

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP November 12, 2017

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Morning Revival

HWMR Crystallization-Study of Ezekiel,
Vol. 4: Week 23
(2017 Summer Training)

Bible Reading Schedule

(text and footnotes)

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	604-605	26
Tuesday	606-607	27
Wednesday	608-609	28
Thursday	610-611	29
Friday	612-613	30
Saturday	614-615	31

Truth Pursuit

Life-Study of 1 Thessalonians,
Messages 23-24

Oak Glen Project

Due Date	Goal	%
12/31/2017	\$820,000	100%
Actual Contributions		
As Of	Amount	
11/11/2017	\$708,752.33	

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: The Lord's Move in Germany

Pray for the following matters:

- ⊗ For the Lord of the harvest to continue to send more laborers for His harvest in Germany.
- ⊗ For the saints laboring in the follow up with Bible recipients that key ones would be gained and lampstands would be raised up in the surrounding areas of the major cities where Bibles were distributed.
- ⊗ For the labor on the college campuses where saints are laboring that many young German students would see a vision of the purpose of the ages and be gained for God's ultimate move.
- ⊗ For the labor among the Farsi and Arabic speaking new ones that they would be solidly established in the faith and become functioning members of the Body, serving according to God's ordained way.

Local: Participating in God's Ultimate Move

- ⊗ Pray for our increased participation in God's move by the increase in our experience of the flow of God's life.
- ⊗ Pray that in these days the level of the flow of God's life will rise and deepen by our cooperation with the Lord in giving the flow of life the preeminence in our being, in allowing the Lord to measure us to possess us and in being absolute that there would be the genuine ministry of life in our church life for God's building.

Southern California College Conference - Oak Glen (Nov. 17-19)

- ⊗ Pray for all those attending and pray that all the students would be brought freshly into the divine romance for the preparation of Christ's bride and the satisfaction of His heart's desire.

THANKSGIVING CONFERENCE INVITATION

This year's International Thanksgiving Conference will be held in Phoenix, Arizona from Thursday, Nov 23 to Lord's Day, Nov 26, 2017. We would like to extend an invitation to all the churches and individuals to participate in this gathering.

All meetings will be held at the Sheraton Grand Phoenix located at 340 N. 3rd St., Phoenix, AZ 85004.

A special group rate at the hotel is available. For room reservations, please call 800-325-3535 and request the "Living Stream Ministry

International Conference 2017" group rate. Online reservations for the special group rate can be made at: www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/livingstreamministry

The Sheraton Grand Phoenix Hotel has extended the LSM group rate for those making reservations for the 23rd through the 26th of November.

LEVITICUS READING CHALLENGE

All saints are encouraged to read Leviticus and its footnotes in preparation for the upcoming Winter Training. A table will be provided each week of a 5-day schedule (with two days to catch up) for reading the Old Testament RcV in various languages. If you follow the pages on this schedule, you will complete the reading of the entire book of Leviticus with

footnotes prior to the Winter Training. You may encourage one another to persevere in this Leviticus Reading Challenge by reading with a companion.

Leviticus	Electronic (Eng.)	English	Simp. Chin.	Trad. Chin.	Korean
11/13 Mon	Lev 7:29 ¹ -Lev 8:12	262-263	270-271	345-347	363-365
11/14 Tue	Lev 8:12 ¹ -Lev 8:36	264-265	272-273	348-349	366-367
11/15 Wed	Lev 9:1-Lev 10:3	266-267	274-275	350-352	368-370
11/16 Thu	Lev 10:3 ¹ -Lev 10:20	268-269	276-277	353-354	371-372
11/17 Fri	Lev 11:1-Lev 11:32	270-271	278-279	355-357	373-375

Upcoming Events

☉ **Thurs, Nov 23 - Lord's Day, Nov 26**
Int'l Thanksgiving Conference,
Phoenix, AZ

Church-related Websites

General: churchinirvine.org
Blog: members.churchinirvine.org
Calendar: calendar.churchinirvine.org
Offerings: offerings.churchinirvine.org
YP: youngpeople.churchinirvine.org
Children: children.churchinirvine.org

