Week of June 17

The Highest Work

"Immediately I was in spirit; and behold, there was a throne set in heaven, and upon the throne there was One sitting." (Rev. 4:2)

"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever." (Psa. 45:6)

"And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea and all things in them, I heard saying, To Him who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb be the blessing and the honor and the glory and the might forever and ever." (Rev. 5:13)

Praise is the highest work carried out by God's children. The highest expression of a saint's spiritual life is his praise to God. God's throne is the highest point in the universe, yet He sits "enthroned upon the praises of Israel" (Psa. 22:3). (Memorial Day Conference, msg. 6, II.A-B)

Lord, Gain Our Hearts!

"Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven....For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matt. 6:20-21)

"He who gathered much had no excess, and he who gathered little had no lack." (2 Cor. 8:15)

The problem today is not how much a person should offer, but the fact that money has laid hold of man's heart. In God's work, no one can keep his money, on the one hand, and say that his heart loves the Lord, on the other hand. The Bible says that where our money is, there is the heart also (Matt. 6:21). In order for our hearts not to be ensnared by money, we have to let the money go. If the money goes out of our pocket, the heart goes out with it. (WN & WL, *Messages Given During the Resumption of Watchman Nee's Ministry*, ch. 44, sec. 9)

May the Lord release us from the love of money and gain our hearts to care for His move in and around LA. One example of this need is the increase this fall in the cost of supporting FTTA trainees (this is covered by general gifts to the church, no need for designated gifts).

FTTA-MA Graduation

The Middle-age Full-time Training graduation is this Saturday, June 23. Twenty-four trainees will graduate. Please pray for each one to respond to the Lord in 1) their daily walk after the training and 2) where they should live and serve.

The next term of FTTA-MA begins September 3. Whether we have been in the church life one year or forty years, we cannot depend solely on our ordinary church life. We all need training. "In the Lord's recovery we need a group of experienced ones who have been trained to bear the testimony" (WL, *All Ages for the Lord's Testimony*, ch. 1, sec. 4). The number graduating this term is very small. Let us petition the Lord to bring many more middle-age and older saints to the fall term, especially those from North America. (www.fttamidage.org)

Campus Team Reunion

The Southern California Full-Timers Reunion will be in Cypress from June 21 to 23. This is a time where full-timers, students, and community saints gather to fellowship about the Lord's move on the college campuses. Please pray that the Lord would:

• blend the saints together to be in one accord for His move;

• take every campus on in their labor to gain the next generation, speaking in a very specific way;

• perfect the students and stir up in them the fire for the gospel to gain remaining fruit for His glory!

Germany

Please continue to petition the Lord to gain Germans and to supply saints with church life experience for the raising up of lampstands in Aachen, Bielefeld, Bochum, Bremen, Cologne, Darmstadt, Dresden, Freiburg, Giessen, Göttingen, Hamburg, Heidelberg, Karlsruhe, Kassel, Leipzig, Limburg, Mainz, Munich, and Tübingen.

Laos

Please pray for the printing, publication and distribution of seven Rhema books in Laos. These books include *Basic Elements of the Christian Life*, *The Economy of God*, and *The All-Inclusive Christ*.

Announcements

- 1. Morning revival: Week 11 of Crystallization-Study of Leviticus, Vol. 2.
- 2. SoCal Blending Conference: Outlines, audios, and videos are at socalblending.org.
- 3. Audio messages from the **Children's Work Conference in Diamond Bar** on April 28 are available at <u>scyp.com</u> (click on Stores > Serving ones > Children's serving ones fellowship > choose language > 2018 Children's Parents and Serving Ones Conference).
- 4. Audio of the May 6 joint meeting of the church in LA is available at tinyurl.com/greatgrace.
- 5. The Summer School of Truth in Los Angeles is July 20 to 28. The topic is: The Church.
- 6. Information on Germany and Europe, see the right side of <u>www.churchinlosangeles.org/prayer</u>.