

# Week of January 21

## The Most High God, the Possessor of Heaven and Earth

“And Melchizedek the king of Salem brought out bread and wine. Now he was priest of God the Most High. And he blessed him and said, Blessed be Abram of God the Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God the Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand.” (Gen. 14:18-20a)

“Hence also He is able to save to the uttermost those who come forward to God through Him, since He lives always to intercede for them.” (Heb. 7:25)

While we walk on this earth, many things happen to us. Apparently, these things just happen. Actually, behind the earthly scene, an intercession is going on. Our Melchizedek, our High Priest Christ, is still interceding for us in heaven. His intercession overshadows us and cares for us.

We need to learn the basic lesson that our God, the One who called us, is the Possessor of heaven and earth. We are living for Him on the earth and we are His testimony. We do not tolerate any damage to God’s interest on earth. When we hear of such damage, we make a quick decision to defeat the enemy and to slaughter the kings.

We need to slaughter some kings daily. We need to slaughter the kings in our mind, emotion, and will. We need to slaughter the kings in our environment, families, and schools. After we have finished our slaughter of the kings, our Melchizedek will come to us, meet with us, and celebrate our victory... That will be the second coming of Christ. When Christ comes in, the whole earth will know the Most High God. Then all the earth will realize that God is the Possessor of heaven and earth. The earth is not possessed by any king, president, statesman, or politician; it is possessed by the Most High God, the Possessor of heaven and earth. (*Life-study of Genesis*, msg. 43, pp. 584-585)

## A New Beginning Together in the Word

Please continue to pray that families will take advantage of the current opportunity to get into the book of Genesis together—for example, reading a chapter of the Bible together or memorizing verses together during the week. Also pray that many saints would invite co-workers, classmates, and friends to join with us in getting into Genesis and warmly invite them to come to our Lord’s Day meetings to hear more about this.

## FTTA Gospel Trips

From January 22 to February 5, 233 FTTA trainees and former trainees are going out in 36 gospel teams to 23 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, United States, and Canada to join with local saints for the preaching of the gospel of the kingdom. Please pray that:

- The Lord will blend and build the saints so that He will have the free way to fully bless these trips.
- The sanctifying Spirit will go before the saints to prepare the hearts of those the Lord has chosen.
- The preaching of the gospel of the kingdom will be prevailing and reach all whom the Lord desires to save.
- Fruit, even remaining fruit, will be borne in each place visited, and the Lord will add to the churches as His testimony in each of these nations.
- The Lord will fully cover the travel, safety, security, and health of all those involved.

For regular updates from the FTTA once the trips have begun, see [ftta.org/gospeltrips](http://ftta.org/gospeltrips).

## Baltic-Nordic Conference

This weekend, January 26 to 28, a conference for the saints in the Baltic and Nordic countries will be hosted by the church in Vilnius, Lithuania. The conference will cover five messages from the recent Semiannual Training on “Laboring on the All-inclusive Christ...” It is a wonderful opportunity not only to get constituted with the truth, but also for saints from different backgrounds to be blended together.

Please pray for the Lord’s rich blessing on this time of fellowship among the saints from the Baltic and Nordic countries, as well as from other Russian and English-speaking churches, for the building up of the Body of Christ.

## Bible Distribution in France

Bible distributions in France will take place from May to September in many cities associated with the Olympic torch relay and games. Our goal is to raise up golden lampstands in at least ten key cities. Please petition the Lord concerning:

- His wisdom to the brothers planning these distributions.
- His administration of the earth to bring forth the best environment for our activities in every city.
- Many French people to be open to the gospel, the truth, and fellowship.
- Praying and going from churches around the earth, including from Los Angeles.

For detailed information and an application form (due by February 28), go to [www.amanatrust.org.uk/page/2024Paris](http://www.amanatrust.org.uk/page/2024Paris).

## Announcements

1. **Morning Revival:** Week 3 of our guided reading through Genesis.
2. **Bibles for America's** recent post, [The True Nature of Our Relationship with the Lord Jesus](#), is available to read and share at [blog.bfa.org](http://blog.bfa.org).
3. **LSM Digital Resources:** Living Stream Ministry's many digital resources, including apps and free booklets, may be found at [lsm.org/daily](http://lsm.org/daily). The January 2024 newsletter features the fourth and final part of an interview with Ron Kangas concerning [the history of the Life-study publication work](#) as well as helpful fellowship on [nourishing new ones with the hymns](#).
4. **LSM Radio Programs:** *Life-study of the Bible with Witness Lee* is a 30-minute radio broadcast composed of excerpts from Brother Lee's spoken ministry that focuses on the enjoyment of the divine life as revealed in the Scriptures. The ministry portions are followed by a discussion of the portion presented, including questions and answers. For example, all 134 episodes on Genesis are available for free at [www.lsmradio.com/programs/genesis](http://www.lsmradio.com/programs/genesis).
5. **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](http://livingtohim.com/the-living-to-him-podcast).
6. **A Timely Speaking of Supply:** Enjoy a free weekly video from messages given by Brother Lee at [lsm.org/timely-speaking.html](http://lsm.org/timely-speaking.html).
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](http://www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings).