

# Week of September 18

## Having a Thoroughfare in our Being

“And He said to me, Son of man, feed your stomach and fill your inward parts with this scroll that I am giving you. And I ate it, and it was like honey in my mouth in its sweetness.” (Ezek. 3:3)

“But the word heard did not profit them, not being mixed together with faith in those who heard.” (Heb. 4:2b)

As we eat the Lord Jesus by eating His words, we need to have proper spiritual digestion. If we have good digestion, there will be a thoroughfare for the food to get into every part of our inward being. Indigestion means that there is no way for the Lord as the spiritual food to get through into our inward parts. We need to keep our whole being, with all our inward parts, open to the Lord so that the spiritual food will have a thoroughfare within us. If we do this, we will have proper digestion and assimilation, we will absorb Christ as spiritual nourishment, and Christ will become our constituent for the expression of God. (*Taking the Way of Enjoying Christ as the Tree of Life*, msg. 5, II, B, 1-3).

## Southern California Special Training on the Eldership

A new term of the special training on the eldership for elders and responsible brothers in Southern California began last Saturday, September 17 on Zoom. Through regular corporate gatherings, group times, and personal study, the ongoing burden is to strengthen the present eldership and responsible brothers in the churches, to perfect and raise up the next generation of leading brothers, and to gradually bring more younger brothers into a functioning role in an organic way. Please pray:

1. For the Lord to abundantly grace and strengthen all the participants—both new and returning ones—and become their perseverance and faithfulness to present themselves absolutely to this training.
2. That an unprecedented one accord among the churches in Southern California will be ushered in as all the brothers are attuned in the same mind and in the same opinion.
3. That the Lord will bless this ongoing training so that all participants will be perfected further for the Lord’s testimony in Southern California and for the building up of the church, the Body of Christ.

## UCLA

This week is UCLA’s welcome week. Please fight the battle with us in prayer for:

- Multiple occasions to see many new freshmen face to face through this first week on campus.
- Solid connections and companionships to be formed with seeking and open students.
- The Lord’s shepherding and feeding of new students at our first Bible study and large group fellowship.
- All those participating in the gospel outreach this week to be kept from the evil one and for Satan to be bound so that his house can be plundered.

## Central and Eastern European and Balkans Blending Conference

This year’s CEEB Conference will be held in Bucharest, Romania from September 23 to 25. The four sessions of speaking will be from the recent Memorial Day Conference on “Taking the Way of Enjoying Christ as the Tree of Life.” Countries represented include Poland, Czechia, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Croatia, Serbia, Albania, Bulgaria, Greece, and Turkey.

We look to the Lord for an encouraging, supplying and comforting word to the churches and saints in these regions that are being directly affected by the current world situation. Please pray for the Lord’s timely speaking to lead all the saints to take the unique way of enjoying Christ as the tree of life.

## Ukraine

Please continue to pray that:

- The Lord will continue to use the fourth cycle of gospel and shepherding trips (September 8 to 25) to care for the Ukrainian refugees in Poland in Warsaw, Krakow, and Wrocław (pronounced *Vroh-tswaf*).
- The local saints, serving ones, and trainees will be blended with the Ukrainian refugees for the strengthening and building up of the Lord’s testimony in key European cities.

- The saints in Russia and Ukraine will be kept in the oneness of the Body and the reality of the new man, where Christ is all the members and in all the members.
- The tripartite being of the saints in the besieged cities will be protected and preserved for the Lord's interests.

## India

In answer to the Body's prayer and the supply from the Lord through the Body, the printed copies of the NT Recovery Version in the Indian languages of Malayalam, Mizo, Tamil and Telugu are now available! We praise and thank the Lord for His sovereignty and blessing over the entire project. Distribution is now being carried out: initially, since July, to the saints in the Lord's recovery speaking these languages, then to those in various Christian groups. With the burden to help our readers get the maximum benefit, we have started a weekly presentation for each language group, highlighting certain changes with a view to preparing the readers to receive the Recovery Version with an open heart.

We trust the Lord that the availability of the interpreted Word will uplift the level of truth in India and pave the way for the Lord to move further and faster in a fuller way. Please pray for the Lord to bless the ongoing distribution of the NT Recovery Version in India and for the readers of these Bibles to be brought into the full knowledge of the truth (1 Tim. 2:4).

To read encouraging testimonies from readers, see the September issue of LSM's newsletter at [newsletters.lsm.org/having-this-ministry](http://newsletters.lsm.org/having-this-ministry).

## North Africa

North Africa consists of Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, Mauritania, and Western Sahara. Cairo, Egypt remains the only lampstand in the region. While the church there is still small, there is something solid for the Lord: three local saints have gone through FTT Pretoria and a fourth started his first term last month. May the Lord cause the local saints to send their roots downward so that they can bear fruit upwards (2 Kings 19:30) this coming year!

To read more about the church life in Cairo and the Arabic publication work, see the August issue of the Lord's Move to Africa newsletter in English or Chinese at [www.lmafrica.org](http://www.lmafrica.org).

## Announcements

1. **Morning Revival:** Week 5 of *Taking the Way of Enjoying Christ as the Tree of Life*.
2. **Wednesday Night Ministry Meeting:** Live broadcast this Wednesday 7:25 pm at [lsm.org/live](http://lsm.org/live).
3. **Benson Phillips Memorial Meetings:** The video recording of Brother Benson's memorial meeting in Irving, TX on September 11 is available at [www.memorial-meeting.org](http://www.memorial-meeting.org), along with an earlier video of his personal testimony. A second memorial meeting will be held on October 9 in Anaheim.
4. **SoCal Labor Day Conference:** Recordings are available at [churchinanaheim.org/laborday](http://churchinanaheim.org/laborday).
5. **LSM Newsletter:** The September issue of "*Having This Ministry...*" also contains helpful fellowship on the purpose of training donations, maintaining the standard of video trainings, and praying for the semiannual trainings. Go to [newsletters.lsm.org/having-this-ministry](http://newsletters.lsm.org/having-this-ministry).
6. **Thanksgiving Conference:** Saints from LA planning to attend the in-person sessions November 24 to 27 in Washington, DC are asked to RSVP by October 31 at [tinyurl.com/thanksgivingconfla](http://tinyurl.com/thanksgivingconfla) (adults) and [tinyurl.com/thanksgivingchildrenla](http://tinyurl.com/thanksgivingchildrenla) (children). All conference and hotel information is posted at [www.churchinlosangeles.org/prayer](http://www.churchinlosangeles.org/prayer).
7. **Bibles for America's** latest post is available to read and share at [blog.biblesforamerica.org](http://blog.biblesforamerica.org).
8. **A Timely Speaking of Supply:** Enjoy a free weekly video from messages given by Brother Lee at [lsm.org/timely-speaking.html](http://lsm.org/timely-speaking.html).
9. **Ways to Give:** Information about the church's online giving platform, Subsplash, and where to mail checks, are at [www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offering](http://www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offering).