

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Regional Spanish-speaking Conference, Mar. 13-15, 2020, KPCC
- Citywide Young People's Gathering , March 14, 2020, Manhattan
- Young Working Saints and Young Families Blending, Mar. 20-21, 2020, KPCC
- International Training for Elders & Responsible Ones, Mar. 27-29, 2020, Anaheim, CA

PRAYER BURDENS

- Sisters--Sisters' blending conference was held on Saturday, February 29, in Hall 1. Please pray that the word released to the sisters would not return void but accomplish what the Lord delights in (Isa. 55:11)
- Shepherding--The shepherding of all the saints in each hall, both those who regularly attend the meetings and those who haven't been attending regularly, and any who are currently passing through suffering, whether health-related, family-related, job-related or otherwise
- Gospel--The strengthening of the burden for the gospel among the saints of all ages and of all languages, particularly on all the campuses throughout the NYC metropolitan area
- Meetings and services--The strengthening of the church meetings and small group meetings and the coordination of the practical services in each hall of the church this week

UPCOMING EVENTS

- NY/NJ Regional Conference, Apr. 3-5, 2020, Franklin, NJ
- Northeast Spring Young People's Conference, Apr. 9-12, 2020, KPCC
- Gospel to All the Nations Conference, Apr. 17-19, 2020, Atlanta, GA
- Memorial Day Conference, May 22-25, 2020, Atlanta, GA

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: *Crystallization- Study of Deuteronomy- Week 2: The Governmental Administration of the Righteous, Holy, Faithful, and Loving God*

Portion from Week 2 - Day 2:

The reason the two Epistles of Peter were written, especially the first, was that the dispersed Jewish believers were suffering persecution. They were undergoing a fiery trial. Peter compares this persecution to the burning of a furnace. Because the believers were troubled and perhaps doubting, Peter wrote to instruct them and also to comfort them. In 1 Peter 5:10 he says, "But the God of all grace, He who has called you into His eternal glory in Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself perfect, establish, strengthen, and ground you." Here Peter seems to be telling the believers that there is no need for them to doubt, for God is perfecting them. Just as stones are cut in order to be fit together in a building, we also need to be "cut" in order to be perfected, established, strengthened, and grounded. Peter wrote to comfort the suffering, persecuted saints, showing them that all of them were under God's government is first upon His own children.

Corporate Reading:

"The Christian Life" Chapters 7 & 8

A WORD FROM THE MINISTRY

A further word of fellowship concerning the function of the sisters in the church life:

To have the practical church life to the uttermost, in the local church there should be some real sisters and some real mothers...When the church life in practicality reaches a peak, in every church there should be some real mothers.

There are a number of good, basic principles that have been missed among the believers for generations. If it were the practice for each one of the new believers to have someone care for

them in a particular way as their real spiritual parents, so many of the new ones could be helped in their spiritual life and in the church life.

In his training in 1948 Brother Nee told the saints, especially the sisters, that they should be a mother to another young saint. Many sisters could each take care of two or three children in the spirit.

We all need a second birth, and we all need a second mother. If you sisters would pick up the burden by looking at the cross, getting yourself transferred in life, and take some young ones of junior-high age to be your children, within five years there will be a revival in the church. The best way is to have a life transfer by looking at the cross. You need to bring a young one to the cross to look at the crucified Jesus.

In the church we need to have mothers. Even the servants of the Lord need to have mothers. The apostle Paul needed a mother. The mother of Rufus was his mother. Without a sister as a mother to take care of them, all those who bear the burden for the Lord's service would be sorrowful.

If we call one another brothers and sisters in the church life, and yet when we come to the practical things, we do not care for each other's children, all the second generation would realize that our brotherhood and sisterhood is not genuine... But if someone would pick up those young ones and care for them as their own child, the brotherhood in the church life becomes the real brotherhood... This was Paul's concept in writing Romans 16... all the people in that time in the church life had the life transfer through the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ... These two in blood and flesh had nothing to do with one another. But on the resurrection side John becomes Mary's son, and Mary becomes John's mother. They have a second relationship of the family, not the first. The first relationship is in the flesh, but the second is in the transferred life.

In the New Testament it is really hard to trace the flesh family of the apostles. But it is so easy to see that among the early believers there was

the second birth with the second family relationship.

The matter of being a mother will bring in many lessons, and it will put you on the real test in every way. You will see how you love yourself more than others, how you care only for yourself. All these things will be tested and exposed. Without this testing, you could never realize how selfish you are and how much you are in yourself. These things would not be exposed until you pick up some as your children. These good children in the spirit would expose you to the uttermost.

All the sisters need to be serving sisters, and whether or not we have children, we all need to be the mothers. This is the best way to receive the blessing, the growth, the spirituality, and the real enjoyment of the Lord.

If you sisters would be serving as Phoebes and loving as mothers, I can assure you that the church would be seventy percent built up right away. Seventy percent of the building of the practical church life depends on the sisters. Without such a coordination with the sisters in this way, no matter how much the brothers labor in the church life, there will be very little result as far as the building goes. When the sisters are serving and are mothers, right away the church will be built up. Through this there will be a strong connection in the spiritual building, and a prevailing revival will spontaneously be brought in... We all must pray that the Lord will have mercy upon the church that all the sisters will be Phoebes and will be mothers.

--Excerpts from *The Loving Mothers in the Church Life*

LORD'S DAY ATTENDANCE – FEB. 23

HALL 1	Jamaica Estates, Queens	250/53
HALL 2	Midtown Manhattan	71/9
HALL 3	Flushing, Queens	139/21
HALL 4	Downtown Brooklyn	34/5
HALL 5	The Bronx	38/12
HALL 6	UWS, Manhattan	55/14
HALL 7	South Brooklyn	83/21
HALL 8	Elmhurst, Queens	88/24
HALL 9	Staten Island	53/12
	TOTAL	811/171 (982)

*Adults including YP/ Children and Infants