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EXCERPT FROM MINISTRY READING (THE KINGDOM CHAPTER 18):

TRANSFORMATION—ITS DEVELOPMENT IN THE EPISTLES

PAYING THE PRICE

God is very wise, and He knows how to deal with us. God does not ask us to pay anything for the first step. Both the first step and the last step are free. However, we must pay for the second step. Although we are poor and have nothing worth selling, we nevertheless must pay something. For example, if the sisters would give up their love for shopping, the Lord Jesus would fill them up. Do not think that shopping is an insignificant thing. You cannot imagine how much the sisters are killed by their shopping! Suppose a sister is in a department store looking at a piece of material. The more she looks, the more the Lord within says, "Don't touch it." However, she continues to look at it and then buys it. For at least three days she will be unable to pray. However, if she would drop her buying, on the way home she would be shouting and praising the Lord, saying, "Hallelujah! Christ is Victor!" If you pay something, you will get something. If you pay the price of giving up shopping, you will gain more oil.

Sometimes it is easy for brothers to debate over doctrines and experiences. However, the more you debate, the more you lose. You must pay the price to give up debating. If you do this, immediately you will gain more oil. It is easy for the sisters to gossip and to talk about others. You need to pay the price of giving up gossiping. If you will give it up, you will gain more oil.

COOPERATING WITH THE LORD

If we are faithful in matters such as these, we will be giving the Lord the best cooperation. This means that we are opening ourselves to allow the Lord to spread into our being little by little. In this way He will saturate us, transform us, fill us, and make His home in our heart. We will gain an extra portion of oil in our vessel. Unfortunately, few Christians pay the price of offering the Lord the proper coordination. Although they may study the Bible or speak in tongues, they have little inward change and little inward transformation in life. Matthew, which is a book of seeds, does not emphasize teachings and gifts, and neither does such a basic book as Ephesians. Eventually, in Revelation, the book of harvest, there are no teachings and gifts, but there is life. There is the river of life flowing and the tree of life growing. This flowing and growing of life requires our cooperation. The seed cannot grow without proper coordination. What is proper coordination? It simply means to eliminate the rocks, uproot the thorns, and make yourself the good ground. If you cooperate with the Lord, He will take the opportunity to spread Himself into every part of your being by the flowing of the river of life and the growing of the tree of life. By this you will be transformed, and the Triune God will saturate your whole inward being.

Actually, only one thing is crucial in God's economy: the Triune God working Himself into your being. Everything must serve God's intention of working Himself into our being and saturating us with the all-inclusive Spirit. First God enters our spirit, and then He spreads into our soul until finally we are matured in Christ as life. This maturity is the full coming, the full manifestation, of the kingdom.

Announcement:

1. 2020 June semiannual training is scheduled 6/29-7/8 and it is open for registration. An email with registration link was broadcast lately and the registration due date is tomorrow 6/15 and you may contact brothers Minjing or Kyle if you have not received this email.
2. District prayer meeting on the coming Tuesday 6/16 is scheduled at district prayer meeting on-line locations starting from 8 PM. We encourage the saints to separate time to attend.
3. Corporate pursuing this week: "The Kingdom" messages 17 & 18.
4. 2020 North America College Training is scheduled for 7/9-19 online. We will make a further announcement with greater detail in the next few weeks.
5. 2020 Northeast Young People Summer School of Truth is open for registration now.
Topic: God's Full Salvation (Young People Lesson Book 1)
Dates: Same for both junior high and high schoolers.
Week 1: Monday, 7/27 - Friday, 7/31.
Week 2: Monday, 8/3 - Friday, 8/7. Conference: Saturday, 8/8
6. A summer college internship between NY/NJ will take place 7/9-8/8. This internship will be an opportunity for the college students (including the graduating HS seniors) to advance in their experience of life, be constituted in the truth, be perfected in service, and be burdened for the gospel. More information is available. Registration will end soon. Please contact brother Vedens for details.

Prayer Burdens:

2020 June Semi Annual Training -

- A. Pray for more saints to register for the training.
- B. Pray for the release of God's timely word.

