

THE CHURCH IN HAMILTON NEWSLETTER

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Morning Revival Schedule

God's Economy in Faith

Week beginning: 1 Aug – Week 2: The Intrinsic Significance of Faith

Reading Schedule for the Recovery Version of the New Testament (with Footnotes)

Mon	Matthew 11:1-15	Matt. 12:22 ¹ A blind and dumb man signifies one who is without spiritual sight, i.e., who is unable to see God and spiritual things, and who, for this reason, is unable to praise God and speak for God. This is the real condition of all fallen people.
Tue	Matthew 11:16-30	
Wed	Matthew 12:1-14	
Thu	Matthew 12:15-32	
Fri	Matthew 12:33-42	
Sat	Matthew 12:43-13:2	
Ld	Matthew 13:3-12	

Today's Radio Broadcast

Time of Broadcast: 2:30 pm on Free FM 89.0 MHz
Life-Study of 1 & 2 Samuel #16 God's Sovereignty and David's Taking the Lessons of the Cross

International Prayer Burden

Mon	Italy	Please pray for raising up many open homes to nourish new ones, shepherd young ones and perfect the saints in these countries.
Tue	Spain	
Wed	UK	
Thu	Japan	
Fri	India	
Sat	Brazil	
Ld	Bangladesh	

Ministry Digest Reading Schedule

Ministry Digest Vol. 4, No. 7 Week beginning:
1 Aug – The Apostles' Teaching
CWWL 1990 Vol. 1, "The Outpouring of the Holy Spirit for the Baptizing of All the Believers into One Body (1)", Chapter 2

Weekly Church Accounts, 16–22 Jul

Total general offerings	\$18,173.31
Average expenses	\$10,000.00
Surplus	\$8,173.31
Total building fund offerings	\$1,080.00
Total loan of the church	\$419,773.30

- **For offerings** to the church, please use: **03-1318-0467748-00**; Automatic payment forms are available from the church office. For Online payments put your Personal Code number as the reference if making tax refund claims for your donations.
- **For other payments** for which you will not claim a tax refund (for instance, camp fees, book sales, video trainings etc.), please use: **03-1318-0467748-02**.

Saturday Practical Service (22B Gordonton Rd)

9:00 am – 10:00 am	Ministry of the Word
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Morning tea
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Practical service

Proverbs 29:18a Where there is no vision, the people cast off restraint. – The governing and controlling vision in the Bible is the divine economy. In our reading of the Bible, we need to focus our attention on the divine economy for the divine dispensing. Unless we know God's economy, we will not understand the Bible. (HWMR *God's Economy in Faith*, Week 1, Day 2, Outline II.B.1-3)

Upcoming Events, July–September

13-14 Aug	August Blending Conference *
19-21 Aug	Semi-Annual Crystallization-Study of 1 & 2 Kings (& 26-28 Aug) *
9-11 Sep	Spring Sisters Training (* see detailed information on the back page)

Spring Sisters' Training with Brother Paul Hon in Person

Date: 9-11 September 2022 Venue: Training Centre, 33 Beale St
For more information and to register, go to <https://nztc.ac.nz/sisters-training/>

Semi-Annual Crystallization-Study of 1 & 2 Kings

Dear saints, we would strongly encourage you to attend this upcoming training. The Crystallization trainings are a precious heritage to us in the Lord's recovery that we should treasure as a continuation of the Lord's rich ministry among us. May the Lord grant us mercy to highly value the release of the divine truths in this training and to seize the opportunity to attend it.

Dates: 19-21, 26-28 August 2022 Detailed information: See back page

Registration link: <https://churchinhamilton.org.nz/index.php/registration/>

Registration deadline: 12 August 2022 (a late fee of \$20 applies)

New Ministry Books Website

Please visit the *New Ministry Books Website* at <https://www.ministrybooks.org/>
This new and updated book website provides many added features (requires a subscription) for you to explore and enjoy the riches of the Ministry. You can watch a quick tour to help you to know what are contained in the new site.

Weekly Stars Club Online Programme

The weekly Stars Club Online Programme will resume on Thursday 11 August.

Cambridge Lord's Day Meeting Venue

Currently there are a good number of saints attending the prayer meeting and various other groupings in the homes. However, due to our numbers, a Lord's Day meeting in Cambridge would require a larger venue to best meet our needs. Please continue to pray that the Lord would provide the most suitable meeting place for Cambridge on the Lord's Day. Specifically, that it would:

- Be in a convenient location
- Cater to a range of age groups
- Be a suitable place to eat together
- Have adequate parking and access for all ages

Continue
to Pray

The Bible has two sections: The first section is the types and prophecies, and the second section is the fulfillment and accomplishment. All the things referred to in the Bible are for the fulfillment and accomplishment of the economy of God.

