

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

September 1, 2013

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- ⊗ Lord's table in Cardiff, Wales
- ⊗ BfA distribution on college campuses
- ⊗ Irvine

For additional details regarding the above prayer items, please refer to Detailed Prayer Burdens.

Bible Reading

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Morning Revival

Crystallization study of Genesis (Vol. 1),
Week 1

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: First Lord's table in Cardiff, Wales—Sept. 8

- ⊗ Pray for a strong beginning of the church life there with the blending of many saints from around the UK.

National: BfA distribution on college campuses

College campuses throughout the United States are beginning a new academic year this August and September. On many campuses, saints will set up BfA distribution tables and pass out BfA gospel tracts to contact students at the beginning of a new term.

- ⊗ Please pray that the Lord would bless this time of sowing and would spread His word broadly on the campuses.

- ⊗ Please pray that many students, especially college freshmen, would meet the saints early in the school year and be nourished and attracted by the riches in the Word and the ministry.

Local: Irvine

- ⊗ Pray for the labor in the Irvine community with the FTTA trainees and the local saints.
- ⊗ Pray that a good number of local saints will go forth that the Lord would have a way to seek out the sons of peace in this city.
- ⊗ Pray that the Lord will reach every kind of people in Irvine that He may have a proper testimony in this city.

MINISTRY PORTION FROM THE LIFE-STUDY OF GENESIS

THE LINE OF LIFE THROUGHOUT THE SCRIPTURES

In this message I have the burden to cover, as a parenthesis, the principle of the tree of life throughout the Scriptures. We have pointed out many times that almost everything in the first two chapters of Genesis has been sown there as a seed and that this seed grows gradually in the following books of the Bible, appearing as a crop in the New Testament and ripening as a harvest in the book of Revelation. This is a basic principle of the divine Word. God was very economical in writing the Bible, not wasting a single word. He used every word in a most economical way. Furthermore, God's revelation is consistent throughout the Scriptures. Therefore, whatever we find in the beginning of the Bible we also find throughout the Bible and at the end.

The record of the two trees in Genesis 2, the tree of life and the tree of knowledge, is not merely ancient history, for these two trees are still with us today. If we read the Bible carefully we will discover that throughout the Bible we have two lines—the line of the tree of life and the line of the tree of knowledge. We may refer to them in brief as the line of life and the line of knowledge. These two lines began at the book of Genesis and continue through the subsequent books of the Bible until they reach their destination. As we pointed out in message thirteen, the destination of the line of life will be the New Jerusalem, where the tree of life appears once again. The river of the water of life is also found in the New Jerusalem, for it flows throughout the entire city. Thus, the

New Jerusalem, a city of living water, is the ultimate consummation of the line of the tree of life. The line of knowledge will conclude with the lake of fire, a vivid contrast to the city of New Jerusalem. The city is a city of living water; the lake is a lake of burning fire.

According to the revelation in the Bible, we see two streams proceeding out of the throne of God. One is the stream of living water, and the other is a stream of fire. The stream of living water is revealed in Ezekiel 47 and Revelation 22. In Ezekiel living water issues out of the house of God; in Revelation 22 living water flows out of the throne of God. In Daniel 7:9-10 we see another stream, a stream of fire, flowing out of the throne of God. The living water is for reviving and watering, but the stream of fire is for judging. It courses in judgment throughout the universe. The river of water proceeds out of the throne of God and will flow all positive things into the New Jerusalem. The stream of fire issues out of the throne of God and will sweep all negative things into the lake of fire. In the beginning of the Bible we have the start of two lines, the line of life and the line of knowledge. At the end of the Bible we have two results, two consummations—the city of living water and the lake of burning fire.

