

Week of October 25

Waiting on Our Faithful God

“It is Jehovah’s lovingkindness that we are not consumed, for His compassions do not fail... Jehovah is my portion, says my soul; therefore I hope in Him. Jehovah is good to those who wait on Him, to the soul that seeks Him.” (Lam. 3:22, 24-25)

When the situation around us seems to be hopeless, we need to realize that our God can never be defeated. Whatever He has spoken, He will be faithful to fulfill. Therefore we should believe all that the Bible says. In addition, we need to realize that God is the portion of His people, and we need to put our hope and our trust in Him. We need to trust in Him and wait on Him whether He answers us now or later. Even if he seemingly does not answer our prayer, we should continue to pray and wait on Him. The eventual result will be according to His purpose, and we will be the ones benefited by Him. May we all learn this lesson. (*Life-study of Lamentations*, p. 9)

Although God is true, living, compassionate, and faithful, in order to test His people, He often delays in fulfilling His word. To wait on the eternal God means that we terminate ourselves; that is, we stop ourselves with our living, our doing, and our activity and receive God in Christ as our life, our person, and our replacement. We need to learn the lesson of waiting on the Lord. (*Crystallization-study of Jeremiah and Lamentations*, msg. 7, IV.B.1-2.a)

The Prevailing Prayer of the Church

“Truly I say to you, Whatever you bind on the earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on the earth shall have been loosed in heaven.” (Matt. 18:18)

The prayer in the church as a house of prayer is in the position of ascension, and with this position of prayer there is the authority of prayer. When we have the heavenly position and authority, our prayers become God’s administration, the executing of God’s will. This is the prevailing prayer of the church—the prayer of the age. (ITERO, msg. 5, II.G)

United States

“Let the name of God be blessed from eternity to eternity, for wisdom and might are His. And it is He who changes the times and seasons; He deposes kings and causes kings to ascend.” (Dan. 2:20b-21a)

“This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the decision is a command of the holy ones, to the intent that the living may know that the Most High is the Ruler over the kingdom of men and gives it to whomever He wills and sets up over it the lowliest of men.” (Dan. 4:17)

Pray that the Lord would sovereignly rule to preserve America’s leadership in the world situation so that He may have the way to accomplish His purpose that His bride would be prepared. Pray that a peaceful situation would be kept in the United States and throughout the globe for the word of the Lord’s recovery to go out. Pray that the saints would see that the Most High God is the Ruler over the kingdom of men and gives the kingdom to whomever He wills. (Beseeching.org, Days 115, 117, 127)

Church in Los Angeles Joint Meeting

The whole church in LA—all halls, districts, and languages—will meet together this Lord’s Day, November 1 from 10:00 to 11:30 am. There will be translation into Chinese, Korean, and Spanish. The Zoom link is tinyurl.com/lachurchmeeting.

Let us be those who wait on the Lord, seek Him, and call unto Him. Please pray for His lovingkindness, compassions, and faithfulness to refresh and encourage all the saints to pursue Him more in these days. Pray for the Lord to gain a brighter testimony and expression of Himself in this city!

Orange County

As of Monday, at least 85,000 residents in Irvine and Yorba Linda were under mandatory evacuation due to two large brush fires. Please pray for the protection of the Lord’s interests. Also pray for such “shaking” to open the hearts of people to receive the gospel and stir us to speak the gospel more.

All-California College Conference

This fall we will have our first-ever All-California College Conference. It will be held online from November 6 to 8 on the topic of “Loving the Lord’s Appearing.” The registration deadline is this Thursday, October 29. Please pray that many college students from both Northern and Southern California, including many first-timers, would sanctify this weekend unto the Lord and register on time!

European Online Training

Amana Trust will conduct the Autumn Online Training for saints in Europe from October 31 to November 21. This three-week event will explore four great matters in the Bible—truth, life, the church, and the gospel. The online sessions will consist of spoken lessons, group times, and opportunities for personal time with the Lord. The schedule is four Saturday mornings and three Wednesday evenings for a total of five hours a week.

Zürich, Switzerland

The church life began in Zurich in 1978 and grew to 120 saints. The turmoil in the late 1980s left only a few. Now we pray for the restoration of the Lord’s testimony in Zurich. A five-minute video with history, photos, and specific prayer burdens is at tinyurl.com/Zu-Sw.

Announcements

1. **Morning Revival:** Week 7 of *Crystallization-study of Jeremiah and Lamentations*. Next week, we will REPEAT Week 7.
2. **Daylight Savings Time** will end in the early morning this Lord’s Day, November 1. Please remember to move your clock back one hour before you sleep on Saturday night, October 31.
3. **Ministry & Gospel:** There will not be a Ministry & Gospel Meeting this Lord’s Day, November 1. The series resumes the following week, November 8. Previous meetings can be viewed and shared at youtube.com/churchinlosangeles.
4. **Interim Instructions for Giving:** Instructions for where to mail checks and options for online giving are at www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings.
5. **Interim guidelines for in-person meetings** are posted at www.churchinlosangeles.org/covid19.