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EXCERPT FROM MINISTRY READING (THE KINGDOM CHAPTER 8): THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Consider the case of a young man who has recently been saved. Before he was saved, he was altogether in the principle of a demon. In every part of his being, he was in rebellion against God. But one day the Lord Jesus came into him. The more he says, "Hallelujah," and the more he pray-reads the Word, the more the Lord Jesus spreads within him. The more he calls, "O Lord Jesus!" the more ground the Lord occupies within him. When he calls on the Lord and praises the Lord, the Lord spreads within him. However, many times the Lord Jesus cannot get through. The Lord cannot penetrate his mentality, his thoughts. His concepts are a stronghold, and the Lord Jesus cannot get through. Part of his being is under the reigning of the Lord Jesus, but in other parts of his being, there are strongholds resisting His rule. That is rebellion and is in the principle of a demon. If the Lord Jesus cannot penetrate this stronghold after a few attempts, this young man will lose his appetite for praying, for reading the Word, and for calling on the name of the Lord. If He tries and cannot get through, He will wait. Perhaps after two weeks or two months or even two years, He will try once again. Perhaps this young brother will eventually receive some help from another brother and become freshly stirred up for the Lord. Because the Lord Jesus will not pass over any problem, once again He will touch the old stronghold, but this time the brother has learned the lesson and immediately gives in to the Lord, saying, "Amen Lord." The Lord Jesus gets through, and He spreads more. This means that He grows more in this young brother and occupies more ground within him. This growth is the gradual coming of the kingdom of God within him. Eventually, all his inward parts—his mind, emotion, and will—will be fully saturated by the Lord Jesus. In other words, the Lord has fully grown up in this brother. In a sense, He has reached the harvest stage within him. He is ripe, ready, and mature. He is like one of the five prudent virgins (Matt. 25). If many Christians who are seeking the Lord would be like this, the full manifestation of the kingdom would come.

Announcement:

1. Saints: For God's economy and His administration, we had established a global prayer and it has been extended to the month of May. Please dedicate time to pray. May we all pray individually, in 2s and 3s and/or corporately, better at a reserved time slot.
2. We would like to announce to you the upcoming International Memorial Day Blending Conference. it will take place online from 5/22 Friday 7 pm to 5/25 Monday noon. Please seize the opportunity, sanctify the time to join this online conference to listen to the Lord's timely speaking through the ministry.
The meeting schedule is:
Message 1: 7:00 p.m. Friday, 22 May 2020
Message 2: 10:00 a.m. Saturday, 23 May 2020
Message 3: 7:00 p.m. Saturday, 23 May 2020
Message 4: 10:00 a.m. Lord's Day, 24 May 2020
Message 5: 7:00 p.m. Lord's Day, 24 May 2020
Message 6: 10:00 a.m. Monday, 25 May 2020
There will be prophesying session following each message meeting.
3. District prayer meeting on the coming Tuesday 5/12 is scheduled at district prayer meeting on-line locations starting from 8 PM. We encourage the saints to separate time to attend.
4. Corporate pursuing this week: "The Kingdom" messages 7 & 8.
5. If you never receive the church email such as weekly prayer list, and would like to receive them, you can give your email to a serving brother in your district or small group, send an email to churchinpiscataway@gmail.com. The serving brothers will add you into the system. If you know any other saints never receive such emails, please also help pass the information to them.

Prayer Burdens:

COVID-19 Pandemic -

- A. Brother Chu Gao-Sheng and Sister Chu Jian from District B have been confirmed infected with the Covid19 virus, please pray for their recovery.
- B. Repeat the Global Watchman's Prayer for this month. This week we'll pray for the burdens listed from Day 3 to Day 9. <https://unceasinglypray.org/>
- D. For the new model of church life, the first is to pray, to make a list of gospel friends and pray for them.

The living out of Godman living during this period

- A. Pray that the Lord strengthens all the saints in this period of time to exercise to be one with Him, to have one set of living, and to experience Him and express Him more in our daily living.
- B. Pray that through our mutual care, prayer, and connection with one another daily we may build up the Body of Christ organically.

International Memorial Day Blending Conference

- A. Pray that the Lord releases His burdens and timely speaking to His recovery.
- B. Pray that the saints seize the opportunity to open to the Lord's present speaking.
- C. Pray that the Lord covers all the coordination for the need of the online conference including the prophesying sessions.

Meeting Attendance:

Small Groups (5/1~2): 167
Lord's Table (5/3): Est. 150
Prayer Meeting (5/5): 55

TESTIMONY: FRIDAY SISTERS' PRAYER TIME (continued from last week)

(Testimony 5) Since returning to the church life in Piscataway, I have been actively participating in the various gatherings in the meeting hall during the week. Every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. we have the Truth Pursuit Meeting, and Every Friday at 9:30 a.m. I would join the sisters' prayer time and have been very much enjoyed it. Through these gatherings, the sisters and I are more open to each other and have more connections in life. Since then my life and my living started to change. Now I am particularly burdened to preach the gospel to my family and friends.

Every year I would go back to Shanghai and stay there for about 2 months to take care of my elderly father, who is in his 90s, and has been saved for years because I preached the gospel to him. But due to his physical condition, he had to be in a wheelchair whenever he went out, so he wasn't able to have a normal church life. This time, however, because of the coronavirus outbreak, I talked to him on the phone about this pandemic. We discussed topics like the outbreak in the United States, the current economic situation in China, the global outbreak, and then we talked about God. When I told him that he could bring his thought to God through prayer, he immediately said he would pray for my son's health.

Before then he was a little skeptical, and he was baptized merely because I told him, "I want to honor my parents, because that is what God asks of us." Upon hearing it, he immediately said he would like to be baptized. But in fact, he didn't really know the Lord Jesus. After the baptism, two brothers often went to my house to read the Bible with him. But they stopped after 6 months. I gave him a Bible listening device, however he only listened to it like some radio station. He did not read the Bible and did not see any truth about the matter of money.

This time my father heard from somewhere that the end of the world is near, and he started to ask me if our Lord Jesus was about to come back, also what Noah's Ark was. I realized this might be a good opportunity, so I told him a lot about the gospel. This Covid19 pandemic is a good time to spread the gospel to others. We should preach the gospel to our colleagues and relatives lest they cannot be saved during the end time.

When my father asked about the Lake of Fire and the Hell, I told him it was not prepared for us. God desires all men to be saved. That is where the devil, Satan, will stay. But behold, many of my friends and relatives are still not saved and baptized into the Lord's name. Hence, I felt the heavy burden in my heart to share the gospel with them. I think the Lord's heart is to save each one of us. We don't have much time left. In this small amount of time, we should hurry up to preach the gospel. May the Lord bless us all.