

# WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

January 1, 2012

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

## Prayer Items

- ❖ Word released in the Winter Training
- ❖ Saints struggling with health conditions, unemployment, loss of family, and other personal matters.

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

## Weekly Truth Pursuit

Review of the 2011 Summer Training on the Crystallization-Study of Psalms (2)

## Morning Revival

Review of the 2011 Winter Training on the Crystallization-Study of Psalms (2)

## Lord's Table Meeting

Hall	Last Week's Attendance
Hall 1	183
Hall 2	127
Hall 3	89
TOTAL	399

## DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

### International: Word released in the Winter Training

- ❖ Pray for the word released in the Winter Training that it would operate in all the churches. Pray that in every church Zion would be built up by saints allowing the Lord to work and build Himself into their being.
- ❖ Pray that God's desire for overcomers, those living in the reality of the Body of Christ, would become the desire of His

saints that the Body of Christ would be built up for the Bride to be prepared as the army for the Lord's kingdom to be brought in.

- ❖ Pray that the prayer of Ephesians 3 would become the daily prayer of every saint in the local churches that Zion as God's habitation and corporate expression would become a reality on this earth in all the local churches.

## MESSAGE TITLES FROM THE CRYSTALLIZATION-STUDY OF PSALMS (2)

### Message 1

The Need for Christ as Our Unique Portion and Desire to Be Properly Appreciated and Exalted by Us

### Message 2

The Secret Revelation concerning the Enjoyment of Christ as the Incarnated Triune God, the God-man

### Message 3

God's Desire for Zion with Christ

### Message 4

The Highest and Fullest Experience of God—Taking God as Our Habitation, Our Eternal Dwelling Place

### Message 5

Christ's Eternal and Unchanging Existence in His Resurrection

### Message 6

The Highest Revelation of Christ

### Message 7

Christ as the Cornerstone for God's Building

### Message 8

The Functions and Blessings of God's Law as His Living Word to His Loving Seekers

### Message 9

The Preciousness of Zion and Jerusalem and the Situation of the Overcomers in Zion

### Message 10

Jehovah's Commanded Blessing of Life on Brothers Who Dwell Together in Oneness

### Message 11

The Recovery of the Earth through God's Reigning in Christ and His Kingdom

### Message 12

Offering the Consummate Praise to God for the Recovery of Christ, the House, the City, and the Earth

## BANNERS FROM THE CRYSTALLIZATION-STUDY OF PSALMS (2)

Whenever God's people exalt Christ, giving Him the preeminence in every aspect of their living, there is restoration and revival.

To take God as our habitation, our eternal dwelling place, is the highest and fullest experience of God.

God's heart is set on Zion, the city of God, with Christ within it, and on Zion we have the church as the Body of Christ and God's economy for His testimony.

The praise in the Psalms issues in the consummate praise with Hallelujahs because the earth has been fully recovered by God and brought under the reign of Christ with the kingdom.

## Upcoming Events

### Church-related Websites

**General:** churchinirvine.org  
**Blog:** churchinirvine.org/Members  
**Audio:** recentaudio.churchinirvine.org  
**Calendar:** calendar.churchinirvine.org  
**Gospel:** gospel.churchinirvine.org  
**Offerings:** offerings.churchinirvine.org  
**YA:** youngadults.churchinirvine.org  
**YP:** youngpeople.churchinirvine.org

### Online Forms

**Record baptisms:**  
 baptisms.churchinirvine.org  
**Register for user account:**  
 churchinirvine.org/register  
**Register for truth pursuit emails:**  
 truthpursuit.churchinirvine.org  
**Register for services:**  
 servicesignup.churchinirvine.org

### This Week

1 <sup>ST</sup> Lord's Day	☪ 9:30am –12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings at Halls 1, 2 and 3
3 <sup>RD</sup> Tuesday	☪ 7:30-8:30pm Church-wide corporate prayer meeting at Hall 1 (by languages)
5 <sup>TH</sup> Thursday	☪ 10:00am All-language sisters' prayer meeting at Hall 2
6 <sup>TH</sup> Friday	☪ Evening Small groups in the homes
7 <sup>TH</sup> Saturday	☪ 6:00pm Young People's meeting
8 <sup>TH</sup> Lord's Day	☪ 9:30am –12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings at Halls 1, 2 and 3

### The Preciousness of Zion and Jerusalem in the Experiences and Praises of the Saints

In the previous message we covered the first eight of the Psalms of Ascents. In this message we will consider the remaining seven, Psalms 128 through 134.

