

Week of June 11

The Proper and Adequate Leadership in the Lord's Recovery

“Where there is no vision, the people cast off restraint...” (Prov. 29:18)

“And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church, which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.” (Eph. 1:22-23)

“So we who are many are one Body in Christ, and individually members one of another.” (Rom. 12:5)

The central and crucial point of the recovery books of Ezra and Nehemiah is the proper and adequate leadership. In the Lord's recovery we have the leadership of the one controlling vision in the one ministry through those who bring in the vision. Only under the leadership of faithful persons such as Nehemiah and Ezra could Israel be reconstituted to be the testimony of God, the expression of God on earth, a people absolutely different from the Gentile nations; this is a type of what God wants the church to be today.

Nehemiah knew that without Ezra he could not reconstitute the people of God. According to the divine principle, the proper representation of the Body is always by those who are matched with others. To be alone is to be individualistic, but to be sent forth with another is to be sent according to the principle of the Body. To act individualistically is to violate the principle of the Body. In the Lord's recovery there is an urgent need for the true work of building up the Body; however, this building work can be carried out only by co-workers who have been matched. (*Crystallization-study of 1 & 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther*, msg. 10, III, A, B, C, D, 1-3)

Semiannual Video Training Registrations

The general subject of the upcoming Semiannual Video Training will be “An Overview of the Central Burden and Present Truth of the Lord's Recovery before His Appearing.” For saints in Los Angeles, the firm registration deadline to participate in this training by video is this Lord's Day, June 18 (\$130). Information and registration are at tinyurl.com/summertrainingla.

Please pray for the release and receiving of the Lord's speaking in this training. May the Lord grant us to treasure these trainings and seize every opportunity to attend them not only to see the intrinsic essence of the divine revelation but also to serve as a proper audience for the unhindered release of the crystals in the Word of God. (For more fellowship on the history and significance of the semiannual trainings, see the April 2022 issue of “*Having This Ministry...*”)

LA YP Summer Kick-off

This Saturday, June 17, there will be an LA YP Summer Kick-off gathering that will include time at a park, dinner, meeting, fellowship and dessert. We hope many of the young people in LA will be free to join all or part of the time. Our burden is to encourage our YP to redeem the time this summer by getting into the word, and to guard the deposit (1 Tim. 6:20).

Please pray for the preparation, availability of the young people, an encouraging atmosphere, and for the Lord to bless this time with His living word.

FTTA Middle-age Training

The Fall 2023 term of the Middle-age Full-time Training in Anaheim (FTTA-MA) will be from September 11 to December 23. All classes are given in English, Chinese, Korean and Spanish and designed with a full year in view in two 15-week terms. Saints may also attend on a short-term basis.

Please pray for more saints in the Lord's recovery to seize this opportunity to be perfected. All applications must be received by the training office no later than August 22.

Ukraine

A reminder from the footnote on 1 Kings 8:48: “No matter for whom we are praying, our prayers should be aimed at the interests of God, i.e., at Christ and the church as God's interests on earth, for the fulfilling of God's economy.” Please continue to pray for the ruling of the heavens so that:

- The Lord will keep all the saints in the involved countries open to Him for His divine dispensing.

- The Lord will meet all the practical needs of the saints.
- The brothers who are fighting in the war will be preserved by the Lord in their tripartite being.
- The local saints, serving ones, and trainees in Europe will be blended with the refugees.
- The enemy will be bound in his attack on the Lord's interests in Russia, Ukraine, and Europe.

Announcements

1. **Morning Revival:** Week 10 of *Crystallization-study of 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther*.
2. **Wednesday Night Ministry Meeting:** The weekly ministry meeting on “The Crucial Points of the Truth in Paul’s Epistles” continues this Wednesday starting 7:25 pm.
3. **July Semiannual Training:** July 3 to 8 in Anaheim and by video via Zoom. LA saints may still register for the video training (\$130) until June 18 at tinyurl.com/summertrainingla.
4. **Free e-Booklets:** Living Stream Ministry offers a series of free e-booklets to read and share at www.lsm.org/booklets, including “Life’s Issue—the Church.”
5. **LSM Newsletter:** The May issue of “*Having This Ministry...*” provides principles on using the hymns in the Lord’s table meeting, as well as a brief history of the Taiwan Gospel Book Room. Go to newsletters.lsm.org/having-this-ministry.
6. **Bibles for America’s** latest post, “Author Spotlight: Who Is Watchman Nee?” is available to read and share at blog.biblesforamerica.org.
7. **Living to Him** has a podcast series particularly helpful to working saints, available on all major podcasting services at livingtohim.com/the-living-to-him-podcast.
8. **GTCA:** To learn more about the burden for migration within North America, please visit gtca.us.
9. **500 Life-studies App:** To learn more about the burden for the Life-studies, including the 500 Life-studies app, please visit 500lifestudies.org.
10. **A Timely Speaking of Supply:** Enjoy a free weekly video from messages given by Brother Lee at lsm.org/timely-speaking.html.
11. **Ways to Give:** Information about the church’s online giving platform, Subsplash, and where to mail checks, are at www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings.