

Week of May 29

Taking the Way of Enjoying Christ as the Tree of Life

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God.” (Rev. 2:7)

“Blessed are those who wash their robes that they may have right to the tree of life and may enter by the gates into the city.” (Rev. 22:14)

The tree of life typifies Christ who imparts life to man and who pleases and satisfies man. Eating the tree of life, that is, enjoying Christ as our life supply, should be the primary matter in the church life.

(*Life-study of Genesis*, p. 141; Memorial Day Conference, key statement 1)

God’s intention for man was to give Himself as the tree of life to man for man to enjoy. To see that God wants us to enjoy Him and that He does not want us to do anything for Him is to see that the Christian life is a matter of enjoyment. . . . If our concept is changed so that we see these two points, it will be easy for us to live a life of enjoying God.

We should consider our former way of pursuit. We must have a drastic change of concept. We need to have a controlling vision. (*The Vision of the Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil*, pp. 51, 60)

Learning the Lessons of the Cross under God’s Sovereignty

“Therefore we do not lose heart; but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.” (2 Cor. 4:16)

In the history of David, we need to see God’s sovereignty and David’s learning the lessons of the cross. Under God’s sovereignty, David took the lessons of the cross, and eventually, he was not a loser but a gainer and a winner, not a sufferer but an enjoyer.

David’s life signifies a life of brokenness. The breaking of the outer man is the breaking of our natural disposition, our self. The goal of the discipline of the Holy Spirit is for us to be a broken man. God puts us in a place of total inability and helplessness so that He can have the free way to work Himself with all His unsearchable riches into us. (*CS 1 & 2 Samuel*, msg. 6, I, B.10-11)

FTTA – High School Junior/Senior Day

This Saturday, June 4, high school juniors and seniors are invited to join the Full-time Training in Anaheim for a morning class, lunch, and tour of the training center. This time is a chance to experience and learn more about FTTA. Many of our young people may know someone who has been to the FTTA, and this is their opportunity to get a taste of what the FTTA is and ask any questions they may have.

May the Lord bless this visit and plant in each young person a desire to be trained for His purpose.

London Seminar

We continue to receive almost daily new requests for shepherding of seeking ones who have received a NT Recovery Version. The best way for this shepherding is by the saints according to the geography of both the seeking ones and the saints. We have our last afternoon seminar this Lord’s Day, June 5 in five areas of London with the view of helping the saints in these areas to meet these contacts.

Please pray for these events which historically have helped the contacts who are reading the ministry to become more solid and to enter into the church life. Their being in the enjoyment of the Lord with the saints in the church life has great impact.

Germany

The 2022 Pfingstkonferenz (Pentecost Conference) will be held in person in Frankfurt this weekend, June 4 to 6. The general subject is from the Spring ITERO: “God’s Economy in Faith.”

Please pray for the Lord to release as many saints as possible, including some of our students and new ones, to attend this gathering. Pray that this time would be a rich feast and that the Lord would bless the release of the word and the fellowship and mingling among all the saints. Pray that the saints would set the time aside and pay the price to come together in the Lord’s name, in spirit, and in oneness to participate in the Lord’s move through the conference.

Bangladesh

Please pray for the propagation in Dhaka, the capital and largest city of Bangladesh, and the eighth or ninth largest city in the world with 8.9 million residents and over 21.7 million people in the greater metropolitan area. May the Lord open the door of the gospel through the saints' persistent door-knocking, contacting young people on campus, and establishing gospel home meetings with them.

Also pray for the Lord's testimony to be raised up in Cumilla, the second-largest city in eastern Bangladesh and one of the three oldest cities in the country. There is currently a full-time serving family there. In January, five saints visited Cumilla for four days of intensive propagation. May the energizing Triune God continue to move in this city and establish home meetings in open homes through the follow-up visits and shepherding care of the brothers and sisters.

Announcements

1. **Morning Revival:** Week 6 of *Crystallization-study of 1 & 2 Samuel*, vol. 1.
2. **Wednesday Night Ministry Meeting:** Live broadcast this Wednesday 7:25 pm at lsm.org/live in English, Spanish, Chinese, and Korean.
3. **Memorial Day Conference:** Audio and video recordings of last weekend's conference messages may be accessed on a per-message or subscription basis at www.lsmwebcast.com.
4. **July Semiannual Training:** The general subject will be on 1 and 2 Kings. Registration for webcasts in LA (\$130) is still open until Tuesday, June 14. Information and registration for LA saints are at tinyurl.com/summertrainingla. In preparation, saints are encouraged to read the Recovery Version with footnotes and the Life-studies as their time allows.
5. **Free e-Booklets:** Living Stream Ministry offers a series of free e-booklets to read and share at www.lsm.org/booklets. The latest release is "Life's Regenerating – the Need of the Moral."
6. **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."
7. **Ways to Give:** Information about the church's online giving platform, Subsplash, and where to mail checks, are at www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings.