

Week of May 1

Being According to God's Heart to Carry out His Economy

“And I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest, who will do according to what is in My heart and in My mind; and I will build him a sure house; and he will go before My anointed continually.” (1 Sam. 2:35)

Samuel was faithful to God to do according to what was in God's heart and mind. His whole being and person, not just his doing, living, and work, were according to God. Samuel's being and God's heart were one... God's mind was Samuel's consideration. He had no other thought, consideration, or thinking. His living and working were for the carrying out of whatever was in God's heart. As a consequence, Samuel was one who turned the age.

We can see why Samuel was so useful in the hand of God. He had no self-seeking nor any thought of self-gain... He was happy to go wherever God wanted him to go and to do whatever God wanted him to do. He was a man according to God, a man according to God's heart. Therefore, he was a man whom God could use to carry out His economy. (*Life-study of 1 & 2 Samuel*, pp. 28-29, 45)

May the Lord produce us as such faithful and absolute ones who are according to God's heart, who care only for His interest, and who He could use to carry out His economy.

July Semiannual Training Registrations

Because of the importance of the best possible audience and atmosphere for the ministry of the word, it was necessary for the attendees of the semiannual trainings to be held to a high standard. Whereas conferences were open to all persons without restriction, the semiannual trainings required the attendees to register and be approved by the churches. Further, trainees were required to abide by a set of regulations, including rising and going to bed at proper times, arriving early for the meetings, and preparing to be tested. The trainees' adherence to these regulations not only helped them to be girded up in their spirit, to be saved from looseness, and to receive the greatest benefit from the trainings but also made them a suitable audience for drawing out the highest speaking from the ministry. (“The History and Significance of the Life-study and Crystallization-study Trainings,” in the April 2022 issue of “*Having This Ministry...*”)

For saints in Los Angeles, registration for the July 2022 Semiannual Training (July 4 to 9) is open until Tuesday, May 3 for the live in-person training in Anaheim (\$205) and June 14 for webcasts (\$130). Register online at tinyurl.com/summertrainingla.

Please ask the Lord to release as many saints as possible to provide the best possible audience and atmosphere for His speaking to the churches in this training!

Sixth Grade Conference

The conference is May 6 to 8 at Oak Glen. Please pray for the Lord to prepare the hearts of all of the sixth graders leading up to the conference, to give each of them a definite experience of salvation, and to companionize them as they go on as young people in the church life.

West Coast Korean-speaking Conference

There will be a West Coast Korean-speaking Conference this weekend. The two sessions about “God's Economy in Faith” are Saturday, May 7, 6:00 to 9:00 pm and Lord's Day, May 8, 9:00 am to 12:15 pm PST. The Zoom link is tinyurl.com/koreanconf2022.

Please pray for all the Korean-speaking saints in North America to join this conference and enjoy the reality of the Body through the blending in the up-to-date words of the ministry.

Bibles for America

On April 25, BfA began giving away free physical copies of *Basic Elements of the Christian Life*, vols. 1-3. This new offer was first announced to our 49,500 blog subscribers that live in the United States. So far, over 3,000 orders have been placed by people all over the country.

Please pray that all those who receive these books would get into them and be nourished by the riches in the ministry. Pray also that many more hungry seekers will continue to respond to this offer.

Ukraine

Please continue to pray for the ruling of the heavens over the entire situation so that:

- The teams going out to proclaim the gospel among the refugees in Poland, Slovakia, Austria, Hungary, and Romania will be protected from illness and will find many sons of peace who will receive the Lord and be gained for the church life.
- The saints in Ukraine and the refugees in the European countries will receive the supply of the resurrection life and will rise up to live and proclaim the gospel to their fellow Ukrainians.
- The tripartite being of the saints who are under attack, including the brothers fighting in the army, will be protected and preserved.
- The Ukrainian families that have been separated by the war will be preserved and eventually reunited for God's economy.
- Those who care for the Ukrainian refugees in Europe will enjoy the Lord as their bountiful supply of grace, wisdom, and endurance.
- Satan and the authority of darkness over Europe will be bound, and God's move in His economy will advance.

As the Lord leads, saints may give through the Church in Los Angeles designated for 'Ukraine'.

Netherlands

The Dutch Conference will be held from May 6 to 8 in the Netherlands for the first time since May 2019. The topic will be "Living the Christian Life at the End of the Present Age." Pray for the saints to come with a heart to listen to the Lord and focus on the words of the ministry.

Azerbaijan

Pray for the distribution of the new Azerbaijani and Russian literature to find fertile ground, take root, and bear fruit. Pray also for the saints' gathering together to be kept and protected, according to the Lord's wisdom, that the church can be established and flourish until He comes, because a city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

Announcements

1. **Morning Revival:** Week 3 of *Crystallization-study of 1 & 2 Samuel, vol. 1*.
2. **July Semiannual Training:** Registration is due Tuesday, May 3 for the live in-person sessions in Anaheim (\$205) and June 14 for webcasts in LA (\$130). Information and registration for LA saints are at tinyurl.com/summertrainingla.
3. **SAVE THE DATE:** Lord's Day morning, May 15, we will have a meeting of the whole church in LA. Details will be announced in each hall.
4. **Wednesday Night Ministry Meeting:** Live broadcast this Wednesday beginning at 7:25 pm at lsm.org/live in English, Spanish, Chinese, and Korean. Outlines will be posted on the same site.
5. **Memorial Day Conference:** Living Stream Ministry will host the live, in-person portion of this conference to all the saints from May 27 to 30 in Anaheim. The meetings will also be streamed online.
6. **Free e-Booklets:** Living Stream Ministry has made a series of free e-booklets available to read and share with others at www.lsm.org/booklets. The latest release is "Living by the Law of Life."
7. **LSM Newsletter:** The April issue of "*Having This Ministry...*" contains enriching articles such as "Knowing the Time That We Are in and the Lord's Work of Recovery" and "The History and Significance of the Life-study and Crystallization-study Trainings."
8. **Ways to Give:** Information about the church's online giving platform, Subsplash, and where to mail checks, are at www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings.