

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

July 1, 2018

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Morning Revival

2018 Summer Training on Leviticus

Bible Reading Schedule

(text and footnotes)

2018 Summer Training on Leviticus

Truth Pursuit

2018 Summer Training on Leviticus

Oak Glen Project

Due Date	Goal	%
12/31/2017	\$820,000	100%
Actual Contributions		
As Of	Amount	
6/30/2018	\$823,516.68	

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: Summer Training — Crystallization Study of Leviticus

- ⊗ Pray for the full release of the Lord's burden in this training through the ministry of the Word.
- ⊗ Pray for the speaking brothers and pray for an atmosphere of seeking the Lord's speaking among the saints attending both the live training and the webcast.
- ⊗ Pray that there would be much blending in the fellowship of life among the saints through the study sessions and the hospitality that would issue in the building up of the Body.

- ⊗ Pray for the travel and practical services that everything related to the training would be under the Lord's blessing for the release of His word to the churches.

SUMMER TRAINING 2018

One of the greatest blessings to the Lord's recovery has been the semi-annual trainings. This week we will enjoy the 2018 Summer Training to be held in Anaheim and by simulcast in Irvine (Hall 3 for English & Korean-speaking; Hall 1 for Chinese-speaking). As a reminder to all those who are registered, the afternoon and evening sessions start at 4:00pm and 7:30pm, respectively.

Due to the special nature of the trainings (as opposed to church conferences), specific regulations do apply. For instance, we are required to be in our seats 5 minutes early. If we are unable to participate in a training session, we must notify in advance the brothers designated as "attendance coordinators."

Saints participating in the training are also required to study the training messages in groups of 8-10. Where the situation permits, these study times should take place in a nearby home, but those who are unable to study in the homes can study at Hall 1 throughout the week from 9am-12pm.

All college and high school students participating in the training must attend a study session held daily at the LSM campus in Anaheim from 9:00-11:30am.

May the Lord bless the upcoming training with His fresh and up-to-date speaking!

Open Meetings

There will be NO open meetings in the live training in Anaheim. However, we are allowed to have three open meetings in the webcast in Irvine, and these will be the last three messages of the training: **the evening meeting only for Friday, July 6, and the afternoon and evening meetings for Saturday, July 7.**

MINISTRY PORTION

THE CONSECRATION OF AARON AND HIS SONS (1)

The first seven chapters of Leviticus describe five categories of offerings: the burnt offering, the meal offering, the peace offering, the sin offering, and the trespass offering. Then five kinds of laws are given concerning the application of the five kinds of offerings. The result of the application of these offerings is peace. Peace is the totality of what Christ is to us with God. Under Christ's redemption,

we are enjoying Christ as a totality, and this totality is peace, which implies rest, enjoyment, and satisfaction.

After the record of the offerings, Leviticus describes the consecration of the priesthood. This indicates that the offerings in chapters one through seven are for the consecration, or ordination, of the priests.

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Upcoming Events

- ☉ **Monday, July 2 - Saturday, July 7**
Summer Training 2018, Anaheim, CA
- ☉ **Monday, July 9 - Lord's Day, July 15**
Summer College Training, Oak Glen
- ☉ **Monday, July 16 - Saturday, July 21**
Summer Bible Camp, Hall 1

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

1ST Lord's Day	☉ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's table and prophesying meetings by districts
2ND Monday	☉ 4:00-6:00pm Message 1 of Summer Training ☉ 7:30-9:30pm Message 2 of Summer Training
3RD Tuesday	☉ 4:00-6:00pm Message 3 of Summer Training ☉ 7:30-9:30pm Message 4 of Summer Training
4TH Wednesday	☉ 4:00-6:00pm Message 5 of Summer Training ☉ 7:30-9:30pm Message 6 of Summer Training
5TH Thursday	☉ 4:00-6:00pm Message 7 of Summer Training ☉ 7:30-9:30pm Message 8 of Summer Training
6TH Friday	☉ 4:00-6:00pm Message 9 of Summer Training ☉ 7:30-9:30pm Message 10 of Summer Training
7TH Saturday	☉ 4:00-6:00pm Message 11 of Summer Training ☉ 7:30-9:30pm Message 12 of Summer Training
8TH Lord's Day	☉ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's table and prophesying meetings by districts

