

**LIVING AND SERVING ACCORDING TO GOD'S ECONOMY
CONCERNING THE CHURCH – WEEK 8**

Morning Watch

Mar. 4-10, 2024

**The Function of the Church (1)
The House of the Living God and
The Pillar and Base of the Truth**

Monday 3/4

Acts 20:28

28 Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among whom the Holy Spirit has placed you as overseers to shepherd the church of God, which He obtained through His own blood.

Eph. 2:21

21 In whom all the building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord;

1 Cor. 1:2

2 To the church of God which is in Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, the called saints, with all those who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place, who is theirs and ours:

1 Cor. 3:16-17

16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

17 If anyone destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him; for the temple of God is holy, and such are you.

1 Cor. 10:32

32 Do not become a stumbling block, both to Jews and to Greeks and to the church of God;

1 Pet. 1:3

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has regenerated us unto a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Rom. 8:16

16 The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God.

Further Reading: *HWMR Living and Serving according to God's Economy.. – Week 8, Day 1*

Tuesday 3/5

1 Tim. 3:15

See Friday

1 Cor. 3:16

See Monday

John 17:14, 16

14 I have given them Your word, and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world even as I am not of the world.

16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

Eph. 1:22-23

22 And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church,

23 Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.

John 3:6

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

John 1:12

12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to become children of God, to those who believe into His name,

Further Reading: *HWMR Living and Serving according to God's Economy.. – Week 8, Day 2*

Wednesday 3/6

1 Pet. 2:5

5 You yourselves also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Eph. 2:21

See Monday

Eph. 2:19, 22

19 So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

22 In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.

Heb. 3:6

6 But Christ was faithful as a Son over His house, whose house we are if indeed we hold fast the boldness and the boast of hope firm to the end.

1 Pet. 2:2-3

2 As newborn babes, long for the guileless milk of the word in order that by it you may grow unto salvation,

3 If you have tasted that the Lord is good.

John 13:31-32

31 Then when he went out, Jesus said, Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and God has been glorified in Him.

32 If God has been glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and He will glorify Him immediately.

Further Reading: *HWMR Living and Serving according to God's Economy... – Week 8, Day 3*

Thursday 3/7

John 14:6

6 Jesus said to him, I am the way and the reality and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.

John 17:17

17 Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

John 8:32, 36

32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free.

36 If therefore the Son sets you free, you shall be free indeed.

1 John 1:1-2

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we beheld and our hands handled, concerning the Word of life

2 (And the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and report to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us);

2 Tim. 1:10

10 But now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who nullified death and brought life and incorruption to light through the gospel,

John 11:25

25 Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the

life; he who believes into Me, even if he should die, shall live;

2 Tim. 2:15

15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, an unashamed workman, cutting straight the word of the truth.

1 Tim. 6:19

19 Laying away for themselves a good foundation as a treasure for the future, that they may lay hold on that which is really life.

Further Reading: *HWMR Living and Serving according to God's Economy.. – Week 8, Day 4*

Friday 3/8

John 18:37

37 Pilate said therefore to Him, So then You are a king? Jesus answered, You say that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, that I would testify to the truth. Every one who is of the truth hears My voice.

1 Tim. 3:15-16

15 But if I delay, I write that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth.

16 And confessedly, great is the mystery of godliness: He who was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the nations, Believed on in the world, Taken up in glory.

Col. 2:2

2 That their hearts may be comforted, they being knit together in love and unto all the riches of the full assurance of understanding, unto the full knowledge of the mystery of God, Christ,

John 1:14

14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

Eph. 1:22-23

See Tuesday

Eph. 2:22

See Wednesday

The Church in New York City

Further Reading: *HWMR Living and Serving according to God's Economy.. – Week 8, Day 5*

Saturday 3/9

Titus 1:1

1 Paul, a slave of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ according to the faith of God's chosen ones and the full knowledge of the truth, which is according to godliness,

1 Tim. 2:4

4 Who desires all men to be saved and to come to the full knowledge of the truth.

2 Tim. 2:19, 25

19 However the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, The Lord knows those who are His, and, Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from unrighteousness.

25 In meekness correcting those who oppose, if perhaps God may give them repentance unto the full knowledge of the truth,

Eph. 4:13-16

13 Until we all arrive at the oneness of the faith and of the full knowledge of the Son of God, at a full-grown man, at the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

14 That we may be no longer little children tossed by waves and carried about by every wind of teaching in the sleight of men, in craftiness with a view to a system of error,

15 But holding to truth in love, we may grow up into Him in all things, who is the Head, Christ,

16 Out from whom all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and through the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love.

Further Reading: *HWMR Living and Serving according to God's Economy...– Week 8, Day 6*

Lord's Day 3/10

Eph. 4:17-25

17 This therefore I say and testify in the Lord, that you no longer walk as the Gentiles also walk in the vanity of their mind,

18 Being darkened in their understanding,

alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance which is in them, because of the hardness of their heart;

19 Who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lasciviousness to work all uncleanness in greediness.

20 But you did not so learn Christ,

21 If indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him as the reality is in Jesus,

22 That you put off, as regards your former manner of life, the old man, which is being corrupted according to the lusts of the deceit,

23 And that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind

24 And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.

25 Therefore having put off the lie, speak truth each one with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.

Hymn, #863

Further Reading:

Life-study of First Timothy, msg. 6

Churchwide Truth Pursuit

Level 1—Hebrews Sequential Reading

Scripture Reading and Copying: *Heb. 1:10-14*

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Hebrews, msg. 3-4*

Level 2—Hebrews Topical Study

Crucial Point: *The Superiority of the Son*

Scripture: *Heb. 1:4-14; 3:1-6; 4:14-5:10; 6:20-7:28*

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Hebrews, msgs. 4, 7, 15*

Supplemental Reading: *A General Sketch of the New Testament in the Light of Christ and the Church (part 3—Hebrews through Jude), chs. 24-25*

Questions:

1. Explain concisely how the Son is superior to angels, to Moses, and to Aaron.

2. In the New Testament, what are some examples where some made the Son inferior in their evaluation?

3. What are some things in our Christian life that can undermine the superiority of the Son in our evaluation?

4. Where in the Old Testament is Jesus Christ as the Son revealed?