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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **December 2021 Semi-Annual Training**

The December 2021 Semi-Annual Training, which will be on The Crystallization-Study of 1 & 2 Samuel, will be held by video training only. Submit the following online form to register with the Church in NYC: <http://bit.ly/nycregistration>. The due date for registration is **December 6, 2021**.

Schedule for Training Session:

Message 1, 4:00 PM, Friday, Dec. 24
Message 2, 7:00 PM, Friday, Dec. 24
Message 3, 10:00 AM, Saturday, Dec. 25
Message 4, 4:00 PM, Saturday, Dec. 25
Message 5, 7:00 PM, Saturday, Dec. 25
LORD'S TABLE, 10:00 AM, Sunday, Dec. 26
Message 6, 11:00 AM, Sunday, Dec. 26
(Open Meeting)

Message 7, 4:00 PM, Friday, Dec. 31
Message 8, 7:00 PM, Friday, Dec. 31
Message 9, 10:00 AM, Saturday, Jan. 1
Message 10, 4:00 PM, Saturday, Jan. 1
Message 11, 7:00 PM, Saturday, Jan. 1
LORD'S TABLE, 10:00 AM, Sunday, Jan. 2
Message 12, 11:00 AM, Sunday, Jan. 2
(Open Meeting)

Schedule for Review/Study Session:

Messages 1&2, 7:30 PM, Mon., Dec. 27
Messages 3&4, 7:30 PM, Wed., Dec. 29
Messages 5&6, 7:30 PM, Thurs., Dec. 30
Messages 7&8, 7:30 PM, Mon., Jan. 3
Messages 9&10, 7:30 PM, Wed., Jan. 5
Messages 11&12, 7:30 PM, Thurs., Jan. 6

- **Service Office Hours**

Service Office hours are available 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.

Join via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/3785123114?pwd=dEpzN2ZGZ21aaGV5dTFob3AwQlBodz09>

Dial-in by Phone: +1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 378 512 3114 (Password: 3131)

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

- That all the saints would experience John 15:4 ("Abide in Me and I in you") by abiding in the Lord's love (15:9-10) and by allowing the Lord's words to abide in us (15:7)
- Shepherding:
 - a. The mutual shepherding of all the saints through personal contact, visitation and the home meetings
 - b. The shepherding of all the newly saved ones and the burden for the gospel among the saints of all ages and languages
 - c. The "homecoming" of more saints before the end of the year
- The health and wellbeing of all the elderly saints
- The children's meeting and young people's services in all nine halls
- The Lord's move in the United States:
 - a. That the Lord would preserve this nation for the preaching of the gospel and the spread of His testimony
 - b. The strengthening of all the local churches in the U.S. and the further spread of the Lord's testimony throughout the country
 - c. The leading ones in all the local churches in the U.S.
 - d. The increased hunger among all of the Lord's children for the word of God (Amos 8:11)
- The semiannual winter training on the books of 1 & 2 Samuel

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: 2021 Spring International Training for

Elders and Responsible Ones

General Subject: Vital Factors for the Recovery of the Church Life

Week 3: *The Factor of the Church Being in the Triune God, the Local Churches Being Expressions of the Body of Christ, and the Believers Practicing the Church Life in the Consciousness of the Body*

Portion from Day 5:

Since we are the members of the Body of Christ, we should have a feeling for the Body. First, we must take the feeling of the Head as our own feeling. In Philippians 1:8 Paul says, "I long after you all in the inward parts of Christ Jesus." This means that Paul took the inward parts of Christ Jesus as his own inward parts in caring for the church. This also means that he took care of the Body of Christ by taking Christ's feeling as his own feeling. Christ's feeling became his feeling for the Body. We all should be like Paul, taking the feeling of the Head as our own feeling. This is most necessary for our living the Body life. Furthermore, we should not only take the feeling of the Head as our feeling but also do so in the principle of caring for the Body. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 12:25b-26 that "the members would have the same care for one another. And whether one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or one member is glorified, all the members rejoice with it." In order for us to have the Body life, we must care for our fellow members and must be full of feeling for the Body. (CWWL, 1990, vol. 2, "The Oneness and the One Accord according to the Lord's Aspiration and the Body Life and Service according to His Pleasure," p. 94)

When we do something, we must not forget that we are members of the Body, and the Body is not only a local church. The local church is not a "local body"; if it is, it becomes a local sect. The Body is the Body of Christ, constituted by the Triune God with all the believers on this earth, with all the local churches.

The recovery is for the Body, not for any individual or merely for any individual local church. If we are going to do something, we have to consider how the Body, the recovery, will react....We all need to come back to the truth, and to practice the truth is to take care of the Body. Sometimes the Body is strong, and sometimes the Body is weak, but it is still the Body. If we come back to the truth and take care of the proper order in the Body, the Body will immediately become stronger. All the problems are

due to one thing: not seeing, not knowing, and not caring for the Body. We have to honor the Body.

Corporate Reading: *"How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God"* Ch. 2: God Desiring Man to Enjoy Him.

MINISTRY PORTIONS

No Temple

John says that he saw "no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple" (v. 22). This indicates that the entire city is the temple. First, there is the tabernacle in Exodus. Then, after entering the good land, the children of Israel built a temple, which replaced the tabernacle. Even before the temple was built, in 1 Samuel 3:3 the tabernacle was called the temple. This means that the tabernacle and the temple actually refer to one thing. One could be taken down and moved from place to place in the wilderness; the other one had a settled location in the good land as a more permanent building.

The holy city is called the tabernacle. In the Old Testament the temple was in the city of Jerusalem, but in Revelation 21 and 22 the entire city is the tabernacle and the temple. This temple is not only God's dwelling but also the dwelling place of all His serving ones. At that time all the saints will be priests with an eternal priesthood. We will all serve Him (22:3). Our dwelling place, then, will also be the temple. The New Jerusalem is a great temple where both God and His redeemed dwell together.

The Throne of God and of the Lamb

The tree of life as a vine growing along the two sides of the river signifies that God in the Lamb is the center of the New Jerusalem and supplies it with His divine life to nourish and satisfy it. The street, in which the river of water of life flows, goes down from the top of the mountain spirally to reach all twelve gates on the four sides of the city for its fellowship (Rev. 22:1-2). The street is for communication; communication is fellowship. First John 1:1 and 3 show us that out of this divine life comes the divine fellowship. The street, the river, and the tree of life are for fellowship. Today in the Lord's recovery we are in this fellowship, which is along the street with the river flowing and the tree growing.

- Excerpts from *"The Basic Revelation in the Holy Scriptures", Chapter 8: The New Jerusalem – The Ultimate Consummation (1) Section 7*