

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=dEpzN2ZGZ21aaGV5dTob3AwQlBodz09>

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

- The strengthening of our personal prayer, our corporate prayer and the prayer in our service groups and in the prayer meetings of the church
Acts 1:14 These all continued steadfastly with one accord in prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.
Isaiah 45:11 Thus says Jehovah, The Holy One of Israel and the One who formed him, Ask Me about the things to come concerning My sons, and concerning the work of My hands, command Me.
- That all the services in the church would be part of the priesthood for the building up of the church
1 Peter 2:5 You yourselves also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
- The Chinese-speaking conference held online this past weekend
- The Lord's move in various parts of the world:

a. Europe, particularly Germany and the UK

b. Israel and the Middle East

c. The saints and the churches in Myanmar in the midst of the current political and social unrest (there are 88 local churches in Myanmar with over 5,000 saints)

d. The preaching of the gospel and the spread of the Lord's testimony in Cuba, Venezuela and North Korea

- 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 8: The Multifarious Wisdom of God

Portion from Days 5:

In Ephesians 3:10 Paul declares that God's multifarious wisdom is made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenlies through the church. The church is the Body of Christ, the joint-heirs, and the joint-partakers. The church is composed of those who once were ruined, corrupted, and damaged. Before we were saved, we were vipers, poisonous serpents. Furthermore, we were dead in trespasses and sins. Moreover, we were scattered and divided, utterly unable to be one. Thus, all the members of the church were in a hopeless situation. Nevertheless, God in His wisdom is able to make us the church. Now we are not only redeemed, saved, cleansed, freed, liberated, and regenerated—we are also united. We are one with God and with one another. Therefore, we are the church. The church is God's greatest boast. Although you may not care that much for the church, God cares very much for the church. Sometimes God may say, "Look, Satan, I have taken the very people whom you have ruined and I have made them into the church. Do you have

the wisdom to do such a thing? You do not have this wisdom, but I have it.”

The church through which God’s wisdom is so marvelously displayed is God’s masterpiece. In the eyes of God the most wonderful thing in the universe is the church, for through the church God’s multifarious wisdom is made known to Satan and his angels. The day is coming when Satan and his angels will be put to shame. They will realize that everything they have done has given God the opportunity to manifest His wisdom. In the same principle, our failures, mistakes, defeats, and wrongdoings have also given God opportunities to display His wisdom. (Life-study of Ephesians, pp. 268-270, 272-273)

Corporate Reading: *“The Basic Revelation in the Holy Scriptures”* Chapter 8: The New Jerusalem – The Ultimate Consummation (1)

MINISTRY PORTIONS

The Crucial Part—Man’s Spirit

God created man with a spirit, although at the time of creation he did not have God’s life. Hence, the Bible says, “There is a spirit in man” (Job 32:8)... God created us not only with a mouth and a stomach to receive physical food; He also created us with a spirit to receive Him.

The Lord Jesus said in John 4:24, “God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truthfulness.” Only spirit can worship Spirit. Because God Himself is Spirit, He created us with a spirit for the definite purpose that we might worship Him. To worship Him includes contacting Him, conversing with Him, and receiving Him. He comes into us by entering into our spirit.

Romans 8:16 says that the Spirit and our spirit witness together. This means that the Spirit of God, upon our believing in the Lord Jesus, comes into our spirit. First Corinthians 6:17 says, “He who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.” At the beginning of the Bible God prepared a man in His image, according to His likeness, and with a spirit to receive, contain, and express Him. However, at the time of creation man did not receive God, the divine Spirit, into his spirit.

Every human being has God’s image, God’s likeness, and a human spirit. When the gospel reached us, it touched us in our conscience, which is a part of the spirit (cf. Rom. 8:16; 9:1). By that touch our spirit was made alive, and we repented. We opened our inner being to repent, to believe, and to

receive the Lord Jesus; He came into us, and we were saved. Many gospel preachers ask, “Will you open up and invite Jesus to come into your heart?” There is nothing wrong with this, but in order to experience Christ as our life after being saved, we must know that He is now in our spirit (2 Tim. 4:22).

God’s purpose is sonship, and sonship is accomplished by the dispensing of what God is into us as our life. This dispensing is in our spirit. John 3:6 says, “That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.” Here again are the two spirits. We were not regenerated in our mentality or in our body. Nicodemus thought that to be reborn was to be reborn in the physical body, but the Lord Jesus corrected him. To be reborn is to be reborn in our spirit of God the Spirit, not of our parents. Even if we could go back into our mother’s womb and be born physically a hundred times, we would still be flesh. We must be born in our spirit of the divine Spirit.

Zechariah 12:1 tells us that there are three crucial things in God’s creation: the heavens, the earth, and the spirit of man. It says that Jehovah is the One who “stretches forth the heavens and lays the foundations of the earth and forms the spirit of man within him.” How great is our spirit! The heavens are for the earth. Without the heavens, the earth could not have anything organic. The earth is for man, and man is for God. For man to be for God, he needs a receiver. This receiver is our human spirit. Praise the Lord that we are here under God’s plan and in His plan; that we have been made by Him in His image and according to His likeness; that we have a spirit to receive Him; and that He, as the divine Spirit, has entered into our human spirit, making us His sons for His expression! This is His plan.

- Excerpts from *“The Basic Revelation of the Holy Scriptures”*, Chapter 1: God’s Plan (section 6)