The economy of God is that God became flesh, passed through human living, died, resurrected, and became the Spirit to enter into us as life and dispense God into us that we may be transformed for the producing of the church, which is the Body of Christ, the house of God, the kingdom of God, and the counterpart of Christ, the ultimate aggregate of which is the New Jerusalem. This is the Bible, and this is the vision that governs and controls us.

(CWWL, 1994-1997, vol. 2, "The Governing and Controlling Vision in the Bible," pp. 281-282)

THE FUNCTION OF THE INWARD AND THE HIDDEN PARTS (3)

THE SOUL AS THE REFLECTING ORGAN

Next, we must deal with the soul. The first thing we must learn in dealing with the soul is to deny it.

Matt. 16:24-26 *Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wants to save his soul-life shall lose it; but whoever loses his soul-life for My sake shall find it. For what shall a man be profited if he gains the whole world, but forfeits his soul-life? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul-life?*

Luke 9:23-25 *And He said to [them] all, If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me. For whoever wants to save his soul-life shall lose it; but whoever loses his soul-life for My sake, this one shall save it. For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world but loses or forfeits himself?*

The above two passages tell us clearly that we need to deny our soul, which is the self. The soul, our very self, is composed of three parts: the mind, the will, and the emotion. Therefore, we must learn to deny our natural mind, our natural will, and our natural emotion.

Secondly, the soul must be purified (1 Pet. 1:22), which is accomplished mainly by receiving the Word.

1 Pet. 1:22 *Since you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth unto unfeigned brotherly love, love one another from a pure heart fervently,*

The Word of God can purify the soul from so many fleshly, worldly, and natural things. Our soul is our self, our very being, which has been extensively damaged and occupied by fleshly, worldly, and natural things. Therefore, we must first deny our soul; then, the more we deny our soul, the more it will be purified by the Word of God.

Thirdly, our soul must be transformed (2 Cor. 3:18 and Rom. 12:2).

2 Cor. 3:18 *But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.*

Rom. 12:2 *And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.*

Second Corinthians 3:18 says that we must be transformed, but it does not indicate in what part we are to be transformed. However, Romans 12:2 shows that we are transformed by the renewing of the mind. Transformation, therefore, is to be accomplished in our soul, because the mind is the leading part of the soul. After our spirit has been regenerated, our soul needs to be transformed.

The soul has to be denied, then purified, then transformed into the image of Christ-but for what purpose? We have pointed out that the purpose of the heart is to love the Lord, and the purpose of the spirit is to receive and contact the Lord. But what is the purpose of the soul? It is to reflect the Lord. In most versions the word reflecting is not translated in 2 Corinthians 3:18, but the meaning is in the original language. Reflecting is the function of a mirror, which with "unveiled face" beholds and reflects. The soul, by being purified and transformed, becomes the very organ, like a mirror, to reflect and express Christ. Thus, we love Him with our heart, we receive and contact Him with our spirit, and we reflect and express Him with our transformed soul. We must put all these things into practice in our daily life. Then our lives will verify that what has been explained in this message and the previous two messages is entirely practical and really works.

(Abridged from *The Economy of God*, Chp. 7, Part 3)

To deal with our soul is to deal with these three parts. God's dealing with our soul is His dealing with our mind, emotion, and will. He deals with our soul not because we have sin but because we do not have God Himself. We should not think that God deals with our soul because we have done something wrong. On the contrary, God deals with us because we lack Him.

He deals with us so that He can add Himself into us and fill our soul.

(Concerning How to Enter into Fellowship with the Lord CWWL, 1955, vol. 3, p. 494)

To deny the soul in the Bible is not to deny the functions of the soul, that is, the mind, emotion, and will. Rather, it is to deny the person of the soul and the life of the self. It does not mean that you will not function anymore. Rather, it means that it is no longer you who live.

(The Glorious Vision and the Way of the Cross, CWWL, 1989, vol. 1, p. 444)

To gird up our mind (1 Pet. 1:13) is actually to purify our soul. Whenever our mind is wandering, our soul is impure. Dissenting thoughts cause our mind to wander. These dissenting thoughts may enter our mind like fiery darts. When our mind begins to wander, our soul becomes unclean. If this is our situation, we need to purify our soul by girding up our mind and by setting it on one thing, not allowing it to wander.

The fiery darts of dissenting thoughts not only disturb our mind, but they pollute our emotion and our will. As a result, we are not pure in the Lord and before the Lord. This will make it difficult for us to praise the Lord in a genuine way.

