

Week of November 15

Being Separated from Worldly Mixture to Enjoy God

“I have given them Your word, and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world even as I am not of the world.” (John 17:14)

The children of Israel enjoyed the aspect of the world typified by Egypt. Because they were occupied by the riches and enjoyment of the world, they were kept from fulfilling the purpose for which God had created and chosen them. In the same principle, all the worldly people today have been usurped by Satan. As a result, they do not know God’s purpose. How we need to thank the Lord for delivering us from slavery in the world and for setting us free from the usurping hand of Satan! (*Life-study of Exodus*, pp. 16-17)

Jeremiah presents God’s economy to us that we may turn back to our source and origin, the Triune God as the fountain of living waters (Jer. 2:13). Then we will enjoy Him and will receive His dispensing into us for the accomplishment of His economy. God will then take care to keep the world away from us. Today in our church life there should not be anything Babylonian. We should clear away any rebellion against God, any exalting of ourselves, and any worshiping of idols. Then we will be God’s elect under His dispensing to enjoy Him. (*Life-study of Jeremiah*, pp. 253-254)

Being Watchful and Beseeking to Escape

“Take heed to yourselves lest perhaps your hearts be weighed down with debauchery and drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day come upon you suddenly as a snare.... But be watchful at every time, beseeking that you would prevail to escape all these things which are about to happen and stand before the Son of Man.” (Luke 21:34, 36)

In verse 36 the Man-Savior charges us to be watchful. Instead of being stupefied or drugged, we need to be vigilant. Furthermore, at every time we need to beseech. This is not to pray in a general way; it is to pray in a particular way that we may prevail to escape the things that are about to take place. As we have pointed out, to prevail in this way is to have the strength and ability to escape the great tribulation. We should not be caught in the trend of today’s world. Instead, we need to escape this trend. The strength and ability to escape come from being watchful and from beseeking. If we pray in a particular way, we shall prevail to escape all the things that are about to take place. (*Life-study of Luke*, msg. 48, sec. 3)

This beseeking is not ordinary, general prayer but specific prayer for a certain matter: being raptured to escape the tribulation that will come upon the whole earth. (*Crucial Truths in the Holy Scriptures*, vol. 6, ch. 59, sec. 4)

United States

“Let every person be subject to the authorities over him, for there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are ordained by God.” (Rom. 13:1)

To be subject to the authorities is to recognize God’s authority and to respect His government over man. God ordains the authorities over man in order to maintain peace and security in human society so that He may have the time and the opportunity to preach the gospel, to save sinners, and to build the church for the spread of His kingdom. (Footnotes 3 and 4 on Rom. 13:1)

As the church, the Body of Christ, let us continue to trust in the Lord’s sovereignty and cooperate with Him by praying and laboring together with Him for the advance of His economy.

LA Ministry & Gospel Meeting

The English-speaking Ministry & Gospel meeting this Lord’s Day, November 22 at 11:00 am will conclude our Fall series, “Genesis: A Book of Seeds.” All saints are encouraged to invite guests and accompany them to this time. Please pray for many contacts, friends, and relatives to attend and for the Lord to speak to each one, including the younger saints among us. Lord, multiply Your testimony in Los Angeles!

The Zoom link is tinyurl.com/lachurchmeeting. Videos from previous meetings may also be viewed and shared at any time at youtube.com/churchinlosangeles.

Thanksgiving Conference

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Living Stream Ministry will again modify the format for the upcoming 2020 International Thanksgiving Conference and host it online. The general subject is “The All-Inclusive, Extensive Christ Replacing Culture for the One New Man.” For the church in Los Angeles, we will gather by languages to enjoy the messages together on Zoom.

The English-speaking meeting schedule will be as follows:

- Meeting 1: Friday, November 27..... 10:00 AM
- Meeting 2: Friday, November 27..... 7:30 PM
- Meeting 3: Saturday, November 28..... 10:00 AM
- Meeting 4: Saturday, November 28..... 7:30 PM
- Meeting 5: Lord’s Day, November 29.....10:00 AM
- Meeting 6: Lord’s Day, November 29..... 4:00 PM

We are looking to the Lord and expecting Him to use the current world situation to do something extraordinary among us during this time. Please pray for the release of His Word through this ministry. Let us prepare ourselves for this upcoming time of ministry and sanctify these days for the hearing of faith among us. Pray for the Lord’s blessing upon this conference. May it turn out to be a real memorial among us to the shame of God’s enemy and to the glory of God’s grace!

Honduras

In the aftermath of Hurricane Eta, please pray for the Lord to continue to protect His interests, including the saints and the churches, in Honduras and the rest of Central America. Pray for the gospel of the kingdom to be proclaimed and the hearts of the people to be open to receive it.

Offerings for the saints affected by the hurricane may be given to the [Church in Los Angeles](#) designated for ‘HONDURAS.’

India

Through the Lord’s speaking in the Memorial Day Conference, many saints in India began contacting their friends and relatives. The common feeling among the churches is that there has never been a time when people in India are as open to the gospel as during this pandemic. Please pray for:

1. The campus work, that through the functioning of the college students in contacting their gospel friends, the burden of the gospel and shepherding may continue according to the present situation.
2. The free literature distribution during the pandemic, that the word of God can grow, multiply and prevail, and many seeking ones can be gained for the church life and the Lord’s testimony.
3. The strengthening of the major cities in India, that the saints can be supplied in the word and can continue to grow in life and grow in number for the sake of the Lord’s testimony.

More details and photos are in the November issue of the Lord’s Move to Asia newsletter at:
<http://lmasia.org/newsletter/2020-newsletter/november/> (English)
<http://lmasia.org/zh-hans/月刊/2020-newsletter-ch/十一月> (Chinese)

Announcements

1. **Morning Revival:** Week 9 of *Crystallization-study of Jeremiah and Lamentations*.
2. **The December Semiannual Training** for saints in LA will be held online beginning Monday, December 21. Registration (\$125) at tinyurl.com/wintertrainingla closes on December 1.
3. **New Online Platform for Giving:** Information about the church’s new online giving platform, Subsplash Giving, as well as where to mail checks while our meeting halls are closed, are at www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings.
4. **Interim guidelines for in-person meetings** are posted at www.churchinlosangeles.org/covid19.