

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Registration for the July 2023 Semiannual Training**

Registration for the July 2023 Semiannual Training has begun. Please submit your registration for both the live training in Anaheim and the video training by filling out the online form: <http://bit.ly/nycregistration>. The due date for registration is **May 1, 2023**.

- **Northeast Spring Middle School Conference (May 12-14)**

There will be a conference for the young people in grades 6-8 and their parents and serving ones from May 12-14 at Camp Penuel. Young people currently in grades 9-12 can sign up to serve, only after fellowship with and recommendation from their local serving ones. Please **register by May 1** at www.pursuewiththose.org.

The saints can check in starting at 5 p.m. on Friday, May 12. The first session begins at 7:00pm.

- **2023 Gospel to All the Nations Conference (May 6-7)**

2023 Gospel to All the Nations Conference will be held over the weekend of May 6-7, 2023, in Brooklyn. **Please register** the online form: <http://bit.ly/44nxLkr> **by today, April 30, 2023**. The conference will be held in Hall 7 located at 8501 7th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11228.

Conference schedule:

May 6, Sat., 10:00 AM, Session One (Lunch will be provided)

May 6, Sat., 2:00 PM, Session Two

May 7, Lord's Day, 10:00 AM, Session Three (Lunch will be provided)

- **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

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 all of the young working saints and the young families in the church life and for His speaking in the conference held this past weekend; let us pray that the Spirit of reality would guide each one into the reality of the word that they heard and that as a result, all the churches in the Northeast would be strengthened and blessed
- The salvation of all the children in grade 5—The ongoing preparation of the hearts of all the fifth graders through the weekly meetings in each hall and the upcoming citywide gatherings
- The Chinese-speaking conference which concludes today at Camp Penuel; the general subject of the conference is Knowing, Experiencing and Living the All-Inclusive Christ for the Genuine Church Life
- The Gospel to All the Nations Conference to be held in Brooklyn over the weekend of May 6-7
- The Northeast Spring Middle Schoolers' Conference to be held at Camp Penuel over the weekend of May 12-14
- 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: 2022 DECEMBER SEMIANNUAL TRAINING - CRYSTALLIZATION-STUDY OF 1 & 2 CHRONICLES, EZRA, NEHEMIAH, AND ESTHER

Week 5: Ezra, a Priestly Scribe, and the Need for Ezras—Those Skilled in the Word of God

Portions from Days 1, 2, 4 and 6:

A priest is one who is mingled with the Lord, saturated with the Lord, feeding upon the Lord, and breathing Him in all day long. Whatever he speaks is just the Lord Himself. This is exactly what the teachers in the Lord's recovery must be. Ezra was this kind of person. He proclaimed a fast, and he fasted; he was simply one with the Lord by contacting the Lord continually. He was not a letter-scribe, but a priestly scribe.

God's word reconstitutes us. We all have our own kind of disposition and habitual behavior, but God is able to reconstitute us through His word. This is why we need to read the Bible. God's word gradually changes our mind and our way of thinking. The word of God is one with the Spirit (Eph. 6:17). When the word of God works within us, the Spirit, through the word, spontaneously dispenses God's nature with God's element into our being. We may not even be aware that such a dispensing is taking place within us. By this way we are reconstituted. (Life-study of Nehemiah, p. 17)

Nehemiah, with the help of Ezra, totally reconstituted the nation. Then Israel became a particular nation, a nation sanctified and separated unto God, expressing God. They were transfused with the thought of God, with the considerations of God, and with all that God is, making them God's reproduction. Everyone became God in life and in nature by this kind of divine constitution. As a result, they became a divine nation on earth expressing the divine character. They were reconstituted personally and corporately to be God's testimony. The returned captives became God's testimony through the reconstitution which took place under the leadership of Nehemiah. (Life-study of Nehemiah, pp. 32-33)

You must have the truth. The only way for the truth to get into you is through your mentality. Then it remains in your memory. If you do not understand, the truth cannot get into you. The truth gets into you through your mentality, your understanding. Also, if the truth gets into your memory, it becomes a

constant and long-term nourishment. Then you have an accumulation of the truth, and you are a person continually under the constant nourishment. You will then know how to present the truth to others, not merely to inspire them or to stir them up but to make them solid and constituted with the truth. (CWWL, 1984, vol. 2, "Elders' Training, Book 3: The Way to Carry Out the Vision," pp. 312-313)

Corporate Reading: *"The Life-study of Romans", messages 14*

MINISTRY READINGS

Set Times of Prayer Being Worthwhile

Prayer is to breathe in God; it is to receive God and to absorb Him. This is priceless. Why are we not attracted to this? Our problem is that we hear many exhortations concerning breathing in God, but we spend only a few minutes breathing. We should ask ourselves of what use this is to us. We need to change our concept. Even though we are busy, we should still set aside some time to receive and absorb God. No matter how busy we are, we should daily devote some time for prayer with the sole purpose of breathing in God.

The Time to Pray Being

Determined by One's Own Choice

When George Müller was asked why he devoted his mornings to the Lord, he answered that in offering a sacrifice to God, one must offer the choicest portion of fat. In contacting God, we must offer the choicest part of our time. There is no set rule as to what is the choicest part of our time. With some it is the early morning. With others it is after the noon break. The decision is left to each individual.

Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 12: ENJOYING GOD BY PRAYING AT SET TIMES (part 2)