

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2022 International Memorial Day Blending Conference (May 28-30)**

The 2022 International Memorial Day blending conference will be held from May 28-30 in Anaheim, CA. Live webcast and broadcast will also be provided. For those who are not able to attend the in-person conference, the church plans to broadcast the conference messages via Zoom. Zoom info will be available on the church website and church App soon.

The church broadcast schedule:

Message 1: May 28, Sat. 4:00 PM
Message 2: May 28, Sat. 7:00 PM
Message 3: May 29, L.D. 1:00 PM (Live Webcast)
Message 4: May 29, L.D. 4:00 PM
Message 5: May 30, Mon. 10:00 AM
Message 6: May 30, Mon. 1:00 PM

- **The 2022 Northeast Summer School of Truth Teachers' Training (June 4)**

The 2022 Northeast Summer School of Truth (SST) Teachers' Training will be held at **Camp Penuel (KPCC) on Saturday, June 4**. We encourage the parents and serving ones of the young people, as well as any college students and graduating high school seniors, to attend.

Please **register by May 29** at tinyurl.com/sstteacherstraining.

The saints will have the option to arrive at KPCC on Friday, June 3, to spend the night. The training will conclude with dinner on Saturday.

- **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=dEpzN2ZGZ21aaGV5dTFob3AwQlBodz09>

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

- The prayer ministry of the church:
 - a. The strengthening of all the prayer meetings and prayer groups in the church
 - b. That our prayers would always be aimed at the interests of God, that is, toward Christ (the land), the kingdom (the city) and the church (the house)

1 Kings 8:48-49 And if they return to You with all their heart and with all their soul...and they pray to You toward their land that You have given to their fathers, the city that You have chosen, and the house that I have built for Your name; then hear their prayer and their supplication in the heavens Your dwelling place and maintain their cause.

- The salvation of all the children in grade 5:
 - a. The ongoing preparation of the hearts of all the fifth graders
 - b. All-districts Gospel Activity Day gathering for 5th graders and their families this past Saturday, May 21, in Hall 9 in Staten Island
- The strengthening of the service with the children (nursery, pre-K, children's meeting) in all nine halls, as well as in the church in Rosendale
- The international Memorial Day weekend blending conference
- The Lord's move in Europe:

- a. The strengthening of all the saints participating in the gospel trips in Poland and other eastern European countries with the burden for the outreach to the Ukrainian refugees
- b. The care for the displaced saints and other Ukrainian refugees who are being received by some of the churches in Poland and Germany
- c. The migration of burdened saints to six designated European cities (Barcelona, Brussels, Dublin, Lisbon, Rome and Zurich)

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: Crystallization-Study of 1&2 Samuel
Week 3: Spiritual Principles, Life Lessons, and Holy Warnings Seen in the History of Samuel

Portion from Days 2, 3 & 6:

While Samuel was learning, he observed the deterioration of the degraded Aaronic priesthood (2:12-17, 22-25). This did not weaken Samuel in his future priesthood. Rather, it became a constant warning to him throughout his priestly service.

We can see why Samuel was so useful in the hand of God. He had no self-seeking nor any thought of self-gain. Instead, as a Nazarite, who allowed no razor to come upon his head and who did not drink any wine, he was absolutely for God. He was happy to go wherever God wanted him to go and to do whatever God wanted him to do. He was a man according to God, a man according to God's heart. Therefore, he was a man whom God could use to carry out His economy.

Samuel prayed for the children of Israel to be kept in the way of God, to be one with God, not to be ensnared by the idols of the nations, and to enjoy God as Ebenezer, which means "the stone of help." Samuel took a stone and set it between Mizpah and Shen; and he called its name Ebenezer and said, Thus far Jehovah has helped us" (7:12).

Samuel prayed for God's elect that God's desire of His will in His elect might be fulfilled. Up to this day God has helped us, but why has He helped us? God has helped us that His desire might be fulfilled. We need to realize that God's helping us is for His fulfillment of His economy and that we are enjoying the blessing in this fulfillment. Today God is blessing us in every way for the fulfillment of His economy to build up the Body of Christ."

Corporate Reading: "The Orthodoxy of the Church"
Ch. 5: The Church in Sardis

MINISTRY PORTIONS

The Third Step—Crucifixion

In the third step our Savior, who was both God and man, died on the cross. He accomplished two main things on the cross. First, the Lord shed His blood to deal with everything that prevents God from mingling Himself with us. In other words, His blood dealt with every barrier between God and us; He dealt with everything that frustrates us from contacting God or from touching Him, and everything that disqualifies us from standing boldly before Him.

Without the blood shed on the cross, we would not dare come to God or even speak of contacting Him. It would be impossible for us to come near Him. We would die in His light; we would fall before His holiness. But now the blood shed on the cross has cleansed us. All our unrighteousnesses, filth, sins, trespasses, mistakes, and offenses against God, as well as all that is incompatible between us and God, have been removed by the cleansing of the blood. The blood has solved all our problems. Now we can come boldly to God through the blood. We can joyfully contact God under the blood. We can even remain in His presence and live in His countenance.

The second aspect of the cross is that it terminates the old creation. Through the death of the cross, our flesh, our self, and our old nature have been terminated. On the surface, it seems as if the only barrier to our fellowship with God is sin. As such, we are thankful to the Lord that His blood cleanses us from every sin and enables us to fellowship with Him. However, there is still a hidden problem in our being, which is the problem of the flesh, the self, the natural man, and the old creation. These frustrate our being mingled with God.

Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 3: God's Accomplishments for Man (Section-3)