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ANNOUNCEMENTS

• 2022 Northeast Summer School of Truth

The details for the 2022 Northeast Summer School of Truth are as follows:

TOPIC: Lesson Book Level 3: Two Spirits – The Divine Spirit and the Human Spirit

Dates:

High School (9th to 12th grade in September 2022) - August 1-7
Middle School (7th to 8th grade in September 2022) - August 8-12

LOCATION: Kingston Penuel Christian Center (KPCC) also known as Camp Penuel

Cost:

Rates	Adult	College	Young People
High School	\$395	\$335	\$260
Middle School	\$265	\$225	\$175

For more information, please visit the website: www.pursuewiththose.org or fellowship with the young people's serving ones in your district.

• 2022 the Church in NYC's Family Bible Camp (con.)

August 20 - In-person activities (10am-6pm, KPCC, 288 Hickory Bush Rd, Kingston, NY 12401)

This time will be open to rising Kindergartners to 6th graders (the young people can be helpers). Please save this date and stay tuned for details.

• Service Office Hours

Due to the many activities this summer, Service Office Hours will be suspended until after Labor Day.

PRAYER BURDENS

- That all the saints would be rekindled in their first love for the Lord, in their consecration to the Lord and in their zeal for God's house (2 Tim. 1:6-7; Rom. 12:1-2; John 2:17)
- The newly saved 5th and 6th grade children – At least 11 of them were baptized recently; let us pray:
 - a. That all the recently saved children would be baptized
 - b. That all these newly saved ones would have the joy of salvation
 - c. That they all would receive the proper shepherding in their families and in the church life
- The Family Bible Camp sessions this past Friday (online) and Saturday (at Hall 1) – 85 families registered to participate, including 102 children and probably more than 250 attended on Saturday
- The word released during the Crystallization-Study training on the books of 1 & 2 Kings would be a blessing to the church in NYC and to all the churches in the Lord's recovery
- The Chinese-speaking Perfecting Training (July 27-31)
- The young people:
 - a. National young people's conference in Brazil (July 27-31)
 - b. European young people's conference in Poland (July 31-August 6)
 - c. Northeast Summer School of Truth (August 1-12)
- 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 10: David, Mephibosheth, and the Kindness of God**

Portion from Days 4 & 6:

We were saved by grace initially, and we are also kept in this salvation by grace. Many mistakenly have a concept that they were initially saved by grace but they are kept in this salvation by work. However, there is no such thing. We should realize that the condition for salvation is the condition for preservation. We are saved by Jesus, and we are kept by Jesus to the end. Although Mephibosheth dined with the king often, his two feet still remained lame.

We should not look at ourselves. Instead, we should look at the riches God has given us. Every time we look at ourselves, we will not have peace. Our eyes are for looking outside, not inside. Self-introspection is not our portion. If we keep our eyes upon the Lord, we will go from glory to glory and be transformed into His image. If we look at ourselves, we will be just like Mephibosheth with two feet lame. After we are saved, we receive a new life, and the Holy Spirit lives within us; we become entirely new.

Only the enjoyment of Christ as our life supply and as our joy can make our hearts tender. If we are tenderhearted, we shall forgive others [cf. Eph. 4:32]. In our daily walk, we need both to forgive others and to ask others to forgive us. This is necessary because we are easily offended and we easily offend others. If we have offended someone, we need to ask for forgiveness. But if we have been offended, we need to extend forgiveness to others, even as God in Christ has forgiven us.

Corporate Reading: *“The Tree of Life” Ch. 3: The Tree of Life in the Gospel of John; Ch. 4: The Fatness of the Lord’s House; Ch. 5: The Fruit of the Tree of Life*

MINISTRY PORTIONS

Being Silent

After touching God in our spirit, we must learn the lesson of not opening our mouth quickly. We do not need to shout and cry when we touch God. We should be silent and calm. The more silent and calm we are, the better.

We must learn a serious lesson in prayer. We must turn our entire being away from the outside world. We must stop our entire being and turn to our

spirit so that we can appear before God. The psalmist says that he desires to dwell in the house of Jehovah to behold His beauty (27:4). The house of Jehovah is our spirit. We must turn our entire being to our spirit and remain there silently. This is a matter of practice.

Beholding His Beauty

Although these points do not have a legal or fixed order, we should learn to behold the beauty of the Lord in silence (v. 4). Many Christians have never heard of this practice. Beholding the beauty of the Lord is to look at the Lord in our spirit and to gaze at Him. When we come before God in prayer, we must learn to stop our speaking, to cut off our words, and to simply turn to our spirit to appear before Him, touch Him, behold Him in silence, and gaze upon Him. We need to look at Him again and again, beholding, appreciating, and even treasuring Him. This is very sweet and necessary. We should never consider prayer to be merely asking God to do something for us.

Inquiring

When we open our mouth, we do not need to ask or beg, but we can inquire. ...The best prayer is inquiring prayer. As we touch God, wait in silence, behold His loveliness, and converse with Him, we can ask Him, “Would You like me to mention a certain matter now?” This is the sweetest kind of prayer.

It is difficult to find a person who does not pray to God in a wild way. We are not used to beholding His loveliness in silence; we are not used to living according to the index of His eyes. This is a pity. We must learn to be an inquiring person in our prayer. We should ask the Lord, “Can I bring up this subject at this time?” We should look at His eyes. If He is not happy, we should not continue. If He has an expression of approval, we can proceed by asking how we should pray. This is what it means to inquire. Some may say, “This is too slow. Things will be delayed, and people will die.” We need to remember that time is in God’s hand. He is beyond time. The Lord can save a brother if he is sick, He can resurrect him even if he has died, and He can make him fresh even if he smells. We must believe that our Lord never delays any work. The best prayer is inquiring prayer, but inquiring can only happen when a person is calm. If we have never touched God and have never been calm before Him or never beheld His loveliness, we do not know the meaning of inquiring.

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