MINISTRY PORTION (CONT'D)

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According to the spiritual significance of this book, we all are priests. We have been reborn, regenerated, to be priests (Rev. 1:6; 5:10). As long as we have been regenerated, we are the real priests. However, we need a day of consecration on which we give ourselves to God and say, "Lord, I am Yours because You bought me. You redeemed me with Your blood, and You have regenerated me. Now that I have Your life and the enjoyment of Your redemption, I would like to offer myself to You. I give myself to You to serve You as Your servant, even as Your slave." God will immediately accept our offer and ordain us to be His serving ones, His priests. Thus, consecration is on our side, and ordination is on God's side.

Leviticus is not a book for ordinary people; it is a book for priests. Since we have been sanctified and separated from ordinary people, we are no longer common. We are a particular people—we are priests. All the offerings refer to Christ, and whatever Christ is to us and does for us is to constitute us priests. This constitution is the divine ordination.

God constitutes us to be something different from what we are by our natural birth. In our first birth, our original birth, we were constituted sinners (Rom. 5:19). Regardless of their class or social status, all human beings have been constituted sinners. All are sinners by birth. But through our second birth, we who believe in Christ have been constituted priests. Now we need our consecration and God's ordination to make our priesthood official.

—*Life-Study of Leviticus*, Message 28

THE CONSECRATION OF AARON AND HIS SONS (2)

In the consecration of the priesthood, the first thing carried out was the anointing of the priests. This indicates strongly that the consecration or anointing of the priesthood is to make God one with us, for the anointing oil signifies that whatever God is, whatever He does, and whatever He will do are ours. What God has done, what He is doing, and what He will do involve many things, such as Christ's incarnation, human living, death, resurrection, ascension, and coming back. All this has been anointed upon us, that is, made one with us. This is the positive side of the ordination of the priesthood.

In the consecration of Aaron and his sons, the offerings immediately followed the anointing. The offerings remind us of who and what we are, and of what we should be yet are not.

The sin offering is the first to do such a reminding. Aaron had been anointed with the anointing oil, which signifies that the Triune God with all that He is, has done, and will do

was now Aaron's. This anointing also indicates that Aaron was one with the Triune God. However, this anointed one still needed a strong reminding that by himself and in himself he was sin, a sin-constituted sinner, and flesh with nothing good in him; that he was a natural man, a part of the old creation, which is absolutely saturated, possessed, usurped, and indwelt by the evil one; and that he was filled with the world and the power struggle.

The Triune God had ordained Aaron to be His serving one and had anointed him with Himself. However, Aaron still needed to realize what he was. Thus, God used the sin offering to remind him of what he was. On the first day of Aaron's priesthood and every day thereafter, he had to offer the sin offering to God so that he would be reminded of what he was.

We today are God's priests. He has chosen, appointed, and ordained us to be His holy priests. Whatever the Triune God has done, is doing, and will do is ours. He is one with us, and we are one with Him. However, we still need to be reminded that, in ourselves, we are sin, flesh, and the old man, that we are the old creation, which is saturated with Satan, the evil one, and that we are filled with the world and its power struggle. If every day and all during the day the brothers, co-workers, and elders would remember this, being reminded of what they are, the situation among us would be different.

Concerning our life and work, we need to ask ourselves whether the one moving, acting, and doing things is the old man or God's priest. Do you have the assurance to say that whatever you are doing in the church life, in the Lord's work, and in the recovery is of the divine priesthood and not of the flesh? Who can say that his hands are clean and that he is absolutely free from the flesh? Because we cannot say this, we need the sin offering as it is typified in Leviticus. We need this offering not only to be forgiven by God but also to be reminded of what we are. Even in loving others we need to be reminded that we are sin, flesh, the old man, and the old creation and that we are filled with worldliness. If we love others according to our flesh, taste, and choice, our love is sinful in the eyes of God, for such a love is linked to the evil one. Furthermore, as we pray and share in the meetings, we may have thoughts that come from the flesh, where sin is hidden and where Satan moves secretly. This is our actual situation. Thus, we need the sin offering not only at the time of our ordination as priests but also every time we practice our priesthood.

—*Life-Study of Leviticus*, Message 29