

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 10

Level 1—Sequential Life-study Reading

Scripture Reading and Copying: Gen. 10
Assigned Reading: Life-study of Genesis, msg(s). 19-20

Level 2—Topical Study

Crucial Point: The Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil
Scripture: Gen. 2:8-9, 16-17
Assigned Reading: Life-study of Genesis, msg(s). 13-16
Supplemental Reading: The Tree of Life, ch. 2; The Divine Economy, ch. 4; Truth Lessons, Level Two, Vol. 2, ch. 13; Truth Lessons, Level Three, Vol. 1, ch. 1; Revelation in Genesis: Seeing God's Desire and Purpose in Creation, ch. 5
Questions: See the church website at churchinnyc.org/bible-study

- **Regional Conference in Franklin, NJ (Apr. 11-13)**

A regional conference with Brother Ed Marks will be taking place from **April 11 to 13, 2025** in the meeting hall of **the Church in Franklin** located at 24 Evelyn Ave, Franklin Park, NJ 08823.

Interpretation will be available in Spanish, Korean, and Chinese.

Conference Schedule:

Session 1: Friday, April 11 7:30 PM
Session 2: Saturday, April 12 10:00 AM
Session 3: Saturday, April 12 4:00 PM
Session 4: Lord's Day, April 13 10:00 AM

Details will be posted on the church website: www.churchinnyc.org and on the church app.

- **Northeast Spring High School Conference (Apr. 18-20)**

There will be a conference for the Northeast young people in grades 9-12 from **April 18-20 in Camp Penuel**. Registration form and more details can be found at <http://pursuewiththose.org>. The deadline for registration is **Lord's Day, April 13, 2025**.

- **Registration for 2025 July Semiannual Training**

Registration for the 2025 July Semiannual Training has begun. Please submit your registration for both the Live Training in Anaheim, CA and the Video Training by filling out the online form: <http://bit.ly/nycregistration>. The due date for registration is **May 1, 2025**.

- **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

- Thanksgiving to the Lord for the Citywide Senior Saints' Conference was held two weeks ago and prayer for the strengthening and going on of all the senior saints
- The International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (ITERO) concludes today in Anaheim, CA and online in many localities throughout the earth, including NYC
- The salvation of the children in grade 5
- The regional conference with Brother Ed Marks which will be held in Franklin, NJ over the weekend of April 11-13
- The church meetings, the small group meetings and all the practical services in all nine halls this week, and the shepherding of all the saints
- 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 6: Partakers of the Divine Nature and the Development of the Divine Life and the Divine Nature for a Rich Entrance into the Eternal Kingdom

Portion from Days 3, 4 and 6:

The eternal kingdom in 2 Peter 1:11 refers to the kingdom of God, which was given to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (Dan. 7:13-14), and which will be manifested at His coming back (Luke 19:11-12). It will be a reward to His faithful believers, who pursue the growth in His life unto maturity and the development of the virtues of His nature that in the millennium they may participate in His kingship in God's glory (2 Tim. 2:12; Rev. 20:4, 6). To enter thus into the eternal kingdom of the Lord is related to entering into God's eternal glory, to which God has called us in Christ (1 Pet. 5:10; 1 Thes. 2:12).

In 2 Peter 1:5-7 we have the development from faith to love. This development includes virtue, knowledge, self-control, endurance, and godliness. Eventually, we have the full development and maturity from the seed of faith, through the roots of virtue and knowledge, the trunk of self-control, and the branches of endurance and godliness, to the

blossom and the fruit of brotherly love and love. In verse 8 Peter goes on to say, "For these things, existing in you and abounding, constitute you neither idle nor unfruitful unto the full knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." The words these things refer to all the virtues covered in verses 5 through 7, from faith to love. Faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, endurance, godliness, brotherly love, and love should all exist in us. Nevertheless, these are only some of the "all things" that have been granted to us by the divine power. We need to see that all these things are included in the seed. This seed contains the root, the trunk, the branches, the blossom, and the fruit. (Life-study of 2 Peter, pp. 48-49)

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MINISTRY READINGS

BEHOLDING

Beholding God means to gaze on Him when we pray. After we pray a few sentences, we should turn to gaze on Him again. If we do not turn to God or do not fix our gaze on Him but instead hastily utter a few words, it will be difficult for us to enjoy God. When we pray, we must be calm, turn to our spirit, and gaze on Him. Then according to the feeling within, we can speak to Him under His gaze. We should continually behold Him. Such beholding is very precious.

Of course, beholding transpires only in our spirit. We do not behold with our physical eyes. Our eyes are closed when we pray; we do not see anything. In our spirit, however, we are before God and look at Him face to face. We gaze on God by exercising our spirit.

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 5)