The sequence of these seven psalms is significant. Psalm 128 speaks of Jehovah's blessing to Israel from Zion and the prosperity of Jerusalem in Israel's enjoyment. Psalm 129 concerns God's righteous dealing with the persecutors of Israel and the haters of Zion. On this earth there is a people chosen by God as His elect, and this people is always persecuted. This is true of the believers today, who may be persecuted for preaching the gospel and teaching the Bible. Furthermore, Zion, the highest peak of that range of mountains, signifies the overcomers in the church, the higher ones among the believers. Just as Zion was hated, so the overcomers also are hated. But God comes in to deal righteously with those who persecute Israel and hate Zion. Israel is God's elect, and God deals with those who persecute His people, but this does not mean that Israel is perfect and sinless. On the contrary, Israel has many sins and iniquities. Thus, in Psalm 130 we have a psalm of forgiveness and redemption.

Psalm 131 indicates that after we experience God's forgiveness, we become humble. Formerly, we were proud and even haughty, thinking that we alone were right and that others were wrong. But after we are enlightened concerning our real situation, make a thorough confession, and receive God's forgiveness, we become humble. We humble our heart, lower our eyes, and our soul becomes quiet "like a weaned child with its mother" (v. 2). I have had this experience many times, realizing that I am nothing, that I have nothing, and that I can do nothing. When our heart is humbled and our soul is quiet, we are in a condition that is suitable for God to come in to rest. In such a situation God can have a resting place, a dwelling. However, when we are proud and our eyes are haughty, God has

no rest, no dwelling place, in us. Only when we are humble, calm, and quiet is the situation right for God to rise up, enter into us, and take us as His resting place. This is Zion becoming God's habitation, His resting place, as revealed in Psalm 132.

Next, Psalm 133 shows us that Zion is the unique place where the brothers can come together in unity. Zion is the uniting center. In any other place we are scattered and divided. When God has His rest, His dwelling place, in Zion, we can come to Him in Zion and dwell there in unity with the brothers. How good and how pleasant this is! It is like the fine oil, signifying the anointing, upon Aaron, and it is also like the morning dew, signifying grace, that descends from Mount Hermon to the mountains of Zion. This indicates that, as God's people, we need both the anointing and the watering. Moreover, in Zion God has a place where He can command His blessing. Therefore, in Zion we receive the commanded blessing of God, even life forever.

Finally, in Psalm 134 the children of Israel first charge the priests to praise God in the night, and then they bless the priests. Whereas the priests taught and blessed the children of Israel, here the children of Israel teach and bless the priests. This indicates that the children of Israel have become higher than the priests.

The sequence of Psalms 128 through 134 is logical and reasonable. We enjoy God's blessing from Zion and the prosperity of Jerusalem, and then God deals with those who persecute us and hate us. Nevertheless, we are sinful and need God's forgiveness. When we receive His forgiveness, we become humble, calm, and quiet, and God comes in to rest, to dwell, in us. Then we come up to Him to dwell in unity. As a result, we become Mount Zion; that is, we become the highest people, those who are even higher than the priests.

Message 42—*Life Study of Psalms*

### SAN MARCOS DOOR KNOCKING

The churches in San Diego county will continue door-knocking in the city of San Marcos to find the sons of peace for the Lord's testimony on the following dates: December 17, January 21, February 18, and March 17. The time, 3:00-5:00pm, will remain the same. All who are burdened to join are welcome.

Please email brother Chris Nerstad at cnerstad@cox.net if you need further information.

"Oh Lord bless this time of blending and increase Your testimony through the speaking and release of Your Word! Raise up Your golden lampstand in the city of San Marcos!"

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ☪ Young People's Winter Getaway

The Young People will be having their annual winter getaway in 2012. Please note the dates of the getaway have been changed to

February 3-5. Please sign up for the getaway at irvineyp.com.