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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2023 Northeast Summer School of Truth (July 30 -August 10)**

The details for the 2023 Northeast Summer School of Truth are as follows:

TOPIC: Lesson Book **Level 4: Knowing and Experiencing Life**

Dates:

High School (Grades: 9th to 12th grade in September 2023) - July 30 - August 6
Middle School (Grades: 7th to 8th grade in September 2023) - August 6 - August 10

LOCATION: Kingston Penuel Christian Center (KPCC) also known as Camp Penuel

Cost:

Rates	Adult	College	Young People
High School	\$460	\$390	\$320
Middle School	\$330	\$280	\$230

For more information, please visit the website: www.pursuewiththose.org or fellowship with the young people's serving ones in your district.

- **2023 Church in NYC's Family Bible Camp (Con.)**

August 17-19, Thur. to Sat. - In-person camp in KPCC, 288 Hickory Bush Rd, Kingston, NY 12401.

This time will be open to rising Kindergartners to 5th graders (rising 6th graders and young people can be helpers). Please save the dates and stay tuned for details and a registration link.

- **Service Office Hours**

Due to the many activities this summer, Service Office Hours will be suspended until after Labor Day.

PRAYER BURDENS

- Thanksgiving to the Lord for answering the prayers of the church for the North America College Training held last week; there were over 2800 brothers and sisters in attendance from at least 373 localities, 46 US states, and 39 countries on 5 continents, and at the end of the week there were hundreds of consecrations by young people, offering themselves and their futures to the Lord; let us pray for all these dear young people, that the Lord would grant them the grace to keep themselves in the love of God (Jude 21) and hold to truth in love (Eph. 4:15) for the building up of the church and the turning of the age

Psalms 110:3 *Your people will offer themselves willingly / In the day of Your warfare, / In the splendor of their consecration. / Your young men will be to You / Like the dew from the womb of the dawn.*

- Thanksgiving to the Lord for more than 250 attending the Family Bible Camp (FBC) this past Saturday—Let us pray for all the children in the church life in NYC and in Rosendale, that the Lord would grant each one a soft heart, preserve each one as a vessel for Himself, and that through them, many other children can be gained for the Lord (the second session of the FBC will be held at KPCC from August 17-19)
- The Chinese-speaking Perfecting Training held this past week in Anaheim, CA and online; a number of saints were gathered at KPCC to take the training together; let us pray for the saints in the churches to be perfected in truth, life and service

- The Summer School of Truth (SST) for the churches in the Northeast beginning today, July 30, and continuing through August 10; the high school section is from July 30-August 6 and the middle school section is from August 6-10; the general subject of the SST is Knowing and Experiencing Life
- The Lord's move among the young people all over the earth:
 - a. Brazil—There will be a national young people's conference in Brazil this week, from July 26-30
 - b. Europe—The European young people's conference will be held in Poland from July 30-August 6
- 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: 2023 INTERNATIONAL CHINESE-SPEAKING CONFERENCE - MAKING OURSELVES READY FOR THE LORD'S COMING

Week 4: Making Ourselves Ready for the Lord's Coming By Being a Faithful and Prudent Slave

Portions from Days 1,2 & 5:

Matthew 24:45 through 51 are concerned with faithfulness and prudence. ... Faithfulness is toward the Lord, whereas prudence is toward the believers. Watchfulness is for rapture into the Lord's presence, but faithfulness is for reigning in the kingdom (v. 47). ...The household spoken of in verse 45 refers to the believers (Eph. 2:19), who are the church (1 Tim. 3:15). To give them food is to minister the Word of God with Christ as the life supply to the believers in the church. We all must learn how to minister the life supply to the household of the Lord at the appointed time.

Every day is a proper time for us to minister the proper food to anyone. ... We all have to rise up and wake up to be diligent, to be faithful, to be prudent and not foolish, to minister the proper food to the needy ones at the proper time. (CWWL, 1985, vol. 5, "The Way to Practice the Lord's Present Move," pp. 517-518)

Since we know that the Lord's second coming is so precious, we should love the Lord's appearing (2 Tim. 4:8). The Bible concludes with "Come, Lord

Jesus!" (Rev. 22:20) ...In their hearts the apostles firmly believed that the Lord would come quickly, and they also lived a life in preparation for the Lord's second coming...Do not think that since we are clear concerning the signs of the Lord's coming, we can be slothful and can first love the world and then pursue the Lord when the last week comes. ...We should believe that the Lord is to be feared. In Luke 12 the Lord gave a parable concerning a rich man who endeavored to lay up wealth for himself so that his soul might enjoy itself and be merry. But God said to him, "Foolish one, this night they are requiring your soul from you" (vv. 16-20). Every "today" that we have is truly the Lord's grace. Therefore, as long as we have today, as long as we still have breath, we should love the Lord and His appearing, await the Lord's coming (Phil. 3:20), and always take His coming as an encouragement. (CWWL, 1990, vol. 3, "The Up-to-date Presentation of the God-ordained Way and the Signs concerning the Coming of Christ," p. 587).

Corporate Reading: "The Life-study of Romans", message 31

MINISTRY READINGS

Not Studying but Eating and Drinking

Many brothers and sisters often read the Bible but seldom touch God, because they are not persons who seek after God. When they read the Bible, they do not absorb God, and they do not eat and drink Him. They are students of the Bible, seekers of truths, who want to find out the logic, commandments, and precepts of God. Because they are such persons, they find the Bible to be the kind of Bible they choose to hold.

There is a heavy burden within me that God's children would realize that different kinds of Bibles and different kinds of readings of the Bible are due to the differences in our person. Strictly speaking, there are not different Bibles. The same Bible is considered different because the people reading it are different. When a person is not proper, not eating and drinking God, the Bible in his hand becomes something improper. Instead of being a person who absorbs God, he is a person who studies doctrines.

Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 13: ENJOYING GOD AS FOOD BY READING THE WORD (part 7)