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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The 2024 December Semiannual Video Training Registration**

Registration for the 2024 December Semiannual Video Training still accepts registrations. Please submit your registration for the video training by filling out the online form: <http://bit.ly/nycregistration>.

- **The Fall College Retreat (Cont.)**

The 2024 Fall College Retreat for the students in NY, NJ, and Eastern PA concludes today at KPCC.

- **2024 International Thanksgiving Blending Conference (Nov. 28 – Dec. 1)**

The 2024 International Thanksgiving Blending Conference will be held in **Atlanta, GA** from **Thursday, Nov. 28 through Lord's Day, Dec. 1**. For more details, please visit LSM website at: https://www.lsm.org/pdfs/2024-tg-conf-info_en.pdf.

- **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

- The strengthening of the prayer ministry of the church and of all the prayer meetings in the church

- Thanksgiving to the Lord for this nation and that the Lord exercised His sovereignty over the presidential election and all the other elections took place in the U.S. on last Tuesday and that His will would be done for the sake of His testimony both in this nation and in all the earth **Daniel 4:25b, 26b** — ... *the Most High is Ruler over the kingdom of men and gives it to whomever He wills...the heavens do rule.*

1 Timothy 2:1-2 — *I exhort therefore, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings be made on behalf of all men; on behalf of kings and all who are in high position, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all godliness and gravity.*

- The advance of the Lord's move in the U.S. through the preaching of the gospel and the raising up of more golden lampstands
- The continued strengthening of the church life in New York City:
 - a. The strengthening of every saint's personal fellowship with the Lord—That all the saints would “take root downward and bear fruit upward” (*Isa. 37:31*)
 - b. The strengthening of the families and all the households in the church life
 - c. The strengthening of the church meetings and small group meetings
- The Fall College Retreat concludes today at Camp Penuel for the churches in New York, New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania
- The International Thanksgiving Blending Conference to be held in Atlanta, GA (November 28-December 1)

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: 2024 SPRING INTERNATIONAL TRAINING FOR ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES - Being A Vessel Unto Honor, A Fully Equipped Man Of God, By Being Empowered In The Grace Which Is In Christ Jesus To Fully Accomplish Our Ministry In The Unique Ministry Of God's Economy

WEEK 6: Being a Vessel unto Honor, and Pursuing Righteousness, Faith, Love, Peace with Those Who Call on the Lord out of a Pure Heart

Portions from Days 2, 4 & 6:

The summary of [Paul's] fourteen Epistles may be expressed in just two words: open vessel. God wants an open vessel. In Romans 9:23 Paul tells us that God created us as vessels of mercy unto glory. Then in 2 Corinthians 4:7 he says that "we have this treasure in earthen vessels." These two verses may be considered as a basic secret to our experience of Christ and the church...If you do not realize that you have to be an open vessel, Christ and the church...have no way...An open vessel is doing nothing but keeping itself open to the filling up. The processed God—the Triune God, the all-inclusive Spirit, the compound Spirit—is here waiting for an opening to get into you. How much He would enter into you depends upon how much opening you would give Him. (CWWL, 1980, vol. 1, "Perfecting Training," p. 241)

Because God is love as well as Spirit, the more we are under His dispensing, the more love we have. Actually, the more God's nature is dispensed into us, the more we become love...Through God's dispensing of Himself into us, we become love in the sense of being constituted of God as love. When love as the nature of God's essence is dispensed into us, we shall react to others in love.

Another attribute of God is peace. The New Testament speaks about both the peace of God [Phil. 4:7] and the God of peace [Rom. 16:20] The peace of God is actually God as peace, infused into us through our fellowship with Him by prayer, as the counterpoise of troubles and the antidote to anxiety (John 16:33). The God of peace mounts guard over our hearts and thoughts in Christ Jesus. The peace of God and the God of peace are one...The genuine peace we enjoy is God Himself. The way to enjoy the God of peace is by praying to have fellowship with Him.

Second Timothy 2:22 says that we need to "call on the Lord out of a pure heart." Our focus is on calling on the Lord and having a pure heart. Anything added to our physical body from the outside cannot become one with our body. In the same principle, if we are ones who pray to the Lord out of a pure heart, we cannot be joined to someone who does not. This is not a question of sectarianism. If we call this sectarianism and try to join with ones who do not

pray out of a pure heart, God will condemn us, because He condemns any mixture. The pure in heart and those with an impure heart, those who rely on the Lord and those who do not rely on the Lord, and those who are led by the Lord in their work and those who work by their own methods should not be mixed together. No mixture is approved by God. (CWWL, 1956, vol. 2, "Three Aspects of the Church, Book 2: The Course of the Church," pp. 299-300, 302)

Corporate Reading: *Life-study of Hebrews, msgs. 67-68*

MINISTRY READINGS

Being in the Holy Spirit Involving the Fellowship and Mingling of the Holy Spirit with Our Spirit

We were created as men, and we have a spirit within us. At the time of our salvation, the blood washed us, and the Holy Spirit entered into our spirit. In the Gospel of John the Lord Jesus said that when the Spirit comes, He will be with us forever (14:16-17). He will abide within us forever. Every believer has the Spirit of God in his spirit. God's Spirit is in our spirit, and our spirit is in His Spirit.

Some may ask how we know that such a condition exists in our spirit. How do we know that the Spirit of God abides in our spirit and that our spirit abides in His Spirit? In other words, how do we know that there is a fellowship and mingling between the two spirits within us? This is something every believer can easily know. For example, even though our outward circumstances may be painful and difficult to bear, we have a sweet sense of consolation and unspeakable joy deep within us. This sense of comfort and joy comes from experiencing God. It is a sense of being before God, of being together with Him. At other times we may be bewildered, not knowing what to do. If we would look to the Lord, the condition within us would be bright and transparent. We would spontaneously be clear concerning how to proceed. This condition deep within us is the story of God's Spirit being mingled with our spirit.

Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 19: Exercising to Pray in the Holy Spirit (part 2)