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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Northeast Middle School Conference (May 13-15)**

The conference will take place in person at KPCC starting the evening of Friday May 13th until the afternoon of Lord's day May 15th.

Any young person currently in grades 6-8, their parents/Guardians and families, and the College-aged and serving saints who serve young people are welcome. Young people currently in grades 9-12 can sign up to be a helper, only after fellowshiping with their local serving ones.

Registration will be available at www.pursuewiththose.org. Registration is due by **Lord's Day, May 8**. Please direct any questions or need for further fellowship to: northeastst@gmail.com.

- **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.

Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/3785123114?pwd=dEpzN2ZGZ21aaGV5dTob3AwQlBodz09>

Meeting ID: 378 512 3114

Passcode: 3131

One tap mobile: +19294362866,, 3785123114#

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 all the saints would be rekindled in their first love and in their consecration to the Lord **Revelation 2:4** *But I have one thing against you, that you have left your first love.*
Romans 12:1 *I exhort you therefore, brothers, through the compassions of God to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, well pleasing to God, which is your most reasonable service.*
- The strengthening of the church in NYC:
 - a. That all the saints would be burdened for the salvation of their friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers and classmates
 - b. The strengthening of the church meetings and small group meetings this week
 - c. The strengthening of all the practical services in the church
- The strengthening of all the families and households in the church life and the saints of all ages:
 - a. The strengthening of the oneness in every household
 - b. The children and the young people
 - c. The health and wellbeing of all the elderly saints and the strengthening of their church life
- The Lord's move in the United States:
 - a. That the Lord would preserve this nation for the preaching of the gospel and the spread of His testimony
 - b. The strengthening of all the local churches in the U.S. and the further spread of the Lord's testimony throughout the country
- The Lord's move in Europe:
 - a. That the teams going out to proclaim the gospel among the refugees in Poland, Slovakia, Austria, Hungary and Romania will be in good health and will find many sons of peace who will receive the Lord and be gained for the church life
 - b. That the saints in Ukraine and the refugees in the European countries will receive the supply of the resurrection life and will rise up

to live and proclaim the gospel to their fellow Ukrainians

- 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: Crystallization-Study of 1&2 Samuel

Week 1: The Central Thought of and the Divine Trinity as Revealed in 1 and 2 Samuel

Portion from Days 1 & 6:

The central thought of 1 and 2 Samuel is that the fulfillment of God's economy needs man's cooperation, as illustrated by the history of Samuel's mother Hannah, Samuel, and David, in the positive sense, and by the history of Eli and Saul, in the negative sense. Such a cooperation is related to the personal enjoyment of the good land, which typifies the all-inclusive and all-extensive Christ. Hence, 1 and 2 Samuel are a continuation of Joshua, Judges, and Ruth, giving us the details concerning the enjoyment of the God-given good land. The good land enjoyed by the cooperators with God became the kingdom of God, in which they reigned as kings. This is a type of the New Testament believers' enjoyment of Christ, which issues in their reign in the eternal life (Rom. 5:21). (Life-study of 1 & 2 Samuel, pp. 5-6)

The fulfillment of God's economy requires our cooperation. To cooperate with God means to be bound together with God....[In] a three-legged race...the runners...must run in pairs, with each partner having one leg bound to one of his partner's legs. In order for the partners to run, they must cooperate with each other and not move independently. This is a picture of the proper Christian life. To be a Christian is to be bound together with Christ and to have one living with Him by one life.

Our present situation and God's need today are the same in principle as the situation and the need at the time of Samuel. Some today need to pray according to God's need, as Hannah did. God needs some like Samuel, who was a Nazarite, a priest, a prophet, and the last judge. Samuel was the last judge because God used him to terminate the confused situation among God's people, who were without a king or a kingdom. God needs such ones who are qualified to terminate the negative situation

and bring in the king and the kingdom. The fulfillment of the kingdom is the coming kingdom, which will be brought in by the Lord Jesus, but there is a need today for some like Samuel to cooperate by bringing in that kingdom. In a sense, Christ our King is not here yet, and we are still in a confused situation, just as in the age of the judges. We should aspire to be the last judge. The sisters especially should aspire to be like Hannah, praying to bring forth some like Samuel, who will terminate the confused age so that Christ the King may come with His kingdom.

Corporate Reading: *"The Orthodoxy of the Church"*
Ch. 3: The Church in Pergamos

MINISTRY PORTIONS

There is no need for us to pray for so many matters. We simply need to touch the Lord, to contact Him. Our relationship with the Lord is not based on matters. He has no intention for us to do anything for Him, nor does He have any intention of doing anything for us. Our relationship with the Lord is not based on doing things but on enjoying Him. He said, "Take, eat" (Matt. 26:26). This means that He wants us to remember Him, to take and drink Him. He has given Himself to us for our enjoyment. He has no desire to do anything for us. He simply desires to be our enjoyment. He does not want us to do anything for Him. He desires us to enjoy Him. That is all He desires, and this is all that matters. He has become our enjoyment. We simply need to enjoy Him, and His glory will be expressed through us. This is the Christian life. This is the meaning of being a Christian. Brothers and sisters, only in this way will we find light, power, victory, and holiness. This is how we will find the Lord of glory Himself.

Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 2: God Desiring Man to Enjoy Him (Section 4)