

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Churchwide Truth Pursuit on Genesis**

The churchwide truth pursuit on the book of Genesis began on February 3. The reading schedule, study questions, and other information are available at churchinnyc.org/bible-study.

Join us for the weekly truth pursuit ministry meeting every Friday night at 7:30 PM. We welcome the saints to invite their family and friends. Translation to Spanish and Chinese is available. Please check the church website for more details.

Week 6

Level 1—Sequential Life-study Reading

Scripture Reading and Copying: Gen. 6
Assigned Reading: Life-study of Genesis, msg(s). 11-12

Level 2—Topical Study

Crucial Point: The Seventh Day
Scripture: Gen. 2:1-3
Assigned Reading: Life-study of Genesis, msg(s). 9
Supplemental Reading:
Questions: See the church website at churchinnyc.org/bible-study

- **Upcoming Church Events: details to follow**

Mar. 21-23: Chinese-speaking Conference (KPCC)

Mar 29: Citywide Senior Saints' Conference (Hall 1 Meeting Hall)

Apr. 11-13: Regional Conference with Brother Ed Marks (Franklin, NJ)

- **Service Office Hours**

Service Office Hours are 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

- Serving in the priesthood (1 Pet. 2:5, 9)—That all the practical services in the church would be spiritual services, part of the holy and royal priesthood, for the building up of the church, the house of God
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for His blessing on the Spanish-speaking conference this past weekend and prayer that the Lord would grow in all these saints, bring them all into their organic function in the Body and that through them the gospel would go out and reach many seekers in the Hispanic community
- The salvation of the children in grade 5—The children's meeting serving ones will be presenting lessons regarding salvation to the children in grade 5 over the next few months; let us pray for the preparation of the hearts of the children, for the attendance of the children, for the families of all these children, and for the serving ones
- The international blending conference in Puerto Rico this weekend for the churches in the Caribbean
- The Lord's move in Europe:
 - a. That a number of saints will receive the Lord's burden to serve in French-speaking Europe for one to three months to meet the urgent need for continued shepherding of the new ones contacted over the past several month
 - b. That by this summer there will be a team of 20 full-time serving ones in Paris to take care

of the Lord's needs throughout France and French-speaking Europe

- c. That many students, families, and mature saints will migrate to France within the next several years for the Lord's interest
- Meeting Hall in Riga, Latvia—Let us pray that the funds needed to remodel a newly acquired property in Riga would be provided through the Body (Latvia is the central of the three Baltic States and because of its strategic location, the church in Riga serves as a blending center between the Russian-speaking world, Eastern Europe and the Nordic countries)
- 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: 2024 THANKSGIVING BLENDING CONFERENCE- LIVING A CHRISTIAN LIFE AND CHURCH LIFE UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD FOR THE ECONOMY OF GOD

WEEK 2: The Government of God for the Economy of God

Portion from Days 1, 2 and 3:

God governs by judging. This is the way God carries out His government.

The purpose of God's governing judgment [is] to clear up His universe.God will not live or dwell in a place that is unclean. Thus, God is cleansing, purifying, the universe. First, He purifies us, His household. We are now the center of His cleaning work.The reason we have difficulties is that God's judgment begins from His own household. You and I are under God's judgment.

We are holy in all our manner of life through the sanctification of the Spirit. This is based on regeneration, which brings us the holy nature of God and issues in a holy life. We ourselves need to be holy. This is not merely a matter of wearing a certain kind of clothing or of not wearing makeup. That concept of holiness is too outward. Our being, our disposition, disposition, our entire person, should be holy. This is for us to be holy in all our manner of life. God's people should be holy because God Himself is holy.

The Holy One, who as the Father has called us, has regenerated us to produce a holy family—a holy Father with holy children. As holy children, we should walk in a holy manner of life.He begot us

with life inwardly that we might have His holy nature. He disciplines us with judgment outwardly that we may partake of His holiness (Heb. 12:9-10). His judgment is according to our work, our conduct, without respect of persons.If we call Him our Father, we also should fear Him as our Judge and live a holy life in fear. (Life-study of 1 Peter, pp. 91-92)

It is easy for us to pay attention to the Christian life and to neglect God's government. Actually, the Christian life and the government of God go together. The Triune God has passed through a long process and has become the life-giving Spirit to indwell us. This is for our Christian life. At the same time, the Triune God is still the Creator of the universe and its ruler. On the one hand, we have been reborn to have a spiritual life, the divine life. On the other hand, we are still in the old creation. For this reason we need God's governmental dealings. In order for the Christian life to grow, we need the discipline of God's government. (Life-study of 1 Peter, p. 278).

MINISTRY READINGS

INTERCESSION

Genuine prayers are prayers in which man is mingled with God in spirit. Hence, all genuine prayers are initiated by God. All prayers that are mingled with God are surely initiated by Him. In such prayers, God prays in man, and man prays in God. These prayers involve two levels.

In order to pray in this way, a person must be calm and turn to his spirit. He must learn to drop his own concepts and enter into God. When a person drops his concepts and enters into God, it is easy for him to sympathize with God's heart, to be concerned for God's interest, and to live in complete conformity to God's desires. When this is a person's condition, the Lord will surely be pleased to open His heart to him, and it will be easy for him to know the Lord's will. He does not need to exert much effort to touch the Lord's desire. He merely needs to contact the Lord, and he will know what is of concern to the Lord today.

Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 21: The Practice of Intercession, Beholding, Waiting, and Musing (part 1)