

# The Church in New York City

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference (Sept. 22-24)**

Registration has opened for the upcoming Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference for the churches in the Northeast, to be held at Camp Penuel on **September 22-24, 2023**. We strongly encourage the saints who will stay overnight to register as soon as possible to secure accommodation at the camp due to limited onsite housing. Please see below for the registration link and more information on the conference.

Registration Link:

<https://tinyurl.com/fall2023conference>.

**The registration deadline is September 4, 2023.**

Check-in will be open on Friday, September 22 between 6:00 and 10:00 p.m. There will not be dinner provided or a formal meeting on Friday evening, but we encourage arrival on Friday so that the saints can settle in, spend time together, and fellowship before the conference starts.

Young People are those in grades 6 through 12; Children are those grades 5 and under. Information regarding childcare will be provided soon.

We look forward to a sweet and pleasant time for the young working saints and young families. Please pray for the Lord's speaking and blessing at this conference. If you have any questions, please email [northeastyws@gmail.com](mailto:northeastyws@gmail.com).

- **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 His blessing on the Summer School of Truth and prayer for the going on of all the young people in the coming school year
- The burden for the gospel:
  - a. Thanksgiving to the Lord for His blessing on the gospel meeting held in Manhattan on August 11<sup>th</sup> in which three new ones prayed to receive the Lord; let us pray that each one would be baptized and receive the proper shepherding that they may have a healthy start to their Christian life
  - b. That all the saints of all ages would have the burden for the gospel in their daily living
- The Family Bible Camp which was held at Camp Penuel this past Thursday through Saturday
- The fall term of the Full-Time Training in Anaheim (FTTA) and the training extension in Boston (FTTA-XB) which began this past Monday—There are currently 5 trainees from NYC in Anaheim: Miguel Carbajal (1st term), Michelle Wang (1st term), Jessica Chen (2nd term), Benjamin Cooley (4th term), Libby Sun (4th term), and 1 trainee in Boston: Dean Deng; we give thanks to the Lord for the consecration of these young saints; let us pray that the Lord would gain each one fully and produce each one as a living, functioning member of His Body

## MORNING WATCH

**HWMR: Romans**

**Week 2: Romans 5 – 8**

**Portions from Day 4:**

In Romans 8 Paul does not say, "There is no condemnation in Christ Jesus because the blood of Jesus has cleansed me." This kind of condemnation is not dealt with by the blood. We are freed from subjective condemnation, not because of the blood which cleanses us, but because of the law which liberates us. There is a law which sets us free from inward condemnation. This law that releases us has

the greatest potential of any law. Although we have the law of God outside of us demanding, the law of good in our mind agreeing with the law of God, and the law of sin in our body warring against and defeating the law of good, we must nevertheless praise the Lord that in our spirit is the law of the Spirit of life. No law can prevail against this law. Who can defeat the Spirit of life? Nobody and nothing can defeat the Spirit of life. This law of the Spirit of life is the spontaneous power of the Spirit of life. It is the most powerful law in the universe; it is in us and it sets us free.

How does the law of the Spirit of life set us free? It frees us in a “super” way. If, according to the ancient method of warfare, some soldiers were surrounded by enemy troops, [182] they would have had to fight their way through. However, in modern warfare there is no such need. If we are surrounded by the enemy, we need not fight through—we have a way up. We have an upward way. Thus, we may say to Satan, “Satan, compared to me you are powerful. But don’t you know that I have a wonderful God who is both in my spirit and in the heavens? It may be difficult for me to go to the heavens, but it is easy for Him. He is both in me and in the heavens. Satan, I don’t need to fight through. I just say, ‘Praise the Lord,’ and I am in the third heaven. Satan, you and your attacking army are under my feet, and I am free.”

The blood of the crucified Christ is the remedy for objective condemnation, and the Spirit of life—Christ processed to be the life-giving Spirit—within our spirit is the remedy for subjective condemnation. When we experience subjective condemnation, all we need to do is praise the Lord and we will be transcendent. Do not pray at such a time, for the more you pray, the more condemnation you will experience. Neither should you say, “Lord, I apply Your blood.” This is not the remedy for this kind of situation. It is the wrong medication for the illness. When we are under subjective condemnation we need the Spirit of life. “For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has freed me from the law of sin and of death.”

Corporate Reading: *“The Life-study of Romans”, messages 35-36*

## MINISTRY READINGS

### **Meditating to Turn the Word into Prayer**

If we merely read the Bible, it will remain in our mind and be dead letters to us; we will not touch, eat,

or drink God. When we turn the words that we read into prayer, the letter of the Word is brought into the realm of the Spirit and becomes a spring of water in our spirit. Hence, we are inwardly nourished and watered... Through this way of reading we touch God, and His word is brought into His Spirit. The words of the Bible are like fine flour, and the Spirit is the oil. This kind of reading mingles the fine flour with the oil and mingles the oil with the fine flour. As a result, we are nourished and watered.

### **Supplying Ourselves and Others**

As we read ... in this way, the Spirit may give us a feeling to pray for others. We may say, “Many brothers and sisters have not seen this grace of having no condemnation in Christ. Lord, show them as You have shown me.” In this prayer we are petitioning, interceding for ourselves and for the other brothers and sisters... Not only are we filled and nourished, but we have afforded a way for the Spirit to supply other brothers and sisters. Many will be deeply impressed that there is no condemnation to those who are in Christ... This is the kind of reading and praying that touches God, eats God, and drinks God.

### **Emphasizing Digestion Rather Than Content**

Some people propose that we should read the Bible once a year by reading three chapters in the Old Testament and one in the New Testament every day. We do not need to force ourselves to read four chapters every day. There is no need to bear the heavy burden of rushing through the Bible in this way... We simply need to find time every day to focus on eating and drinking God. We can do this once a day or two or more times a day. How do we eat? We eat by reading in the way of praying and by praying in the way of reading. There is no need to be confined to one verse or even one chapter. There is no set rule... We simply need to consider how much we can eat and digest that day. If our appetite is not good, we eat less. When our appetite is better, we eat more. We should apply this to reading the Word. The Bible is very rich. I have been reading it for thirty-four years. Sometimes when I read the Word, I can take in only five or six words.... We are not concerned with how many verses we read; we are concerned with how much we have digested. May all of God’s children learn this way of reading the Word—the way of eating and drinking God.

*Excerpts from “How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God”, Chapter 14: HOW TO ENJOY GOD BY MATCHING READING WITH PRAYING (part 2)*