

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

• 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 the vision of God's eternal economy would be renewed in us day by day to be the controlling vision of all our life, work, and activity (Prov. 29:18a; Acts 26:19)--That all the saints would walk in the truth of the heavenly vision of God's eternal economy, of the mark of God's eternal economy (the Spirit with our spirit), and of the goal of God's eternal economy (the building up of the church as the Body of Christ)
- The follow-up of the Northeast Spring Young People's Conference which was held online the last few days (April 1-3)
- The health and well-being of the elderly saints among us in their spirit and soul and body, and their participation and enjoyment of the church life
- The going on of every household:
 - a. That the Lord would have the first place in every household
 - b. Grace and wisdom to the parents as many continue to face the challenges of their children's schooling being carried out either

remotely or in a hybrid situation while they also work from home

- The Lord's move in Europe:
 - a. The online International Blending Conference being hosted by the church in London the past weekend
 - b. The establishment of the churches and the spread of the gospel in Germany
- 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: 2020 December Semiannual Training
Crystallization - Study of Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes**

*Week 5: God's Intention with Job – a Good Man
Becoming a God-man*

Portions from Days 2, 3 & 6:

In the garden of Eden there were two trees—the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 2:9). Evil always goes with good. Hatred goes with love. Pride goes with humility....God wants life. God does not want you to be a good man, but God wants you to be a God-man....You can never be an expression of God if you are merely a good man. God made man in His own image for the purpose of expressing God. When we become a God-man who is filled with God, we express God. A God-man is an expression of God.

Today the Christ who lives in us is still the One who possesses the human virtues strengthened and enriched by the divine attributes. The Christ who is being dispensed into us is a composition of the divine nature with its divine attributes and the human nature with its human virtues. While He was on earth, He lived a life that was a composition of these two. From the time of His resurrection He has been seeking to live in the believers the kind of life He lived on earth. This means that within us today Christ is still living a life that is a composition of the divine nature with its divine attributes and the human

nature with its human virtues. If we see this, we shall say with Paul, "It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me" (Gal. 2:20). (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, pp. 655-656)

The Spirit as the extract of Christ contains the element of the highest standard of morality. As the Spirit moves within us, the element of the highest human virtues also moves in us. The Lord does not rescue us from our temper by doing something miraculously....Instead, He rescues us by moving in us and mingling Himself with us as the One who indwells us. If we turn to Him as the One in our spirit and call on His name, He will move in us with all His elements. In this way He saves us. (*Life-study of Luke*, p. 533)

Corporate Reading: "*The Basic Revelation in the Holy Scriptures*" Chapter 6: The Kingdom (1)

MINISTRY PORTIONS

In the past we have said that we should continually fellowship with the Lord in spirit, but such continual fellowship is often not deep or thorough. Hence, in addition to constant, spontaneous fellowship with the Lord, we must set aside an amount of time in order to focus on turning away from everything other than the Lord and contacting Him in the depths of our spirit. In this time His work in us is often deep and thorough and causes us to prostrate ourselves before Him.

Such deep and quiet fellowship enables the Lord to reach every part of our being so that we are subdued, broken, purified, occupied, and possessed by Him. It is during such a time of prayer that the Lord can mingle with us in a deep and thorough way. This is how we pray ourselves into the Lord, absorb Him, fellowship with Him, and are mingled with Him. This is when the Lord touches our mind, emotion, and will, and we are subdued, purified, broken, occupied, and possessed by Him. Furthermore, we are mingled with the Lord, His will is revealed in us, and He can then anoint us with a burden for His work.

We need to fellowship regularly with the Lord and live in this fellowship. It is not that we fellowship with the Lord only during our time of prayer. We must live in moment-by-moment fellowship with the Lord. However, since we sense that such regular fellowship with the Lord is not deep or thorough, we also set aside time to seek deeper fellowship with Him. If we do not live in constant fellowship with the

Lord, our fellowship during a specific time of prayer will not be deep or thorough. If we desire to have thorough fellowship with the Lord during our prayer time, we must live in constant fellowship with Him. (*CWWL, 1961-1962, vol. 3, "Fellowshipping with the Lord for the Mingling of God with Man," ch. 1, pp. 340-341*)

- Excerpts from www.beseeching.org. Day 244: Prayer for the Saints' Personal Fellowship with the Lord to be Deepened

WATCH AND PRAY

In order to pray, to pray thoroughly and release our burden through prayer, we have to be watchful in our prayer. We have to be watchful to withstand the situations that would stop us from praying. This requires us to fight the battle. Before we pray, we must pray that God will enable us to pray. While we pray, we have to ask God to keep us undistracted in prayer and deliver us from all the deception of the enemy that stops us from praying. We have to speak to all the distracting thoughts and voices as well as all the weakness and sickness and declare that all these inexplicable happenings are lies and deceptions of Satan and that we oppose them. We have to open our mouth and chase them away. We should not give them any ground; we should be watchful to withstand the wiles of Satan through prayer. Then not only will we be able to pray, we will be able to pray thoroughly.

During our prayer, we must also guard against the prayers that are not prayers. ... Many fleshly, old, long, mundane, heartless, and aimless prayers are time-consuming and wasteful prayers. It may seem that we are praying out of habit, but actually within these prayers there are suggestions, instigations, and deceptions of Satan. If we are not watchful, our prayer will become meaningless and fruitless.

- Excerpts from "*The Prayer Ministry of the Church*", Chapter 5: Watch and Pray (section 3)