This Week

12TH Lord's Day	☉ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's table and prophesying meetings by districts
14TH Tuesday	☉ 7:30-8:30pm Prayer meeting by districts
15TH Wednesday	☉ 7:30-9:00pm Ministry meeting at MCC in Anaheim and simulcast at Hall 3
16TH Thursday	☉ 10:00-11:00am Sisters prayer meeting at Hall 3
17TH Friday	☉ Evening Small groups in the homes
18TH Saturday	☉ 6:30-9:00pm Young people's meeting
19TH Lord's Day	☉ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's table and prophesying meetings by districts

This Week's Truth Pursuit—*Life-Study of 1 Thessalonians*

<i>Message #:</i>	Message 23	Message 24
<i>Title:</i>	To be Sanctified Wholly with our Spirit, Soul, and Body Preserved Complete (1)	To be Sanctified Wholly with our Spirit, Soul, and Body Preserved Complete (2)
<i>Scriptures:</i>	1 Thes. 4:9, 13; 5:8, 16-24	1 Thes. 4:9, 13; 5:8, 16-24
<i>Verses to Pray-read:</i>	1 Thes. 5:23—"And the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly, and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."	1 Thes. 5:16-18—"Always rejoice, Unceasingly pray, In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."
<i>Radio Msg:</i>	20	21

LSM Radio Broadcasts: <http://www.lsmradio.com/audio/1and2thessalonians.html>

MINISTRY PORTION

A TRIPARTITE BEING

God certainly aspires to sanctify us wholly. He wants to preserve us in the three parts of our being—to preserve our spirit, our soul, and our body. According to 5:23, we are tripartite beings; that is, we have three parts: spirit, soul, and body.

When I was a young Christian, I learned the truth concerning man's tripartite being, and I contended for this truth. In theology this is known as trichotomy. There is also the school of dichotomy, which teaches that man is of two parts, body and soul. First Thessalonians 5:23 proves strongly that the school of dichotomy is not correct. In this verse there is a conjunction between the words spirit and soul and also between the words soul and body. This indicates that the spirit, the soul, and the body are different and distinct. Nevertheless, some teachers of the Bible claim that the words spirit and soul are synonyms. This can be compared to saying that the different members of our physical body, for example, the stomach and the liver, are the same. It is a very serious misunderstanding to claim that the soul and the spirit are synonymous.

Years ago, a missionary who believed in dichotomy came to Hong Kong to attend a conference I was holding there. After one of the meetings, he asked for a time to have fellowship with me. He told me that the conference was wonderful. Then he went on to say, "You teach that man is of three parts. I don't believe this. Man has just two parts—the visible part and the invisible part." I replied, "Brother, to say that man is of three parts is not my teaching; it is the teaching in the Bible. What would you say about 1 Thessalonians 5:23? In this verse Paul speaks of the spirit and the soul and the body, three nouns with two conjunctions. How can you say that man is of only two parts?" He answered, "I know this verse, but I don't believe that the spirit and the soul are two different things." Then I said to him, "Brother, this means that you don't believe the Bible." He then claimed that he believed the Bible to the uttermost and that no matter what I would say, he would continue to

believe that the spirit and the soul are synonyms. At that point I said, "If you think that the spirit and the soul are synonymous, this is like saying that the nose and the mouth are the same. If you want to believe this, I won't argue with you. But to me, the mouth is the mouth, and the nose is the nose. Do you say things with your nose, or do you smell things with your mouth?"

I relate this incident to point out that there is a big difference between the spirit and the soul. The spirit and the soul are not synonymous. Rather, the spirit is the spirit, and the soul is the soul. Just as the nose and the mouth are different organs with different functions, so the spirit and the soul are different organs and have different functions. First Thessalonians 5:23 speaks of the spirit and the soul and the body. This indicates clearly that we are of three parts.

— *Life-study of 1 Thessalonians*, Message 23