

# Week of March 1

## Knowing the Government of Our Righteous and Loving God

“Seeing that His divine power has granted to us all things which relate to life and godliness through the full knowledge of Him...” (2 Pet. 1:3)

“It is Jehovah your God who is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and lovingkindness to the thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments.” (Deut. 7:9b)

God governs by judging; the judgment of God is the for the carrying out of His government. As believers in Christ, we need to realize that we are under God’s government... As God is governing us, He supplies us with whatever we need; God grants us His provision so that we may cooperate with His government. (*Crystallization-study of Deuteronomy*, msg. 2, I.D, F.1)

We need to know God. In particular, we need to know that God is loving and that He is righteous in dealing with us. We also need to know that we ourselves are a failure. If we know this, we will no longer trust ourselves but put our trust in God, the One who is faithful. In spite of our failure in loving God and fearing Him and in spite of our unfaithfulness, God will be successful. No matter what the situation of His people may be, God will be faithful to the end, and eventually He will accomplish His intention that we enjoy His full blessing. (*Life-study of Deuteronomy*, msg. 2, pp. 18-19)

## Spring SoCal YP Conferences

Praise the Lord for the upcoming Young People’s Conferences this spring, which will all be held at Oak Glen Christian Conference Center. We encourage all the parents, serving ones and college students to pray for the openness of our junior high and high school students to the Lord and His speaking. Whether our young people are hearing these words again or for the first time, we pray that they would be prepared to enter into more of Christ as their good land and possess Him!

The dates, locations, and sign-up deadlines for the conferences are as follows:

1. High School Sisters, March 13 to 15. Deadline to register: March 1.
2. High School Brothers, March 20 to 22. Deadline to register: March 8.
3. Junior High Sisters, April 10 to 12. Deadline to register: March 29.
4. Junior High Brothers, April 17 to 19. Deadline to register: April 5.

## FTTA-OL

The Online Full-Time Training (FTTA-OL) conducts the FTTA curriculum completely online. The hope that this online program will help the believers cultivate a habit of studying the truth through a lifelong pursuit. While some learners may complete all the courses in short period of time, the FTTA-OL is designed with the view that most saints will take one or two courses per year for the next fifteen to thirty years. More information is at [www.onlineftta.org](http://www.onlineftta.org).

Each calendar year is divided into 5 terms. The 2020 Term B runs from March 11 to May 5. Please pray for every enrollee to be a diligent learner to help others learn and dig into the ministry materials. By the Lord’s mercy, may more saints sanctify their time by studying God’s Word and being constituted with the divine truth.

## Germany

The German YP conference (for ages 11 to 18) will be at Gut Elim March 6 to 8. Pray for full participation by all who have registered and that none would be discouraged by any language weakness.

Gut Elim is a 25-acre property in central Germany with a blending facility which is gradually being improved to increase the capacity. Last week, there was a crucial inspection scheduled from the German foundation for the protection of historical buildings. This inspection was delayed to Wednesday, March 4. An approval means we will be able to move quickly to finish the work here; otherwise, we could be forced to close for an indefinite period. Please pray for no further delays and a fully successful inspection.

## Southern Africa

The Southern Africa Weekend Conference will be March 7 to 8 in Midrand, South Africa. The subject will be “The Experience of Christ in Philippians and Colossians for the One New Man.” Please pray:

- for the release of the Lord’s speaking;
- for the participation of saints from the South African Development Community (SADC) region—which includes countries such as Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Zambia, and Zimbabwe—not only in the conference but also in one week of short-term training at the FTTP afterwards; and
- for the Lord to bless the blending of the leading brothers who will meet before and during the conference to fellowship concerning the Lord’s move in Southern Africa, followed by perfecting sessions from *Lessons on the Eldership* with brother Mark Raabe.

## Prayer for the Current Situation

“In nothing be anxious, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses every man’s understanding, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.” (Phil. 4:6-7)

As God’s people, let us pray for the advance of the divine history within human history. Let us pray for the people of this world and those in power. We need to be sober-minded and vigilant, but we do not need to panic or overreact. We believe “the heavens do rule” (Dan. 4:26) so that the environment might be fit for God’s chosen people to receive His salvation. In these days of global uncertainty, may the Lord turn all anxieties to the advancement of the gospel. This is the environment for us to proclaim the gospel!

## Announcements

1. **Morning Revival:** *Crystallization-study of Deuteronomy*, week 2.
2. **High School Conferences** at Oak Glen: for sisters, March 13 to 15 (registration due March 1); for brothers, March 20 to 22 (registration due March 8).
3. **Memorial Day Conference:** May 22 to 25 in Atlanta, GA. Conference and hotel information is posted at [www.churchinlosangeles.org/prayer](http://www.churchinlosangeles.org/prayer). Saints from LA are asked to RSVP by April 28 at [tinyurl.com/memdayla](http://tinyurl.com/memdayla).
4. **ShepherdingWords.com** addresses certain critical issues facing the Lord’s recovery.