

# The Church in New York City

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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

- The Northeast Summer School of Truth – the high school session began last Monday and will conclude today; the session for the middle schoolers will begin tomorrow (August 8-12); a total of 232 are registered for this past week and more than 150 are registered for the upcoming week. Please pray:
  - a. That the hearts of all the young people would be open and prepared to receive the Lord's word (Luke 8:5a, 11)
  - b. That the young people would receive an experiential impression of the truth concerning The Two Spirits – the Divine Spirit and the Human Spirit, and that the Spirit of reality would guide them into the reality of everything they receive
  - c. For the serving saints, that each one would be supplied by the Lord's grace and be led by the Lord to provide the proper shepherding for the young people

- d. For the Lord's blessing on every aspect of the truth school, i.e. the message sessions, the small group sessions, the times in the cabins, recreation, meal times, etc.
  - e. For the KPCC camp staff
  - f. For the health of everyone at the camp, for the weather and for the binding of the enemy
- The newly saved 5th and 6th grade children – a good number 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 strengthening of the church in NYC:
    - a. The shepherding of all the saints of all ages 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 all nine halls
  - The health of all the co-workers and leading brothers in all the churches for the sake of the building up of the church and the Lord's interests all over the earth (1 Kings 8:48)
  - The European Young People's Conference carried out in Poland this past week
  - 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 12: Spiritual Principles, Life Lessons, and Holy Warnings concerning the Enjoyment of the Good Land Seen with Five Major Figures in 1 & 2 Samuel***

## Portion from Days 5 & 6:

David is a typical model of a genuine child of Israel in the enjoyment of the good land promised and given by God to His chosen people, by trusting in God and walking with God according to His leading and instruction. David expected to remain in the good land and share in Jehovah's inheritance and serve Him (26:19b). His sincere trust in God and his faithful walk with God qualified him fully to enjoy the good land to a high level, even up to the kingship in the good land according to God's heart with a kingdom which became the kingdom of God on the earth. David was one with God. What was his was God's, and what was God's was his. He and God had only one kingdom. Such a one enjoyed the good land, Christ, to the uttermost.

David's being established by God is seen...in the building of Zion as his stronghold and of Jerusalem (2 Sam. 5:9). Furthermore, "David became greater and greater; and Jehovah the God of hosts was with him" (v. 10). This indicates that David had God's presence. In serving the Lord, we need to have the assurance that we have His presence. If we are really following the Lord for the fulfillment of His economy, we will certainly have His presence. If in any matter we do not have the inner sense that the Lord is with us, we must be careful and consider our way....In the Lord's recovery, whenever we do anything, we must take care of the sense of the Lord's presence.

Everything concerning David was arranged under God's sovereign direction to accomplish one thing: the building up of His kingdom in His elect through the proper person. At that time the proper person was David, but today it should be the people in the Lord's recovery....In this age...the particular thing that God intends to accomplish is to recover everything that has been lost and is missing in today's worldly Christianity. (Life-study of 1 & 2 Samuel, pp. 131-132, 142, 144)

The account of God's punishing judgment on David is written as a warning to us today (1 Cor. 10:11). We should read this account seriously in the presence of God. This account warns us that the indulgence of the flesh is a serious thing. David was tempted simply by a glance and then he failed to restrict himself. In contacting the opposite sex, we in the Lord's recovery need to be sanctified and separated unto God. The evil concerning sex is very contagious. We must exercise our spirit to overcome our flesh and our old man. This must not be a mere teaching; it must be a practice in our daily life.

All the saints, especially the young ones, should search their hearts and make a strong resolution of heart (Judg. 5:15-16) never to go the way of the indulgence of the flesh....We need to say, "Lord Jesus, I love You, I need You, and I receive You." If we say this, He will be our Savior and our dynamic salvation. As the pneumatic Christ, He will save us, preserve us, and protect us from the contamination of this age, so that we may keep the glory that we have gained. (Life-study of 1 & 2 Samuel, pp. 217-220)

**Corporate Reading:** *"The Tree of Life" Ch. 8: How The Body, The Army, And The Dwelling Place Of God Came Into Being*

## MINISTRY PORTIONS

### Worshipping

As we touch Him, remain in Him, behold His loveliness, converse with Him, inquire of Him, wait on Him, and muse upon Him, we should worship Him. We should worship Him in our spirit and with our whole being. We should attune our entire being to His holy splendor and worship Him in holy splendor (Psa. 29:2). We should prostrate ourselves before Him and offer Him our worship.

### Praising

We should also praise God. Praise always follows worship. As we muse upon a certain matter, praises should flow forth from within us.

### Interceding

We also should learn to participate in intercessory work. If time permits and we are able to spend more time before God, He will surely tell us things that concern Him. As soon as we know these things, we need to do the work of intercession. ...Abraham's intercession was absolutely in the form of inquiring; he did not ask or beg. Abraham kept inquiring all the way to the end. This is the best kind of intercession. As we remain in God, muse upon Him, worship Him, and praise Him, He reveals His desire to us, and we intercede by inquiring. This kind of prayer is sweet.

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