

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Spanish-speaking Conference for the churches in the Northeast (September 10-12)**

The church in NYC is pleased to announce to all the saints that the Spanish-speaking Conference of the churches in the Northeast and Eastern Canada will take place from September 10 to 12, 2021. English translation will be provided during all messages.

Details on how to join the conference will be sent in a future announcement.

Conference Schedule:

Friday, September 10

8:00PM – 9:30 PM Message 1

Saturday, September 11

10:00AM – Noon Message 2

4:00PM – 5:30 PM Special Fellowship

7:00PM – 9:00 PM Message 3

Lord's Day, September 12

10:00 AM – 12:15 PM

Lord's Table and Message 4

For more details please see the church website: www.churchinnyc.org.

- **Young Adults and Young Couples Conference for the churches in the Northeast (September 24-26)**

Details will be provided later in the week.

- **Service Office Hours**

Due to the many activities this summer, Service Office Hours have been suspended and will be resumed after Labor Day, starting September 13, 2021.

PRAYER BURDENS

- The Labor Day weekend conference for the churches in Upstate NY

- Labor Day weekend gospel activities in NYC and gatherings among the saints for mutual shepherding
- The new semester:
 - a. That all the middle school, high school and college saints would be burdened for the gospel and be witnesses for the Lord on their campuses
 - b. The arrangements among all of the families in the church for their children to return to school for the Fall semester
- The need for more corporate living arrangements for college saints and young working saints, including a number of saints who either have recently moved or are in the process of moving to NYC for work or school
- That the Lord would strengthen all of the church meetings and that He would cover and bless all the arrangements for the in-person meetings in the halls and all the online meetings
- The churches in Australia--This upcoming weekend there will be a Teachers' Training (in preparation for the national truth school which will be held in December) and a Parents and Serving Ones' Conference for the churches in Australia and for a number of the churches in the South Pacific
- 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: 2021 July Semiannual Training

General Subject: Crystallization Study Joshua, Judges, Ruth

Week 2: Possessing the Land of Canaan by Defeating the Satanic Forces

Portion from Day 6:

We must notice here that Joshua commanded the people [not to shout]...until they heard the long blast of the rams' horns at the end of the final circuit....Before that time they were to keep silence.

What is the meaning of this? It means that if we are going to testify the victorious Christ, there are many times when we must be silent; we must let the priesthood blow the trumpet.

Then when the time comes, the time appointed by the Lord, we must shout. We must pray and praise the Lord with a loud voice, and the enemy will fall before us. This is the way for us to fight the battle. Such a battle...is a war,...a fight, and yet it is an enjoyment, a rest, and a satisfaction. It is in this way that we possess the all-inclusiveness of Christ.

We need to learn to overcome Satan...not only by prayer but also by praise. Many people are conscious of Satan's ferocity and their own weaknesses, and they resolve to struggle and pray. However, we find a very unique principle here: Spiritual victory does not depend on warfare but on praise.... Much warfare can be won by praise. Many battles are lost because of the lack of praise. If you believe in God, you can tell the Lord in the midst of your problems, "I praise Your name. You are higher than everything. You are stronger than everything. Your lovingkindness endures forever!" A person who praises God transcends everything. He overcomes continually by his praise. This is a principle, and this is also a fact.

Corporate Reading: *"The History of God in His Union with Man"* Chapter 5: Working On His Saints From Abel To Noah And Judging The World From Cain To Babel

MINISTRY PORTIONS

Its Ground

First Corinthians 3:11 says there is no other foundation that can be laid except the unique foundation, Jesus Christ. Before a foundation can be laid, however, a house must have a site on which it can be built. The lot is the ground on which the foundation is built. Then the house is built on top of the foundation. The structure is built upon the foundation, and the foundation is laid on the ground.

All the different denominations came into existence on their different grounds. Their different names—Presbyterians, Baptists, Episcopalians, Lutherans, Methodists, Pentecostals, and others—are the grounds on which they build their church. On what ground are you being built? Do not say on Christ. Every Christian says that. Whatever denomination or group you go to, they will say that

their foundation is Christ. But what about the ground where the foundation is laid?

What is our ground? The ground from the very beginning of the Christian era, from the time of the apostles, is the unique oneness of the Body of Christ, kept and expressed in each local church at its locality (Rev. 1:11). This means that we Christians, in whatever locality we are, come together to be the church there. We have no other ground than that of the unique oneness of the Body of Christ. A local church is an expression of the universal church. The church universally is one, and this one Body of Christ is expressed in many localities. In every locality where there are a number of saints, these saints should come together as the church there, not to take the ground of baptism by immersion, tongue-speaking, the presbytery, a method, the episcopal system, or any ground except that of being one with all others meeting there as a local expression of the Body of Christ.

This unique oneness should be the ground on which we are being built. We should not be sectarian; we should not be exclusive. We must be all-inclusive, open and loving to all the dear saints. As long as they are Christians, they are our brothers. Our brothers have been scattered to many denominations. In spite of this, we still love them. We should not have an attitude or spirit of fighting, opposing, or debating. That is wrong. We should always hold a spirit and an attitude of loving all Christians. As long as they bear the name Christian and believe in the Lord Jesus, they are our brothers and sisters. In the local churches we do not have any wall. We have no fence. We consider all the dear Christians as our brothers.

- Excerpts from *"The Basic Revelation in the Holy Scriptures"*, Chapter 5: The Church (Sections 9 & 10)