

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Citywide Gathering of the Church in NYC (Lord's Day, February 5)**

There will be a citywide gathering of the church in NYC on February 5, beginning at 10am. The saints will gather mostly in Hall 1 (Jamaica Estates) and Hall 3 (Flushing). Details will be provided in the coming weeks.

- **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 Meeting ID: 378 512 3114

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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

- That the faith of all the saints would grow exceedingly and that the love of each of the saints toward the Lord and toward one another would be always increasing

2 Thessalonians 1:3 – *We ought to thank God always concerning you, brothers, even as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly and the love of each one of you all to one another is increasing.*

- Thanksgiving to the Lord for His speaking during the past Crystallization-study training on the books of 1 & 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther:
 - a. Let us pray that the Lord's speaking would reach all the saints in His recovery and issue

in the strengthening of the saints and the churches and in the building up of the Body of Christ

- The upcoming FTTA gospel trips taking place in Europe and North America beginning later this month; a total of 233 saints will participate in these trips:
 - a. The gospel trips in Europe will consist of 16 teams and will reach 20 countries in Europe, such as Ireland, England, Portugal, Spain, France, Germany, Italy, Poland and Romania, and will take place between January 26-February 9
 - b. The gospel trips in North America will consist of 20 teams in various locations throughout Canada and the United States, and will take place for the most part between January 27-February 11
 - c. Pray specifically for the two teams which will come to New York; one team (6 saints) will serve in NYC and New Jersey; the other team (7 saints) will visit the churches in Upstate NY
- The strengthening of the church meetings and small group meetings this week
- The need for meeting halls in various localities throughout the country and throughout the world:
 - a. Atlanta, GA
 - b. Stuttgart, Germany
 - c. São Paulo, Brazil
 - d. Sydney, Australia

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: LOVING THE LORD AND LOVING ONE ANOTHER FOR THE ORGANIC BUILDING UP OF THE CHURCH AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Week 2: Song of Songs – the Progressive Experience of an Individual Believer's Loving Fellowship with Christ for the Preparation of the Bride of Christ

Portions from Day 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6:

The resurrected Christ became the life-giving Spirit as the reality of His resurrection (John 11:25). The resurrection of Christ is linked with the Spirit who gives life. This life-giving Spirit indwells our spirit (Rom. 8:11; Eph. 2:22). Hence, our regenerated spirit indwelt by the life-giving Spirit becomes the Holiest of all as God's dwelling place linked with the Holiest of all in the third heaven (Heb. 4:16).

Through her living in Christ's ascension as the new creation in resurrection, the lover of Christ becomes mature in the riches of the life of Christ so that she becomes a garden to Christ (S. S. 4:12-15). ...Through her living in the ascension of Christ and further living within the veil, experiencing the cross of Christ more strongly, the lover of Christ is transformed into the heavenly bodies.

By the end of Song of Songs 6 the lover, having passed through various stages of transformation, has become Solomon's duplication. ...Solomon is the lord of many vineyards, and these vineyards require much labor. Now the country girl, who has become his Shulammit, must become his co-worker. This indicates that eventually Christ's lovers need to share in the work of the Lord. To share in the Lord's work we need to be qualified, and our qualification depends upon the spiritual equipment; that is, it depends on our being equipped with all the attributes of the divine life. (*Life-study of Song of Songs, p. 55*)

By leaning upon our Beloved [cf. S. S. 8:5], we constantly leave the world behind and come up again and again until the Lord comes to take us away...Only the Lord can prepare us for the rapture. ...Then the maiden's experience will be like a drop of water that has disappeared into the ocean; there will be no more room for advancement, though the tide can always go deeper. All that is left in the world is just her body...Therefore, she cannot help but cry, "Make haste, my beloved."

Corporate Reading: *"The Economy of God and the Mystery of the Transmission of the Divine Trinity" Ch. 6: The Truth of the Mystery in the Gospel of John (3)*

MINISTRY READINGS

Assimilating the Spirit being to Enjoy God as One's All

If we learn to assimilate God in our spirit, we will experience Him as everything, and He will be whatever we need. As we assimilate Him this way, we will discover that God is our comfort when we

need comfort. He is our power when we need power. He is the word when we need a word. He is light when we need light. He is our patience when we need patience. He is love when we need love. He is holiness when we need holiness. He is our way when we need a way. He is wisdom when we need wisdom. All parents need forbearance toward their children. Once we receive God, He becomes forbearance to us. All children need to honor and obey their parents. Once we receive God into us, there is honor and obedience. Our God is everything to us according to our need. When we assimilate Him, He is whatever we need. This is wonderful!

Therefore, in any circumstance and at any time, we need to learn to contact God and enjoy Him in our spirit. God is the omnipresent [459] Spirit. He is also the all-pervading Spirit; no place is too distant for Him to reach. No matter what our condition is, He is willing to draw near to us. Even when we think that we are at our worst, He is willing to be received by us. We should realize that we can receive Him and touch Him in our spirit, even at our lowest moments. Once He enters, all our problems are solved. I believe we now understand that even though we may have myriads of needs, our unique solution is the living God. He is everything. He is the solution to whatever we need. He is all in all!

Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 9: Enjoying God Through Taking in the Spirit (part 4)

SELECTED VERSES

Song of Songs 1:2; 2:8-10; 4:12; 7:11-12

1:2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth! For your love is better than wine.

2:8 The voice of my beloved! Now he comes, Leaping upon the mountains, Skipping upon the hills.

2:9 My beloved is like a gazelle or a young hart. Now he stands behind our wall; He is looking through the windows, He is glancing through the lattice.

2:10 My beloved responds and says to me, Rise up, my love, My beauty, and come away;

4:12 A garden enclosed is my sister, my bride, A spring shut up, a fountain sealed.

7:11 Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the fields; Let us lodge in the villages.

7:12 Let us rise up early for the vineyards; Let us see if the vine has budded, If the blossom is open, If the pomegranates are in bloom; There I will give you my love.