Conferences and Trainings in the Summer -

- College Training, YP Summer School of Truth, Summer Intern
- A. Pray for more saints to sign up and participate.
 - B. Pray for all the preparation and coordination.
 - C. Pray that the Lord would prepare each one's heart to receive the fresh and living word.

Children and Children Service

- A. Children enjoy online meeting, meeting with others.
- B. Parents have the burden to take care of their children in God's will.
- C. Pray for a planned fellowship with children's parents.

Meeting Attendance:

Small Groups (6/5~6/6): 178
Lord's Table (6/7): 145
Prayer Meeting (6/9): 64

Sahring The Enjoyment: RU Student Summer Bible Reading

In order to redeem the time during the quarantine days, from the beginning of the summer break, the students and some serving ones have been reading the Bible daily in groups of 3 to 5. Below is the sharing from one of the students:

Hello friends! Reading the book of Joshua in small groups has been very enjoyable. Even though we have been stuck at home, through the use of modern-day technology we are still able to gather and enjoy the Lord!

The story in the book of Joshua has some good lessons for us to apply in our daily living. Even though Jehovah already brought the children of Isreal to the good land, they still had to go in and take the land. Similarly, Christ is already ours to enjoy but we can't just sit on a couch eating high carb foods and sugary treats. We must be active in our relationship with Him. Jehovah didn't force the children of Israel into the land and He will not force us to enjoy Him. Before the battle of Jericho, Joshua saw a vision of Christ as the Captain of the army of Jehovah (Josh 5:13-15). The children of Israel did not have to do much to defeat Jericho. This shows if we believe Him, are willing to seek Him out He will be there for us.

Basking Ridge Children Meeting: Let The Children Meet God (Part 2)

(Continued from last week) Another important point of children's parties is fun and interactivity. Interesting content allows children to better understand what the Bible says in their happiness. Interactivity refers to letting children not only act as spectators, but actually participate in each gathering activity. For this we have designed a variety of games.

Weighing game: prepare a series of household items, such as an apple and a spoon, and use an electronic scale to weigh on the spot, let the children guess the weight of the item, so that we can intuitively let the children understand that the items have different materials and weights, The Bible mentions the need to have gold, silver, and gemstones to build your own projects. Don't use wood, grass, or straw. Encourage children to develop a disposition and character that delight God's heart from an early age.

Fruit and vegetable listing game: Ask children to prepare the names of fruits and vegetables in advance. During the game, let the children take turns to say the name of a fruit and vegetable. The children were very happy and enjoyed the pictures such as the world's largest watermelon, and also realized God's amazing creation power. The theme we introduce is that Christ and the church are our good land, rich in production, and we need to be rooted in the Lord.

Animal listing Game: Similar to the Fruit game, the children have listed more than sixty animal names. We also watched cute animal pictures together and guessed the animal's name. The biblical theme we introduced is that God created the spirit in man. The difference between us and animals is that there is a spirit in us. We have to learn to use spirit to communicate with God.

Drawing and guessing game: Ask the children to quickly draw an animal on site. Everyone except the drawer doesn't know the name of the animal. Let's guess the animal by looking at the picture together. The children showed a very cute drawing style and imagery. In the laughter, we tell the children that in fact we are created in the image of God, and God longs for us to show the divine nature, that is, love, light ,holiness and righteousness. We need to express God by eating the tree of life and accepting God's life as a human being, so that people can get the reality of God.

On Tuesday, we have told the story of Daniel and David. We will tell more stories in the Bible. We also folded small paper boat and told the story of Lord Jesus calming the wind and sea. We folded small lily and told the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit; and folded the paper lantern and told that God is light.

Next we will introduce more games and themes. We will play word games, discuss the formation of colors, talk about astronomy and geography, and talk about important topics in the Bible such as the Tower of Babel, Noah's Ark, Temple, Jonah, Ark of Covenant, etc..

We deeply feel that the children's party can be full of fun and educational entertaining. And every child has a pure heart, which is open to the Lord. We are very eager to have more fellowship with other saints involved in the children service and encourage each other.

May the Lord bless every children's meeting!

