

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Northeast Spring Middle School Conference (Cont.)**

The conference for the young people in grades 6-8 and their parents and serving ones concludes today at Camp Penuel.

- **2023 International Memorial Day Blending Conference (May 26–29)**

The 2023 International Memorial Day blending conference will be held from **May 26-29** in Chicago, IL. Live webcast and broadcast will also be provided. For those who are not able to attend the in-person conference, the church plans to broadcast the conference messages via Zoom. Zoom info along with the broadcast schedule will be available on the church website and church App soon.

- **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 answering the prayers of the church for the Gospel to All the Nations Conference by blessing the conference with His presence and His speaking; let us pray that all the new ones who attended will continue

to enjoy Christ as the tree of life and receive the proper shepherding wherever they are (new ones attended not only from throughout NYC but also from Washington, DC, Fairborn, OH, Las Vegas, NV and Rwanda)

- The Northeast Spring Middle Schoolers' Conference concludes today at Camp Penuel; the general subject of the conference is *The Bible--The Word of God*
- 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 strengthening of the small group meetings, the church meetings and all the practical services this week in all nine halls
- The Lord's move in Europe--The strengthening of the churches in Italy and the international conference held this past weekend in Milan
- The International Memorial Day Blending Conference being held in Chicago, IL over the weekend of May 26-29
- 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 7: Nehemiah—a Pattern of One Who Has Dispensational Value to God

Portions from Days 1, 3, 4 and 6:

When God changes His attitude toward a certain matter, He makes a dispensational move...His most important dispensational move is in Revelation 12. He wants to end this age and bring in the age of the kingdom. His purpose is not general and ordinary. How can He bring this age to a close and bring in another? He must have His dispensational

instrument. (CWWN, vol. 34, "The Glorious Church," p. 153)

The rapture of the man-child brings an end to the church age and introduces the kingdom age. The man-child enables God to move...We should never forget that God can be limited. He waits for man in all of His moves. God's binding in heaven is based on our binding on earth; God's loosing in heaven is based on our loosing on earth. Everything depends on the church.

Being an overcomer is not primarily for escaping the tribulation. We need to see of what value the rapture is to the Lord, not to ourselves.

The reason for the overcomers to be the overcomers is not to receive glory or crowns for themselves, but simply to take the position which the whole church should take and do the work for the church. Before God, the church should be in that condition which He desires; she should be responsible to Him, fulfilling the work committed to her and standing in her proper position. The church, however,...has not gained the ground for God. There is only a group of people left to do that work for the church and to take up the church's responsibility. This group is the overcomers. What they do is counted as the work of the whole church...; God's purpose is attained and He is satisfied. This is the principle of the man-child.

Nehemiah surely was an aggressive person. He volunteered himself, in a sense, not to God but to his burden. He had a burden to rebuild the city of Jerusalem. His aggressiveness was very much used by God. (Life-study of Nehemiah, pp. 1-5, 11-12)

Nehemiah was one who lived not in his natural man but in resurrection. He was aggressive, but his aggressiveness was accompanied by other characteristics. First, he loved God...He also loved the holy land (signifying Christ), the holy temple (signifying the church), and the holy city (signifying the kingdom of God)...As a person who loved God, Nehemiah was one who contacted God. We are told a number of times that Nehemiah prayed to God (Neh. 1:4; 2:4b; 4:4-5, 9). Furthermore, Nehemiah trusted in God and even became one with God. As a result, he became the representative of God. (Life-study of Nehemiah, p. 15)

Nehemiah loved God, and he loved God's interest on earth concerning His economy. This interest included the good land, the temple, and the city of Jerusalem...Even though he was a common person without a rank such as that of a king or of a

captain in the army, he took care of God's interest on earth.

Corporate Reading: *"The Life-study of Romans", messages 16*

MINISTRY READINGS

Inquiring of God

Brothers and sisters, no matter what the content is of such prayer, it is initiated by God. It touches God, and it mingles the praying one with God and joins him to God. The more a person prays this way, the more he breathes in God and the more God is added into Him. The result of such prayer is not only the accomplishment of the things prayed for—this is secondary. The main result is that when one prays this way, even in the process of his prayer, he receives God and enjoys God. The primary thing is that man gains God. The secondary thing is that man's prayers are answered.

Allowing God to Finish Speaking

The importance of prayer is not in praying for things. The importance of prayer is in touching and absorbing God. Although we should have the faith that He will accomplish whatever we ask, this is secondary. We must learn to touch Him and enjoy Him. Our prayer should be directed by Him and joined to Him. The most crucial need among God's children is to learn to pray by absorbing and breathing in God. May the Lord be gracious to us and perfect us in this 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 4)