Week of February 27

Taking Christ as Our King, Lord, Head, and Husband

"Draw me; we will run after you—the king has brought me into his chambers—we will be glad and rejoice in you; we will extol your love more than wine..." (S. S. 1:4)

"Unto the economy of the fullness of the times, to head up all things in Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth, in Him." (Eph. 1:10)

Our being headed up in Christ rescues us from the heap of the universal collapse in death and darkness, which was caused by the rebellion of the angels and the rebellion of man. The believers participate in Christ's heading up by being willing to be headed up in the church life, by growing in life, and by living under Christ's light.

To hold Christ as the Head is not only to take Him as our unique authority but also to stay intimately connected to Him so that His riches and life supply are dispensed into our being to cause us to grow with the growth of God, growing up into Him in all things and functioning out from Him so that all the Body causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love.

We have no right to divorce the Lord; we have no basis to forsake Him. We must take Him, love Him, honor Him, respect Him, regard Him, exalt Him, and cling to Him, rejecting Satan to the uttermost. Then we will be blessed. This principle can be applied to the entire human race, to every nation, to every society, to every family, and to every individual. If we love the Lord and hate Satan, we will be blessed. However, we will only get into trouble whenever we change and begin to love something other than Christ. Psalm 33:12 says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is Jehovah." Blessed is everyone—nation, society, group, and individual—whose Lord, Head, King, and Husband is Jehovah. (Meeting God's Need and Present Needs in the Lord's Recovery, msg. 8, III.A-B; Life-Study of Judges, msg. 6)

Ukraine

Man looks at the victory or defeat of the nations. But from God's view, it is His people who are suffering, no matter which nation wins or loses... Today the world is a mess. Peoples are fighting against peoples and nations against nations. We can see war and famine everywhere. These are the works of Satan... If we have any strength at all, we should direct it to prayer. We must ask the Lord to take control of the situation so that God's children will not stumble and so that the gospel will continue to spread. (Watchman Nee, "World Wars and the Church," *CWWN*, *Set 2*, *vol. 45*, ch. 139)

Please pray for the ruling of the heavens over the entire situation so that the saints will be preserved, Satan will suffer loss, and God's economy will advance in the spreading of the gospel and the building up of the Body. Pray that the Lord will surround the saints with His protection, that the souls and minds of the saints will be covered and guarded from the threats of the evil one, that the Lord will provide them with their daily necessities, and that they will realize and directly experience Christ as the Shepherd and Overseer of their souls.

Wednesday Night Ministry Meetings

The Wednesday Night Ministry Meeting will resume this week on March 2. Only FTTA trainees and staff are allowed to attend the live meetings in person; therefore, the saints and churches in Southern California are invited to watch the meeting free of charge via webcast starting at 7:25 pm at lsm.org/live. The meeting will be broadcast in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese, and Korean. Message outlines will be posted on the same site.

Please pray for the ministry of the Lord's word week by week and for as many saints as possible to take advantage of the live broadcast format to be nourished and edified. Pray for the Lord's continued blessing of the Full-time Training in Anaheim and covering of all trainees and serving ones.

SCYP Spring Conferences

Registration is now open for the Spring High School Conferences. The registration deadline is March 6 for both the sisters' conference (March 18 to 20) and brothers' conference (March 25 to 27). Junior High Conferences are in April and the 6th Grade Conference is in May. These gatherings will be held in a hybrid format with options to join online through Zoom or in person at Oak Glen.

As we prepare for the upcoming conference season in Southern California, we encourage all the saints—especially the parents, serving ones and college students—to pray for the Lord to appear to every young person during these times that they may know and experience Him more in their daily living!

London Seminars

With nearly 10,000 active contacts in London, Amana Trust is planning a series of seminars in different locations in London on the first Lord's Day of each month from March through June. The first seminar takes place this weekend, March 6. These seminars should be very enjoyable times with singing, presentations on Bible topics and ministry resources, as well as refreshments and time for fellowship. They are opportunities to meet face to face with so many who have contacted us remotely.

Pray that the Lord will attract and gain the seeking ones for His testimony in London.

Announcements

- 1. **Morning Revival**: Week 8 of *Meeting God's Need and Present Needs in the Lord's Recovery*. Next week, we begin *Living In and With the Divine Trinity* (Thanksgiving Conference).
- 2. **Bibles for America**'s latest blog post responds to the question, "Why Does God Let Me Fail?"
- 3. **Living Stream Ministry:** The <u>February issue</u> of "*Having This Ministry*..." includes fellowship on the need for training in the Lord's recovery and a report on the literature work in Turkey and Sri Lanka.
- 4. **Atlanta Meeting Hall:** Offerings for the church in Atlanta's building project may be given through the church in LA with designation for 'Atlanta Meeting Hall'. More information is posted at www.churchinlosangeles.org/prayer.
- 5. **Ways to Give**: Information about the church's online giving platform, Subsplash, and where to mail checks, are at www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings.