

Week of December 8

Experiencing and Enjoying God as Our Father

“Paul and Silvanus and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” (2 Thes. 1:1)

“Yet to us there is one God, the Father, out from whom are all things, and we are unto Him.” (1 Cor. 8:6a)

The Father’s house, the church, is in God the Father. For the church to be in God the Father, God must become the Father to us, and we need to have a life relationship with Him. We can call God our Father because we have been born of Him, and now, as His children, we have a life relationship with Him (Rom. 8:15-16).

For the church to be in God the Father means that the church is in the One who is the unique source, the Originator and Initiator. To know God as the Father is to know that everything originates from Him and that everything proceeds from Him. In the church life the Father should be the unique source, and we all should be in His unique purpose and plan. (*Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (1)*, msg. 11, III, A, 4, B, 1-2)

May we all advance in our experience and enjoyment of God as our Father to be built up as His house for His dwelling and expression.

Living the Kingdom Life by Living a Hidden Life

“When you pray, enter into your private room, and shut your door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.” (Matt. 6:6)

“And after He sent the crowds away, He went up to the mountain privately to pray. And when night fell, He was there alone.” (Matt. 14:23)

We have to learn to leave the crowds, our family, our friends, and the saints in the church to go to a higher level on a “high mountain”; we have to get to a higher level, separated from the crowd and the earthly things, to be with the Father privately and secretly to have intimate fellowship with Him. Our Father is in secret, and He sees in secret; the kingdom people, as children of the heavenly Father, must live in and care for the Father’s secret and hidden presence. The kingdom people must have some experience of prayer in their private room, contacting their heavenly Father in secret, experiencing some secret enjoyment of the Father, and receiving some secret answer from Him. (October 2024 ITERO, *Living in the Reality of the Kingdom of God*, msg. 2, I.B.3, II.A, F)

May all of us follow the secret pattern of our Lord!

Germany – University Conference Follow-up

The Lord brought together 191 students and serving ones, primarily from Germany, Austria, and Switzerland, to be under His speaking this past weekend at Gut Elim. The subject of the conference was “Eat and Live,” and the messages traced the journey of the children of Israel from being slaves in Egypt to entering the good land, with a major underlying burden being the three stages of eating in our Christian life—eating Christ as the Passover lamb, eating Christ as the heavenly manna, and eating Christ as the produce of the good land. Please pray:

- That the Lord’s hand will follow His word.
- That those who joined the conference will mix the word they heard with faith so that it will profit them.
- That the Lord will continue to work in this generation of young people to prepare for Himself a people who will match Him in His ultimate move at the end of this age.

Iberian Peninsula Conference

This year’s Iberian Peninsula Conference will take place December 13 to 15 in Torremolinos (Málaga), Spain. Please pray for the blending of the saints and Lord’s timely speaking for the advance of the Lord’s move on the Iberian Peninsula.

Luxembourg

Luxembourg is a small country bordered by France, Belgium, and Germany. From late July to early September, there were five gospel trips to Luxembourg as part of the Lord's move in Francophone Europe. Since then there have been short-term visiting saints for shepherding the contacts made during the summer and meeting with the family already solidly in the recovery.

In late November a couple from Brazil arrived for longer term shepherding, since a number of contacts are from Portugal. They have already had multiple good appointments. Ask the Lord to supply the couple with the apartment they need and to open more appointments with contacts there. May the Lord gain a solid testimony in Luxembourg!

Tajikistan

Tajikistan is a secular Muslim country in Central Asia with a population of 9 million. The main language is Tajik, but most people are also fluent in Russian. The largest city is the capital, Dushanbe. Please pray that the Lord would bless the promotion of Rhema books and give the saints wisdom to be sowers of the divine word. Also pray for the door of the gospel to be opened on campus and for the gaining of high-quality students, that the saints can bear at least four remaining fruit in the new year.

Announcements

1. **Morning Revival:** Week 11 of *Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (1)*.
2. **Wednesday Night Ministry Meeting:** The ministry meeting continues this Wednesday 7:25 pm.
3. **Thanksgiving Conference:** Recordings are on lsmwebcast.com at no charge until December 31.
4. **FTTA:** The graduation meeting of the Fall 2024 class will be Saturday, December 21 at 9:30 am.
5. **A Timely Speaking of Supply:** Enjoy a free weekly video from messages given by Brother Lee at lsm.org/timely-speaking.html.
6. **LSM Digital Resources:** Living Stream Ministry's many digital resources, including newsletters and free booklets, may be enjoyed at lsm.org/daily.
7. **GTCA:** To learn more about the burden for migration within North America, visit gtca.us.
8. **Ways to Give:** Information about the church's online giving platform, Subsplash, and where to mail checks, are at www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings.