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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2022 Northeast Summer School of Truth (Aug. 1- Aug. 12)**

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.

- **The Church in NYC Family Bible Camp**

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

Family Bible Camp at KPCC (8/20/22) is open to the families and children meeting in Halls 1-9 and Rosendale, with children entering Kindergarten to 6th grade, young people (grades 7-12) as helpers, and district children's meeting serving ones. **Deadline for registration is Lord's Day,**

August 14, 2022. Please contact your district children's meeting serving ones 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 "take root downward and bear fruit upward" (2 Kings 19:30) by spending personal time with the Lord daily and allowing the Lord to flow out of them by preaching the gospel, shepherding others and speaking in the small group meetings and church meetings
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for the Family Bible Camp (FBC) held on July 23—the attendance reached 255, including 102 children in grades K-6 and 17 of their younger siblings. Let us pray for the second part of the FBC to be held in KPCC on Saturday, August 20
- The newly saved 5th and 6th grade children – At least 18 of them have been 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 Chinese-speaking Perfecting Training being held this past week (July 27-31)
- The young people in the churches in the Northeast and in all of the Lord's recovery:
 - a. National young people's conference in Brazil this past week (July 27-31)
 - b. European young people's conference in Poland the upcoming week (July 31-August 6)
 - c. Northeast Summer School of Truth beginning the upcoming week (August 1-12)

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: Crystallization-Study of 1&2 Samuel
Week 11: David and Abigail typifying the Warring Christ and the Warring Church

Portion from Day 5:

In our spirit we have touched the Spirit, the Lord who is in resurrection and glory. His name is Christ...If we allow Him to operate and move within us, we will be able to live a life just as that of Jesus the Nazarene, and we will be able to follow in His footsteps...David's mighty men and Abigail, following David and wandering with him in the wilderness, typify going outside the camp and bearing Christ's reproach [Heb. 13:13].

Our Christian living has two aspects—an inward aspect and an outward aspect. The inward aspect can be compared to the Shulammitte, and the outward aspect can be compared to Abigail. On one hand, we are within the veil; on the other hand, we are outside the city, the camp. On one hand, we are in the Holy of Holies; on the other hand, we are before men. Inwardly we enjoy the resurrected Christ, and outwardly we follow Jesus. When we pray in our room in the morning, we touch Christ. This can be likened to the Shulammitte and Solomon living and fellowshiping together in the palaces of ivory (Psa. 45:8). We touch the Lord in the inner chamber, in the Holy of Holies, in the secret place. When we testify for the Lord and work for the Lord in our outward living, we can be likened to Abigail wandering with David in the wilderness. (CWWL, 1956, vol. 2, "Three Aspects of the Church, Book 1: The Meaning of the Church," p. 113)

Only those who enter within the veil [Heb. 10:19-20] can go forth unto Him outside the camp and bear His reproach (13:13). It is the resurrected Christ in us who leads us to follow the suffering Jesus. He has walked the way of the cross and entered into us in resurrection. Now He is leading us to take the way of the cross. (CWWL, 1956, vol. 2, "Three Aspects of the Church, Book 1: The Meaning of the Church," pp. 113-114)

Corporate Reading: "The Tree of Life" Ch. 6: *The Tree of Life for Transformation*; Ch. 7: *How the Last Adam Becomes the Tree of Life in Us*

MINISTRY PORTIONS

Waiting

We should learn to wait on God. This is a trying lesson. Even in human relationships waiting is an important element. Suppose I want a brother to help me. If he is busy when I go to see him, I cannot make my request. I must wait until he is no longer busy before I can open my mouth. We should not think that we can skip this step when we pray. Many times when God asks us to do something for Him, He does not force us. He waits until we are ready. If God can wait on us, should we not wait on God?

Waiting on God is to allow Him to determine the timing. We cannot dictate the time; He dictates the time. We need to wait. When we pray, we need to inquire of God, and we also need to wait on God.

Musing

We also need to learn to muse or meditate on everything about God. We must meditate on God's loveliness, His lovingkindness, His dignity, His glory, His attributes, and His acts. We must learn that when breathing in God through prayer, we should not only inquire of Him and wait on Him but also meditate on Him and ponder His acts.

We should not think that it is a waste of time to temporarily set aside other matters in our prayers while we meditate on God. God already knows our needs. What touches His heart the most and gives Him the sweetest thought is our musing on Him in His presence. ...We should remain in His presence and behold Him in silence. While we behold Him in this way, we inquire of Him, wait on Him, and muse on Him. We can muse on His dealings with us and on His dealings with the saints of old. We can also muse on the sweetness of His person. ...In this musing, we absorb God, and His elements fill us. We should gain this experience and learn this lesson.

In our prayers we should forget about ourselves and spend more time to muse on Him, allowing Him and His acts to fill our spiritual eyes and inward senses. God treasures this type of musing; He appreciates this kind of meditation. When we enjoy Him in this musing, He dispenses Himself into us and takes care of all our other needs. We should be at peace and focus on His sweetness instead of focusing on our own affairs. We need to spend time to muse upon His sweetness.

Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 5: How to Enjoy God in Prayer (Section 4)