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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2022 December Semi-Annual Training**

The December 2022 Semi-Annual Video Training, which will be on The Crystallization-Study of 1 & 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther, will be held online via Zoom.

Zoom Meeting link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89475678761?pwd=OW1EeU5RN1NkYlVOUjBmblZldndsZz09>

Meeting ID: 894 7567 8761

Passcode: 2022

One Tap Mobile: +19294362866,,89475678761#

Schedule for Training Session:

Message 1, 7:30 PM, Thursday, Dec. 29
Message 2, 7:30 PM, Friday, Dec. 30
Message 3, 10:00 AM, Saturday, Dec. 31
Message 4, 4:00 PM, Saturday, Dec. 31
Message 5, 7:00 PM, Saturday, Dec. 31
LORD'S TABLE, 10:00 AM, Sunday, Jan. 1
Message 6, 11:00 AM, Sunday, Jan. 1
(Open Meeting)

Message 7, 7:30 PM, Monday, Jan. 2
Message 8, 7:30 PM, Friday, Jan. 6
Message 9, 10:00 AM, Saturday, Jan. 7
Message 10, 4:00 PM, Saturday, Jan. 7
Message 11, 7:00 PM, Saturday, Jan. 7
LORD'S TABLE, 10:00 AM, Sunday, Jan. 8
Message 12, 11:00 AM, Sunday, Jan. 8
(Open Meeting)

Schedule for Review/Study Session

(open to all the saints):

Messages 1&2, 7:30 PM, Wed., Jan. 4
Messages 3&4, 7:30 PM, Thurs., Jan. 5
Messages 5&6, 7:30 PM, Mon., Jan. 9
Messages 7&8, 7:30 PM, Wed., Jan. 11
Messages 9&10, 7:30 PM, Thurs., Jan. 12

KEY STATEMENTS FOR CRYSTALLIZATION - STUDY OUTLINES FIRST AND SECOND CHRONICLES, EZRA, NEHEMIAH, AND ESTHER

I The intrinsic significance of the twelve historical books in the Old Testament (Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther) is the revelation that God's move in man's history prepares the way for God to carry out His eternal economy by His becoming a man that man may become God in life and in nature (but not in the Godhead), for the producing and building up of the church as the organic Body of Christ to consummate the New Jerusalem for His ultimate expression.

II Ezra reconstituted the people of Israel with heavenly truths; in the Lord's recovery we need Ezras, priestly teachers, who contact God, who are saturated with God, who are one with God, who are filled with God, and who are skilled in the Word of God—the kind of person who is qualified to be a teacher in the recovery.

III We need to live by Christ and to live out Christ, thus magnifying Christ, so that we can build up the church as the expression of God; in order to express God, we need to be daily sanctified and renewed by the washing of the water in the word to be presented to Christ, our Bridegroom, as His pure, glorious, God-expressing bride.

IV For the building up of the church as the Body of Christ, there is the need for spiritual warfare carried out according to four principles—not using fleshly weapons, keeping the position of ascension, using spiritual weapons, which are powerful to overthrow the strongholds of the enemy, and understanding that prayer is warfare and uttering prayers of warfare in the heavenly realm and from the throne of God.

- **Service Office Hours**

There will be no Service Office Hour in the following 3 weeks. We will resume on January 16, 2023.

PRAYER BURDENS

- The semiannual winter training on the Crystallization-study of 1 & 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther which will begin this Monday in Anaheim, and all the video trainings which will be held in many localities all over the earth (the video training in NYC will begin on Thursday, December 29)
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for blessing the church in NYC with so many older saints and prayer for their health, their participation in and enjoyment of the church life and that each one will function to their full capacity
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for all the children in the church and prayer for the children's service in all nine halls and for the raising up of more neighborhood children's meetings
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for His care for the church in NYC throughout this year and prayer for the church's further going on:
 - a. That all the saints of all ages would have the burden for the gospel
 - b. The shepherding of all the saints and all the new ones
 - c. The strengthening of the church meetings and small group meetings this week
- The Lord's move in the United States— That the Lord would strengthen all the local churches in the U.S. and preserve this nation for the preaching of the gospel and for the spread of His testimony at the consummation of the age
- 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 10: The Lord's Recovery—to Build Up Zion

Portion from Days 4, 5 & 6:

The book of Ephesians reveals that the church is the Body of Christ (1:22- 23), the kingdom of God,

the household of God (2:19), and the temple, the dwelling place of God (2:21-22). It reveals further that the church is the new man [2:15; 4:24]... As the Body of Christ, the church needs Christ as its life; whereas as the new man, the church needs Christ as its person. This new corporate person should live a life as Jesus lived on earth, that is, a life of truth, expressing God and causing God to be realized as the reality by man.

The blessings of our dwelling in the house of God are our enjoyment of the incarnated and consummated Triune God as our sun to supply us with life (John 1:4; 8:12), as our shield to protect us from God's enemy (Eph. 6:11-17), as grace for our enjoyment (John 1:14, 17), and as glory for the manifestation of God in splendor (Rev. 21:11, 23). (Psa. 84:11, footnote 1)

Psalm 133 is the praise of the saint in his going up to Zion concerning Jehovah's commanded blessing for brothers to dwell in unity. Before we can have Psalm 133, we must reach Psalm 132... When Zion is built up and when God is resting there and dwelling in Jerusalem, then we have a place where we can gather and where we can dwell together in unity. If this is our situation in the meetings of the church, we will enjoy God's commanded blessing.

Corporate Reading: *"The Economy of God and the Mystery of the Transmission of the Divine Trinity" Ch. 3: Four Great Matters in the Bible*

SELECTED VERSES

Revelation 3:20; 14:1

3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, then I will come in to him and dine with him and he with Me.

14:1 And I saw, and behold, the Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him a hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads.

Psalm 125:1

125:1 Those who trust in Jehovah are like Mount Zion, Which cannot be moved but abides forever.