Excerpt from Ministry Reading (The LS of Deuteronomy chapter 8): LOVE GOD AND SERVE GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND SOUL

Deuteronomy 10:12 says, "Now, O Israel, what does Jehovah your God ask of you except that you fear Jehovah your God so that you would walk in all His ways and love Him and serve Jehovah your God with all your heart and with all your soul." First, Moses speaks here of fearing God. We all must have a proper fear of God. However, it seems that today many people, claiming that they are free, do not fear anything or anyone, including God. This lack of fear is terrible; it is the source of all kinds of lawlessness. The young people should recognize that, according to God's ordination, there is authority in the family, in society, and in the church. In whatever we do, say, and think, we all need to fear God. He is observing us and knows where we are and what we are doing. Eventually, we will reap a harvest from what we sow, and we will eat the fruit of this harvest. When we fear God, we will walk in His ways. God's ways are actually what God is. This means that whatever God is, is a way to us. God is love, and this love is a way in which we should walk.

In Deuteronomy 10:12 Moses also charged the people to love God. This word love implies a great deal. For instance, it implies the matter of affection, which is something very tender. God Himself has set an example of loving by setting His affection on His people. Moses refers to this in verses 14 and 15. "Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens belong to Jehovah your God, the earth and all that is in it. But on your fathers Jehovah set His affection to love them and to choose their seed after them, that is, you above all the peoples, as it is this day." Now we should love God by setting our affection on Him.

In verse 12 Moses speaks of loving and serving God with all our heart and with all our soul. Our heart is linked to our spirit, for our conscience, which is of our spirit, is also a part of our heart. Thus, to love and serve God with all our heart and soul indicates that we love and serve Him also with our spirit. Furthermore, according to 6:5, we are to love Him also with all our might, that is, with our physical strength. Today, if we would serve God by practicing the new way, we need to serve with our spirit and with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our strength. To visit people in order to get them saved and baptized and then to care for them afterward requires all our heart, soul, and strength.

Prayer Burdens:

1. Godman Family Blending Follow Up-

Pray for the Lord to continue releasing the burden for the God-man living. May we all experience Him and express Him in our daily life, family life, and work. And also through our mutual care, prayer, and connection with one another daily we may build up the Body of Christ organically.

2. International Chinese-speaking Conference -

- A. The Lord release His timely speaking for His recovery.
- B. Saints seize the opportunity to be under His direct speaking and blended in His Body
- C. Especially the participation of students and young working saints including those at Rutgers, in Piscataway and in NJ.
- D. Pray for the health of all the senior coworkers: May they be guarded from any illness and may nothing frustrates the release of the ministry of life to the Body.

3. GTCA -

Please pray for the upcoming gospel trips to the GTCA cities this month. May the Lord gain the genuine seekers for His testimony in these key cities in the USA. (Visit gtca.us/2020 for more info)

Annoucement:

- 1 District prayer meeting on the coming Tuesday 1/28 is scheduled at district meeting locations starting from 8 PM. We encourage the saints to separate time to attend.
- 2 Corporate book pursuit this week: Life Study of Derteronomy (Chapter 7~8).
- 3 2020 International Chinese-speaking Spring conference is scheduled for 2/14-16 at Anaheim, CA. We hope at least 200 saints from NJ and NY can attend this conference. There will be translation service into English, Spanish, Korean and Portuguese. Children service will be provided from K-6 grade. For hospitality, you may register at www.2020icsc.org.
- 4 Staring from Monday 1/27, we are entering into a new monring revival of the past Thanksgiving conference. For those saints who have standing order, you may received them from serving ones. There are also a few hard copies for saints to purchase.
- 5 There will be a one-day Sisters Blending Conference on Saturday, February 29, 2020 from 9:00am to 5:30pm in Hall 1 of the church in NYC located at 87-60 Chevy Chase Street, Jamaica Estates, NY 11432. Registration will be handled online. The deadline for registration is February 17.

6. Service schedule:

	1/26	2/2
Food	P7, HP	P1, P8
Cleaning	P4/5, BW	P7, HP

Meeting Attendance:

Small Groups (1/17~18): 117 Lord's Table (1/19): 134 Prayer Meeting (1/21): 38

Service Update (RU Campus Work)



that is in it. This week marked the beginning of the spring 2020 semester at Rutgers University. On Monday January 20th, the students along with serving ones, gathered together at the meeting hall for a time of pre-semester fellowship. The burden of this time was for the students to begin the new year together in an atmosphere of prayer, singing and opening to the Lord to seek His face. Inspired by Brother Lee's "God's Need and God's Goal", the students sought the Lord privately by reviewing their past and present spiritual condition before the Lord. Followed by this was an overview of this semester's calendar and announcing events such as tabling, which would take place for the next three days.





On Tuesday the students took to campus for the presentation of the Christians on Campus club on the College Avenue Campus. Wednesday and Thursday the tabling was held on the Livingston campus. Despite the cold weather, the students showed up to preach the gospel on campus while others had to remain inside the student centers to man the table. In three days, a total of nine new students signed up, one was led to prayer, and one follow up appointment was established. The follow up appointment was with a young man named Aldo, who is a junior at Rutgers studying Mathematics. He was very open and is willing to meet again for another appointment!

Overall, this was a great start to the semester as our students had experiences of preaching the gospel, passing out flyers, tabling and going out to contact people. There will be a Kick-Off Dinner & Fellowship on Wednesday, January 29th at 7PM in the Livingston Student Center Gathering Lounge. Also, next week the students will continue to table on the Busch campus in hopes of contacting new ones. May the Lord continue to bless all the labor and activities on the campus and gain what He is after.

Please pray for the campus work in Rutgers:

1. New Begining

Pray that all the students would have a new spiritual beginning for this new semester and new year.

2. Spiritual Companion

Please pray for all the students to continue to develop their roots downward and bear fruit upward. In addition, pray for our students to strengthen their companionships in 3 layers - peers, younger, and older saints.

3. Campus Gospel

Pray for the gospel on the campus, that we would gain remaining fruit from the hungry believers and the sons of peace.