

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Northeast Spring High School Conference (April 7-9, cont'd)**

The conference for young people in grades 9-12 concludes today at Camp Penuel.

- **Northeast Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference (April 21-23)**

The Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference for the saints in the Northeast will be held at Camp Penuel on April 21-23.

We encourage the saints to arrive on Friday night, April 21. Dinner will not be provided and there will be no formal meeting on Friday evening, but saints who arrive early can get settled in, spend time together, and fellowship before the conference starts. The conference concludes with lunch on Lord's Day, April 23.

- **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**.

- **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

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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

- Thanksgiving to the Lord for His speaking in the regional conference held this past weekend in Franklin, NJ and prayer for the going on of all the local churches in the states of New York and New Jersey
- The Northeast Spring Highschoolers Conference being held this weekend at Camp Penuel; the general subject of the conference will be *Being Recovered Through the Word of God* and much of the ministry will be based on the books of Ezra and Nehemiah. Let us pray:
 - a. That all the young people will be strengthened in their relationship with the Word of God and daily experience being sanctified in and by God's Word (*John 17:17; Eph. 5:26*) and be stirred up in their spirits to rise up to build up the church
 - b. For all the practical affairs related to the conference
- The Lord's move in Europe:
 - a. The European Brothers Training (April 5-7) and International Blending Conference (April 8-9) held in London this past week
 - b. An opportunity has come up to complete a purchase that will acquire the entire mezzanine floor of a building in Malaga, Spain, for the use of the church and the work
- The Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference to be held at Camp Penuel over the weekend of April 21-23
- The Lord's move in the United States—That the Lord would bless 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: 2022 DECEMBER SEMI-ANNUAL TRAINING - CRYSTALLIZATION-STUDY OF 1 & 2 CHRONICLES, EZRA, NEHEMIAH, AND ESTHER

Week 2: Crucial Aspects of Living in the Good Land after Returning from Captivity in Babylon

Portions from Day 5:

In 1 Chronicles 4:10 we have a particular prayer offered by one of the descendants of Judah: "Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, Oh that You would richly bless me and enlarge my border, and that Your hand would be with me, and that You would so keep me from evil that it would not grieve me!" God caused what Jabez had requested to come to pass. I hope that all of us would have such a prayer, a prayer that God would enlarge the border of the enjoyment of the good land, that is, enlarge the border of our enjoyment of Christ. (*Life-study of 1 & 2 Chronicles, p. 18*)

One main principle of God's work is the need for man's prayer. He wants man to cooperate with Him in prayer. There was once a Christian who was very experienced in prayer. He said that all spiritual work consists of four steps. In the first step, God intends to do something; there is God's will. In the second step, He reveals this will to His children through the Spirit so that they know His will, His plan, His desire, and His aspiration. In the third step, God's children return His will back to Him through prayer. Prayer is the echoing of God's will. If our heart is in tune with God's heart, spontaneously we will speak forth God's will. As a result God will accomplish His work in the fourth step.

We will pay attention to the third step, which is returning God's will back to God...All worthwhile prayers are a kind of returning. If our prayer is only for the fulfillment of our plans and wishes, it will not have any value in the spiritual realm. Only the prayers that are initiated by God and that echo what He has initiated have any worth. God's work is governed by prayers. God is willing to do many things, but He will not do them when His people do not pray. He must wait for man to agree with Him before He will do them. This is a great principle of God's work,

and it is also one of the most crucial principles in the Bible.

Corporate Reading: *"The Life-study of Romans", message 9*

MINISTRY READINGS

Living the Christian Life by Enjoying Christ

Our problem is that we have been trying to be a Christian without enjoying Christ. Even though we do not enjoy Christ, we want to be a Christian. Eventually, we lose "Christ" and are left with "ian," which is vain and meaningless. Christ is gone, and only "ian" is left. Is this not our story? Because we do not enjoy Christ, we do not live like a Christian. On the contrary, we doubt God and complain that He is not fair. We think that God is not trustworthy or that He is not real. He becomes an abstract idea to us. Such tragic stories do happen.

Brothers and sisters, only Christ can be a true Christian. But in Himself, He can only be Christ; He cannot be a Christian. He must enter into us, be mingled with us, and come out of us in order to be a Christian. We cannot be a Christian without Him, and He cannot be a Christian without us. He has become our food; He is mingled with us and has become our life and life supply. Whenever we are enjoying Him, we are a Christian.

A Christian is a person who breathes in Christ and enjoys Him moment by moment. In everything he is joined to Christ; Christ operates within him and supplies him all the time. Christ is the embodiment of God. When He lives within us, all the fullness of God saturates us, and we are a Christian. This is what it means to enjoy Christ. This is what it means to eat and drink Him. This is what it means to enjoy God...

Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 11: How God Becomes Man's Enjoyment (part 5)