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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), 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

- That the word released in the Memorial Day weekend conference concerning *Taking the Way of Enjoying Christ as the Tree of Life* will not return to the Lord void but rather accomplish what He sent it forth to do (Isa. 55:11)
- The Northeast Summer School of Truth serving ones' training at Camp Penuel the past Saturday, June 4, and this year's Northeast Summer School of Truth, which will be held in August
- The salvation of all the children in grade 5:
 - a. The ongoing preparation of the hearts of all the fifth graders
 - b. The gospel meeting scheduled for Saturday, June 11
- The strengthening of the church in NYC:
 - a. The shepherding of all the saints through personal contact, visitation and the home meetings, including those who have not been meeting regularly
 - 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 Lord's move in Europe:
 - a. The follow up of the recent gospel trips, particularly the shepherding of the newly saved ones among the refugees from Ukraine
 - b. The shepherding of the saints who have fled Ukraine and the strengthening of the saints still in Ukraine
 - c. The strengthening of the churches, primarily in Poland and Germany, which are receiving the saints who have fled Ukraine
 - 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 5: War with the Amalekites

Portion from Days 3 & 4:

Amalek was a hand against God's throne, signifying that the flesh is in rebellion against God and is against His throne, His governmental administration. Every aspect of the flesh, whether good or evil, is an enemy of God's authority (Rom. 8:7). ...Our flesh is the first among all our enemies. It takes the lead over sin, the world, and Satan to fight against us. The flesh, sin, the world, and Satan are all related to one another...[and] interwoven. The most prominent among them in fighting against believers is the flesh. Satan, sin, and the world are all subordinate to the flesh. When in our practical Christian experience the flesh is put to death, the world cannot hold us, sin cannot operate in us, and Satan is powerless to work upon us. The reason the world is prevailing, sin is strong, and Satan is active is that we are still in the flesh. These three enemies are all dependent on the flesh. Hence, the flesh is our foremost enemy.

We come now to the important matter of how to fight against Amalek. In the first place, we fight by

praying with the interceding Christ (Exo. 17:11). Moses lifting up his hand on the mountaintop typifies the interceding Christ in the heavens.

While Christ is praying in the heavens, we must pray here on earth. When we pray, we are one with Moses on the mountaintop. But when we put the flesh to death, we are one with Joshua fighting in the valley.

We also fight against Amalek by putting the flesh to death with the fighting Spirit (Rom. 8:13; Gal. 5:17, 24). ...According to Romans 8:13, when we put to death the practices of the body, the Spirit works with us. This means that how much the Spirit works depends on how much we are willing to do. If we crucify the flesh, the Spirit immediately works together with us. We all appreciate the work of the Spirit...We need the Spirit, and the Spirit needs our cooperation. He waits for us to help ourselves. As soon as we do this, He comes in to do everything for us. By the Spirit who dwells in us, we thus put to death the practices of the body.

On the one hand, we must pray with Christ; on the other hand, we must slay the flesh with the fighting Spirit. Today Christ is both in the heavens and within us as the fighting Spirit. In the heavens He is the interceding Moses, and in us He is the fighting Joshua. We need to be in union with the heavenly Christ in order to cooperate with the indwelling Christ. Then in a very practical way the flesh will be put to death. (*Life-study of Exodus, pp. 544-545, 549-550*)

Corporate Reading: *"The Orthodoxy of the Church"*
Ch. 7: Philadelphia

MINISTRY PORTIONS

The First Step—Exercising Our Spirit

In order to exercise our spirit when we come to God, we should pray according to the feeling deep within our being. We should forget about our thoughts and not be concerned with what we should say. We should simply turn and pray according to the inner feeling. The feeling deep within us is the feeling of the spirit. When we pray according to this feeling, we are exercising our spirit in prayer.

Regrettably, many brothers and sisters do not pray this way. We may pray for many matters according to our mind but never touch God. Hence, even though we pray, we are dry within. I believe that many of us have experienced this. Especially a

new believer prays with his mind. He may consider how he should pray. He may consider whether he should pray for his father, his mother, himself, his finances, or his studies. When a wife prepares to pray, she may consider, "Should I pray for my husband and for his business, or should I pray that my children do not get into a car accident?" This is not the exercise of the spirit; instead, it is the exercise of the mind. It is right for us to exercise our mind when we are at school, but it is altogether wrong to exercise our mind in this way when we pray. The more we consider, the more God disappears. The more we exercise our mind, the farther God "runs from us." In reality God does not disappear and does not run away. We are simply using the wrong organ. We cannot use our eyes to hear or our ears to identify colors. If someone speaks of a dark red cup, the dark red will "disappear" if we try to see the cup with our ears. Or if some brothers try to hear a loud voice with their eyes, the voice will "disappear." Actually, the voice is still there, but the wrong organ is being used to substantiate it. In the same way, we cannot pray to God with our mind. God is not in our mind; He is in our spirit.

Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 4: The Way for Man to Enjoy God (Section 1)

SELECTED VERSES

1 Sam 15:7-9

15:7 Then Saul struck the Amalekites from Havilah as you go toward Shur, which is opposite Egypt.

15:8 And he captured Agag the king of the Amalekites alive and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.

15:9 But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep and of the oxen and of the fatlings, and the lambs and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them; but everything that was despised and worthless, this they utterly destroyed.

Galatians 5:17;24-25

5:17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these oppose each other that you would not do the things that you desire.

5:24 But they who are of Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and its lusts.

5:25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.