Where are you and where are you going? Which line are you on? The line of life is certainly the right line, but the line of knowledge is the wrong line. As redeemed people we are surely on the right line, the line of life. However, it is possible that our walk and our

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Upcoming Events

Church-related Websites

General: churchinirvine.org

Blog: members.churchinirvine.org

Calendar: calendar.churchinirvine.org

Offerings: offerings.churchinirvine.org

YP: youngpeople.churchinirvine.org

This Week

1ST Lord's Day	☪ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts
3RD Tuesday	☪ 7:30–8:30pm Prayer meeting by districts
4TH Wednesday	☪ 7:30-9:00pm Ministry meeting at MCC Anaheim and simulcast at Hall 3
5TH Thursday	☪ 10:00–11:00am Sisters' prayer meeting at Hall 1
6TH Friday	☪ <i>Evening</i> Small groups in the homes
7TH Saturday	☪ 6:00pm Young People's meeting
8TH Lord's Day	☪ 9:30am–12:00pm Corporate Lord's Table and special fellowship at Hall 1

MINISTRY PORTION FROM THE *LIFE-STUDY OF GENESIS* (CONT'D)

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work—that is, the way we live and work for God—might be on the wrong line. Although as persons we may be on the line of life, our walk and work may be on the line of knowledge. The Bible firstly warns people to stay away from the line of knowledge and remain on or return to the line of life. Once we are saved, we are eternally saved, and our salvation is eternally secure. Nevertheless, the Bible warns us concerning our daily walk and our work for the Lord. In Galatians Paul warns us to walk in the Spirit (5:16) and to sow to the Spirit (6:7-8). Otherwise, everything we do will be consumed by fire. In 1 Corinthians 3 Paul cautions us, the builders of the churches, to be careful to build with the proper materials. If we build the church with gold, silver, and precious stones, this work will continue unto the New Jerusalem, because the New Jerusalem is a city built with gold, pearl, and precious stones. On the other hand, Paul warns us that the wood, grass, and straw are only useful for burning (1 Cor. 3:12-15). Everything that is built with those materials will be swept by the stream of fire into the lake of fire. Thus, we must be careful about ourselves, our walk, and our work. We ourselves must stay on the right

line, and our daily walk and work must also be on the right line. Then we and our work will enter the New Jerusalem. We need to be very clear about these two lines.

Many times I have been bothered by the fact that the tree of life appeared for a short while in Genesis 2 and that it was closed off from man at the end of Genesis 3. Apparently the tree of life has been closed to man; actually through the promised redemption it has been available throughout the ages for God's people to touch, enjoy, and experience. (*Life-Study of Genesis*—Message 15)

INTERNATIONAL THANKSGIVING CONFERENCE

Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord:

We would like to announce that this year's International Thanksgiving conference will be held in Schaumburg, Illinois from Thursday, November 28 through Lord's Day, December 1, 2013. We would like to extend an invitation to all the churches and individuals to participate in this gathering. The meeting schedule is as follows:

Meeting 1: Thurs., Nov. 28, 7:30 PM

Meeting 2: Fri., Nov. 29, 10:00 AM

Meeting 3: Fri., Nov. 29, 7:30 PM

Meeting 4: Sat., Nov. 30, 10:00 AM

Meeting 5: Sat., Nov. 30, 7:30 PM

Meeting 6: Lord's Day, Dec. 1, 9:30 AM

All the meetings will be held at the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel in the Schaumburg Ballroom, located at 1551 N. Thoreau Dr., Schaumburg, Illinois 60173, and will be open to the public. There will be translation into Chinese, Korean, Spanish, and Portuguese.

A special group rate of \$89.00 plus tax (14%) for single, double, triple or quad occupancy is available at the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel. For room reservations please call toll free 1-877-303-0104 or 1-847-303-4016 and request the group rate for Living Stream Ministry. For online reservations go to: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/LIVINGSTREAM>. Reservations must be made by November 10, 2013 in order to get this reduced rate. Check in is 3:00PM or earlier if rooms are available and check-out is 12:00PM. The hotel has offered a 2:00PM late check-out only on Lord's Day, December 1, 2013.

Childcare for children from kindergarten through 6th grade will be provided during the conference meetings at the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel. Please register all children attending the conference no later than November 1, 2013. All questions should be directed to 714-236-8456, emailed to register@lsm.org, faxed to 714-236-6005, or mailed to Living Stream Ministry Registration Section at 2431 W. La Palma Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92801.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ☪ **Corporate Lord's Table and Special Fellowship—Sept. 8**
- ☪ **Children's Service Fellowship—Sept. 15**

Next Lord's Day, September 8, the church will gather corporately at Hall 1 for the Lord's Table followed by a special fellowship.

There will a children's service fellowship time on Lord's Day, September 15 at 3:30pm at Hall 3. Parents, serving ones, and all other saints burdened for the children's work should plan to attend this fellowship.