

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **New York/New Jersey College Retreat (Nov. 11-13)**

The New York/New Jersey College Retreat will be held at Camp Penuel on November 11-13 at Camp Penuel. The high school seniors are encouraged to attend. For registration and more information, please check with the serving ones in your hall. The registration deadline is November 6.

- **Citywide Senior Saints' Conference (Nov. 19)**

We are glad to announce that we will have a special in person gathering for all the senior saints including all the districts and all languages. The conference is for all the nine halls. Lunch and transportation will be provided.

Place: Hall 1 meeting hall

Time: November 19, 10am

- **2022 December Semiannual Video Training Registration**

Please submit your registration for the video training by filling out the online form: <http://bit.ly/nycregistration>.

- **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

- Thanksgiving to the Lord for the rich word released during the conference two weekends ago; pray that the Lord would strengthen all the churches in New Jersey and New York State and that He would direct the hearts of all the saints into the love of God and into the endurance of Christ (2 Thes. 3:5)
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for His faithful care of the church and prayer for the church's further going on:
 - a. That all the saints would be freshly drawn by the Lord (S.S. 1:4) and rekindled in their first love for the Lord (Rev. 2:4) each morning
 - b. That out of the filling of the Lord's love the saints would "feed the Lord's lambs," "shepherd the Lord's sheep" and "feed His sheep" (John 21:15-17)
 - c. That the Body would build itself up in love (Eph. 4:16) through the church meetings and small group meetings this week
- The regional Chinese-speaking conference held at Camp Penuel which concludes today
- The fall college conference for the churches and campuses in NY and NJ to be held at Camp Penuel (November 11-13)
- The Lord's move in South America:
 - a. National young people's conference in Colombia this past weekend
 - b. Serving ones' training (for those serving the young people) for all the churches in South America to be held in Brazil beginning next week (November 11-15)
- The Lord's move in Europe:
 - a. The follow-up of the gospel trips in Germany and Switzerland held over the past few weeks

- b. The blending and gospel trip in Rome in the past week
- c. Resumption of the Lord's table and a mini-conference in Zürich, Switzerland this past weekend

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: CRYSTALLIZATION-STUDY OF 1 AND 2 KINGS

Week 2: Four Crucial Journeys to Enter into the Ministry of the Age by Closely Following the Minister of the Age with the Vision of the Age

Portion from Day 1 and point IV from outline:

In every age the Lord has special things that He wants to accomplish. He has His own recoveries and His own works to do. The particular recovery and work that He does in one age is the ministry of that age.

Elijah's ministry was an anti-testimony. When all Israel was worshipping idols, Elijah told them that the idols they worshipped were false gods, and only Jehovah was the true God (1 Kings 18:18, 21, 36; 2 Kings 1:16)...Elijah, as an anti-testimony, told them that idolatry is a sin that offends God.

Today the church needs overcomers according to this principle, that is, ones who do not care for their own life. Every overcomer and witness for God has the feeling that he alone is standing...Although God had hidden seven thousand who did not worship Baal, Elijah's feeling was that he alone was standing (19:10)...To be an overcomer, one cannot fear the consequences, hold on to the past, or care for the attitudes of others; he must care only for God's will. Elijah did not care for his life but stood as an anti-testimony, maintained God's testimony, and told the people that they should follow Jehovah instead of Baal...The principle of the overcomers that he represented in this period is that of rising up to be an anti-testimony when God's people forsake His testimony. (*CWWL, 1954, vol. 1, pp. 429-430*)

This present age is the age of the overcomers, and the ministry of this present age through the ministers of the present age is the sounding of the Lord's call for the overcomers (those who see the vision of eternity, live the life of eternity, and work the work of eternity—this is to see God's ultimate goal and live out and work out the New Jerusalem); these overcomers are for the building up of the reality of the Body of Christ, the preparation of the

bride of Christ, and the manifestation of the kingdom of Christ; in order to meet God's ultimate need in these last days, we have to make a resolution to be the overcomers, the vitalized ones.

Corporate Reading: *"The Meaning of Human Life and a Proper Consecration" Ch. 6: Consecration to take the Lord as our person*

MINISTRY READINGS

In the New Testament Parables

At the end of Matthew 21 the Lord Jesus spoke a parable concerning a vineyard. He said that God leased a vineyard to vinedressers in order for them to work on it. However, when God came to collect the harvest, there was no fruit. This parable was meant for the Jews, and in essence the Lord was saying, "You desire to do something, and you are trying to work. But your work has no result, no fruit. You cannot do anything." In chapter 22 the Lord spoke another parable. He compared God to a king preparing a wedding feast for his son. He had slain the oxen and the fatted cattle and made all things ready. He then invited many to come to the feast. No one who comes to a feast comes with [448] the thought of working or doing something; instead, he goes with a mouth ready to eat. God seemed to say, "All things are ready. Come. I do not want you to come to work or to do anything. I want you to come to eat, to enjoy." In these two parables the Lord Jesus was saying, "Even though you desire to do something, God has absolutely no intention for you to do anything. He desires that you come and eat." The Lord was eventually slain like the oxen and given to man to eat. The cross can be compared to a big feasting table. The Lord was slain on this table and placed on it for men to eat. God has no desire for us to do anything. He has no desire for us to work. His desire is to give us His Son for our enjoyment. His Son is simply His embodiment. God wants to become food to us in the person of His Son.

Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 8: Eating and Drinking – the Focus of God's Salvation (part 5)