Our Life of Pursuing Christ for the Fulfillment of God's Economy
- Message Ten:** Living a Godly Life
- Message Eleven:** The Intrinsic Significance of Fearing the Lord in the Economy of God
- Message Twelve:** Vanity of Vanities, the Reality in Jesus, and the Revelation of the Sons of God

PRAYER BURDENS

- The winter semiannual training held online this past weekend and in the upcoming weekend
- The burden for the gospel and the follow-up of the church gospel meeting held on Dec. 19
- The going on of all the saints in the church in NYC:
 - a. The attendance in all the church meetings and small group meetings
 - b. That the Body would build itself up in love, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and

through the operation in the measure of each one part (Eph. 4:16)

- The Lord's move in Puerto Rico--This Lord's Day, December 27, the church in Las Piedras will celebrate its first Lord's table meeting, marking the establishing of the 21st local church in Puerto Rico
- The various needs of the saints both locally and in other localities (e.g. physical and emotional, health-related, job-related, family-related, etc.)
 - a. The family of our beloved brother Andrew Yu, who went to be with the Lord this past Lord's Day

MORNING WATCH

Review of Crystallization-Study of Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes: key verses and footnotes

Job 42:5 I had heard of You by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye has seen You.

Footnote on "seen": In the New Testament sense, seeing God equals gaining God. To gain God is to receive God in His element, in His life, and in His nature that we may be constituted with God. All God's redeemed, regenerated, sanctified, transformed, conformed, and glorified people will see God's face (Rev. 22:4). Seeing God transforms us (2 Cor. 3:18; cf. 1 John 3:2), because in seeing God we receive His element into us and our old element is discharged. This metabolic process is transformation (Rom. 12:2). To see God is to be transformed into the glorious image of Christ, the God-man, that we may express God in His life and represent Him in His authority.

Ecc. 3:11 He has made everything beautiful in its own time; also He has put eternity in their heart, yet so that man does not find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

Footnote on "eternity": "A divinely implanted sense of a purpose working through the ages which nothing under the sun but God alone can satisfy" (The Amplified Bible). God created man in His image and formed in him a spirit that man may receive and contain Him (Gen. 1:26 and note 3; 2:7 and note 5). In addition, God put eternity, an aspiration for something eternal, in man's heart so that man will seek God, the eternal One. Hence, temporal things can never satisfy man; only the eternal God, who is Christ, can satisfy the deep sense of purpose in man's heart (cf. 2 Cor. 4:18). See note 41 in S.S. 1.