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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Northeast Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference (cont'd)**

The Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference for the saints in the Northeast concludes today at Camp Penuel.

- **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.

- **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 constant and all-inclusive care for the church in NYC as our great High Priest (Heb. 4:14; 10:21) 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 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; citywide there are currently 24 children in our grade 5 children's meetings (we should also pray for the 10 children in grades 6 and 7 that are not yet saved)
- The Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference held at Camp Penuel this past weekend
- The Chinese-speaking conference being held at Camp Penuel over the weekend of April 28-30
- The Gospel to All the Nations Conference to be held in Brooklyn over the weekend of May 6-7
- 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 4: The Recovery of the Building of the House of God through the Divine Encouragement of the Prophets of God

Portions from Days 2, 5 and 6:

The central thought of the book of Haggai is that the building of the house of Jehovah is related to the welfare of God's people today and to the coming of the millennial kingdom with its Messiah in the age of restoration.

In (Haggai chapter 1) verses 5, 6, and 9 through 11 we have Jehovah's dealing with the self-caring and God-neglecting returned captives. In His dealing, the first thing Jehovah did was to charge the people to consider their ways (v. 5). Jehovah pointed out that the returned captives had sown much but had brought in little; that they had eaten and drunk but without satisfaction; that they had clothed themselves but without being warmed; and that they had earned wages to put them into a bag with holes (v. 6). This tells us that if we do not have the heart to take care of God's house for His satisfaction, no matter how much we eat or drink or how well we dress ourselves, there will be no satisfaction. If we neglect the church, we will have no real enjoyment or satisfaction.

[Zerubbabel, Joshua, and] the remnant of the people responded to Jehovah by listening to the voice of Jehovah their God and to the words of Haggai the prophet, and they were in fear before Jehovah (Hag. 1:12). Then Haggai, Jehovah's messenger, encouraged the people with Jehovah's declaration, "I am with you" (v. 13). Jehovah stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel, the spirit of Joshua, and the spirit of all the people, and they came and did work in the house of Jehovah of hosts (vv. 14-15). What a wonderful response!

The all-inclusive, excellent, marvelous, mysterious, and wonderful One is the Executor of God's administration...Because He is qualified and worthy [cf. Rev. 5:4-6], the seven seals were handed over to Him. This One is qualified to open the seven seals, to carry out God's economy. The way He carries out God's economy is by the seven Spirits as His eyes...

The seven Spirits are burning on this earth today for the carrying out of God's administration. The purpose of the burning flame in carrying out God's economy is to bring forth the golden lampstands, the churches.

The seven Spirits search out our sinfulness and infuse us with the riches of Christ. While a person is speaking to you, his two eyes are also infusing you with his burden. In like manner, the seven Spirits of God as the eyes of the Lamb infuse us with this

wonderful One's burden and essence. (CWWL, 1984, vol. 3, "God's New Testament Economy," pp. 325-327)

The Spirit in essence is the golden element, even God Himself. The Spirit being added into the church indicates that God's divine element is being added into the church. By this way the flesh, the natural life, and the old creation are being reduced in the local churches, and God's divine element is being increased. Through this process the churches become the pure golden lampstands in reality, and this is the testimony of Jesus in today's age on this earth. (CWWL, 1984, vol. 3, "The Divine Economy," pp. 107-109)

Corporate Reading: "The Life-study of Romans", messages 12-13

MINISTRY READINGS

Needing a Set Time of Prayer

Prayer is a kind of breathing. Although we mention many things in prayer, our goal is to breathe. We breathe out everything that is within us through prayer. At the same time, we breathe in everything of God through prayer. This is prayer. If we grasp this meaning of prayer, we will be able to pray anywhere and any time. No matter how noisy the environment is or how busy we are, we can breathe in God. Nevertheless, there is still the need for us to set aside some time during the day for prayer. We need such a time for spiritual deep breathing so that we can absorb and enjoy God in an intensified way.

Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 12: ENJOYING GOD BY PRAYING AT SET TIMES (part 1)