

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2021 Northeast High School Juniors/Seniors Retreat will be held on **the weekend of October 22-24** at Kingston Penuel Christian Center (KPCC, also known as Camp Penuel) with an option to view the messages on Zoom for those who cannot attend in person. For more details of registration, schedules, cost, etc., please visit the church website at: www.churchinnyc.org.
- 2021 North America Korean-speaking Conference will be held online **from Saturday, October 23 to Lord's Day, October 24**. The general subject of the conference will be **Meeting God's Need and Present Needs in the Lord's Recovery**. For Zoom meeting information, please visit the church website at: www.churchinnyc.org.
- The regional conference for the churches will be held online over **the weekend of October 30-31** and you are all welcome to attend. The general subject of the conference will be **God's Good Pleasure**. Brother Ed Marks will be joining us for the conference.

The conference schedule is as follows:

Message 1: Saturday, Oct.30, 10:00am-12:00pm

Message 2: Saturday, Oct.30, 7:30pm-9:30pm

Lord's Table: In the respective localities

Message 3: Lord's Day, Oct.31, 11:00am-12:30pm

The conference will be held online via Zoom. The link is below and will also be available on the website of the church in NYC www.churchinnyc.org sometime next week. Registration is not required. Language translation into Chinese, Spanish, and Korean will be available via the Zoom.

Zoom Information

Topic: Regional conference (Oct.30-31, 2021)

<https://zoom.us/j/99368644367?pwd=SzR3UHVQTEcwWG9sQW9HdGd3Qmpxdz09>

Meeting ID: 993 6864 4367

Passcode: 2021

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), 10:30AM-11:30AM.

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

- The strengthening of the church life in NYC:
 - a. The mutual shepherding of all the saints through personal contact, visitation and the home meetings
 - b. The shepherding of all the newly saved ones and the burden for the gospel among the saints of all ages and languages
 - c. The strengthening of the church meetings and small group meetings this week whether in-person or online
 - d. The strengthening of all the services in the church
- The purchase of new meeting halls in the Upper West Side (Hall 6) and in Brooklyn (Hall 4) for the strengthening of the church life in these areas and the spread of the Lord's testimony in this city
- The Chinese-speaking conference held this past weekend
- The Northeast high school junior and seniors retreat (grades 11 & 12) to be held over the weekend of October 22-24

- The Korean-speaking conference being held online over the weekend of October 23-24 for the churches in North America
- The regional conference for the churches in the states of New York and New Jersey to be held over the weekend of October 30-31

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: 2021 July Semiannual Training

General Subject: Crystallization Study of Joshua, Judges, Ruth

Week 8: The Intrinsic Significance of Gideon as God's Valiant Warrior

Portion from Day 2:

[The third factor of Gideon's success was that] he tore down the altar of Baal and cut down the Asherah (Judg. 6:25-28). This touched God's heart. In the degradation of Israel, God hated the idols to the uttermost. God as the genuine Husband regarded all the idols as men with whom His wife Israel had committed harlotry. Fourth, by tearing down the altar of Baal and cutting down the Asherah that belonged to his father, Gideon sacrificed his relationship with his father and his enjoyment of society.

As a result of these four factors, Gideon received a reward: the economical Spirit came upon him (Judg. 6:34). Hence, he became powerful and with only three hundred men defeated two princes and two kings (7:25; 8:10-12). With Gideon we have a picture of a man who lived in union with God, a God-man, to fulfill God's word and to carry out God's economy.

[One] point of the up-to-date way to practice the Lord's present move is to be filled..., not with culture, religion, or education but with the Spirit, who is the ultimate consummation of the processed Triune God. We need to be filled with such a Spirit inwardly and outwardly, essentially and economically, for life and for work. We should remember that we are not filled once for all. What Christ has accomplished is once for all, but what we have to experience is not. Time after time, day after day, morning after morning, evening after evening, all day long, we have to experience being filled with this wonderful, all-inclusive, processed, consummated Spirit for our entire lives. Every day in the morning the first thing we have to pray is, "Lord, fill me afresh. Fill me, Lord. Fill me with Yourself as the consummated Spirit. I like to have You filling me

up within and without. I want to be wrapped up and mingled with You."

Corporate Reading: *"The History of God in His Union with Man"* Ch. 9: Working on His Elect from Abraham to Joseph (4)

MINISTRY PORTIONS

THE MANIFESTATION

OF THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS

The prophecy in Matthew 24:30 through 25:30 reveals the manifestation of the kingdom of the heavens. The millennium has both a heavenly aspect and an earthly aspect. The manifestation of the kingdom of the heavens is the heavenly part of the millennium. This manifestation is the kingdom of the Father. ...In the heavenly part of the millennium, which is the manifestation of the kingdom of the heavens and the kingdom of the Father, the overcoming saints will reign with Christ as co-kings.

CHRIST'S DISPENSATIONAL REWARD

The kingdom of God is a part of God's eternal salvation to all believers, the entrance into which is by regeneration (John 3:5).

The kingdom of the heavens, however, is Christ's dispensational reward to His faithful followers, the entrance into which is by surpassing righteousness and the doing of God's will (Matt. 5:20; 7:21). The kingdom of the heavens is Christ's dispensational reward because it is just one period of time lasting one thousand years. We have received eternal salvation, but what about the dispensational reward? That is pending. It will be given to the faithful followers of Christ.

Whereas salvation is eternal, the reward is dispensational. This dispensational reward is conditional. If a student does excellent work in his studies, for example, he will be rewarded at his graduation. He has disciplined himself to get top grades so that he may get a reward. As Christians, we must exercise ourselves under God's discipline all the years of our Christian life in order to receive the reward of the kingdom of the heavens. Many Christians today live in a loose way because they do not realize this matter of dispensational reward and punishment. Because of this, there is the need for the recovery of the truth concerning the kingdom.

- Excerpts from *"The Basic Revelation in the Holy Scriptures"*, Chapter 7: The Church (2) Section 4