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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2022 International Thanksgiving Blending Conference (Cont'd)**

The conference ends today, Nov. 27, 2022 (Lord's Day). We are providing Zoom meetings for those who would like to watch the conference messages via Zoom in English or Chinese. The general subject is "**The Divine Dispensing of the Divine Trinity for the Divine Economy**". For the conference outlines, please visit <https://live.lsmwebcast.com>.

Message 6: 7:30 PM Lord's Day, 11/27

English Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82108114614?pwd=RXEwNU02dkFQZlF0bHhleUZPSDFMQT09>

Meeting ID: 821 0811 4614

Passcode: 2022

One tap mobile:

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KEY STATEMENTS FOR THE 2022 THANKSGIVING CONFERENCE

I In the entire universe the unique and eternal blessing is the Triune God dispensing Himself in His Divine Trinity into us by our enjoyment of the indwelling and automatic law of the Spirit of life for the building up of the Body of Christ with the goal of making us God in life, nature, and expression but not in the Godhead to accomplish the goal of His eternal economy—the New Jerusalem.

II We all can experience the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity by breathing the Spirit, the holy breath, drinking the same spiritual drink, Christ as the all-inclusive life-giving Spirit, and eating Christ as the bread of God—the true bread, the heavenly bread, the bread of life, and the living bread—and become constituted with Him so that we can express Him and represent Him.

III As believers in Christ, we simply need to love the Lord and keep ourselves open to Him, giving Him every opportunity to do everything He wants to do, and we need to be satisfied with a life of ordinary days in the regular and normal experiences in the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity according to the miraculous normality of the divine economy.

IV According to the entire revelation of the sixty-six books of the Bible, the Divine Trinity—the Father, the Son, and the Spirit—is for God's dispensing, that is, for the distribution of God into His chosen people; God is triune so that He can dispense Himself into us, work Himself into us, for us to enjoy so that we can be built up to be the Body of Christ and prepared to be the bride of Christ for His second coming when the kingdom of the world becomes the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ for Him to reign forever and ever.

- **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 will be suspended for one week and resume on December 5, 2022.

PRAYER BURDENS

- Thanksgiving to the Lord for the Citywide Senior Saints' Conference held on Nov. 19, 2022 (the past Saturday) and for blessing the church in NYC with so many older saints; let us pray that each saint would "still bring forth fruit in old age; they will be full of sap and green" (Psa. 92:14) and that they would shine "brighter and brighter until the full day" (Prov. 4:18)

- The International Thanksgiving Blending Conference which ends today in Washington, DC; let us pray for all aspects of this conference, including the release of the word, the travel and health of the saints, the online component of the conference, children's service, ushering service, audio/video service, etc.
- The raising up of the next generation for the church life—Thanksgiving to the Lord for blessing the church with so many children, young people, college age saints and young adults, and prayer for their preservation and for their being raised up to bear the Lord's testimony
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for granting the church nine meeting halls; let us pray for the strengthening of the practical services in each hall and that, through the services, the saints would experience "being built up as a spiritual house into a holy priesthood" (1 Pet. 2:5)
- Prayer for the Lord's blessing on all the small group meetings and church meetings and all the informal gatherings among the saints this 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 AND 2 KINGS

Week 7: The Intrinsic Significance of the Materials of the Temple

Portion from Days 1, 5 & 6:

The different kinds of wood used in constructing the temple signify different aspects of Christ's humanity. In ancient times the Jews planted cypress trees above their graves; hence, cypress (1 Kings 6:15b, 34) signifies Christ's humanity in His death, the crucified Jesus (cf. Gen. 6:14 and footnote 2). Cedar trees grew on the mountains of Lebanon (Psa. 104:16); thus, cedar (1 Kings 6:9, 10b, 15a, 16, 36) signifies Christ's humanity in resurrection, the resurrected Christ (cf. S.S. 4:8 and footnote 2). Olive oil typifies the Spirit of God; hence, olive wood (1 Kings 6:23, 31- 33) signifies Christ's humanity in the Spirit of God, the anointed Christ (Heb. 1:9). (1 Kings 6:15, footnote 1)

The church is not composed of natural persons but of persons who have passed through death and entered into resurrection, that is, persons who are as

cypress and cedar. Man's natural ability can never be brought into the church or become building material for the church... Only that which passes through death and resurrection can be brought into the church. (CWWL, 1956, vol. 2, "Three Aspects of the Church, Book 1: The Meaning of the Church," p. 200)

In typology, bronze always signifies God's judgment. That the two pillars were made of bronze clearly indicates that if we would be a pillar, we must realize that we are those under God's judgment. We should not only be under God's judgment, but also under our own judgment. Like Paul in Galatians 2:20, we must say, "I have been crucified. I have been crucified because I am not good for anything in God's economy. I am only qualified for death."

On the one hand, we are the condemned and judged bronze; on the other hand, we are the living lilies. The bronze means, "Not I," and the lily means, "But Christ." Those who are lilies can say, "The life that I now live, I live by the faith of Jesus Christ." By all this we can realize that we are lilies bearing an impossible responsibility in an intermixed and complicated situation full of checker work and chain work.

Every saved one in the church is a stone in the church. ...the New Testament speaks of living stones (1 Pet. 2:5), and the Old Testament speaks of cut stones (1 Kings 5:15, 17-18; 6:7). The stones used for the building of the church must be living inwardly and must be cut outwardly. Living implies regeneration. However, after regeneration the stones still need to allow God to cut them over a long period of time.

Corporate Reading: *"The Meaning of Human Life and a Proper Consecration" Ch. 9: Knowing the Church as the New Man and Taking Christ as Our Person (2)*