God will not purify our soul for us. We need to do this ourselves by our obedience to the truth we have heard and received.

(Life-study of First Peter, msg. 14, p. 118)

“ The word of God is able to purify the soul. To purify the soul is to purify it from fleshly, carnal, worldly, and natural things. Our soul, our very self, our very being, has been damaged, saturated, and occupied by those negative things. Now this soul has to be purified from all these things. However, we must first deny the soul-life. The more we deny our soul-life, the more our soul will be purified by receiving the word of God.

THE MAN OF PRAYER (6)

NEEDING TO BE ONE WHOSE LIVING CORRESPONDS TO HIS PRAYER

As a man of prayer, your living must be consistent, or must correspond, to what you pray. Someone may be asking the Lord for the revival of the church or the salvation of a sinner, yet his living is utterly inconsistent with his prayer. He does not live a life that contributes to the revival of the church, nor does he live in a condition that is conducive to bringing sinners to salvation. Although he may be praying, he is not a man of prayer. A man of prayer not only performs the action of prayer but also lives the life of prayer—his living is prayer. Many times we pray for a number of things, but after praying, we do not live according to the standard of life required by those things. This means that we go through the motions of prayer, but we are not men of prayer.

Therefore, please remember, inwardly speaking, prayer is our life, and outwardly speaking, prayer is our living. Prayer is neither a thing nor a work. Of course, in a sense, prayer is a work, but your being must be in the prayer and even must be the prayer. For example, a brother may pray, asking God to revive the church. While he is asking God to revive the church, his words are altogether in earnest: his tears come down, and you, praying there with him, can really sense his seriousness and also feel that he is fully burdened. Yet, unexpectedly, after the prayer he rises and goes to watch a movie. Do you think he is a man of prayer? Of course, I do not mean that after praying we all need to pretend by having a gloomy and sad countenance; the Lord Jesus told us that we should not do that. When you fast and pray, you still need to anoint your head—it is useless to pretend.

The point is this: real prayer has a condition; that is, if you want to have real prayers, your living should be in accordance with those prayers. There is no way for anyone to believe that your heart is really bearing the burden of the church if, as soon as prayer is over, you can go to watch a movie. Your living does not correspond to your prayer. If you are a man of prayer, your living will definitely be absolutely one with your prayer. Your living is your prayer. The life within is a life of prayer, and the living without is a living of prayer; thus you are a man of prayer.

Some may tell you that prayer needs faith. But faith is not something you can have just because you want it. Actually, faith is a function that emanates from God within us. If you are one who abides in God, lives in Him, and allows Him to have standing in you, then God in you issues forth a function, which is faith. Faith does not come from you. We can almost say that faith is God Himself, just like power is God Himself. Only when a person is filled with God is he filled with power. Likewise, only a person who is filled with God is full of faith. It is useless, therefore, to merely exhort people to have faith. If I preach a hundred messages telling you that you need to have faith, you still will not have faith. If you really want to have faith, you need to be a man of prayer who lives in God, is being dealt with by Him, is willing to yield to His demands, and who gives permission to His strippings. When He thus has place in you, then He is the faith in you. When He fills you with Himself, you are full of faith. You do not need to strive to believe or compel yourself to believe, but you surely can believe, for within you there is a God to whom you pray, and He is the very God who fills you and moves you to pray—He has become your faith. Please remember, at this time you know with assurance that your prayer is acceptable to Him, is of Him, and is touching Him, and therefore, He cannot help but answer

your prayer. This is faith. Faith does not come according to your wish. Rather, it is God in you filling you to such an extent that you cannot help but have faith. May the brothers and sisters not only learn how to pray but by the grace of the Lord be men of prayer.

(Lessons on Prayers, Chp. 3, Part 6)

God's intention is to present Himself to man so that man may receive Him. First, this was accomplished through the Lord's coming in incarnation as the Word. Second, we receive the Lord's word by repeating it. At this juncture the word becomes the Spirit and, as such, enters into our being. Therefore, in our experience, the word and the Spirit in us become our reaction of appreciation and valuation toward Christ, which is our believing in Him. Thus, faith is God Himself in the word received into us to become our believing ability. For this reason Hebrews 12:2 says that Jesus is "the Author and Perfector of our faith."

(The Perfecting, Growth, and Functioning of All the Members for the Building Up of the Body of Christ, CWWL, 1988, vol. 2, p. 35)

New Zealand Blending Conference

with Brother Ed Marks

GENERAL SUBJECT: THE HEAVENLY VISION OF GOD'S ETERNAL ECONOMY— THE CONTROLLING VISION OF OUR LIFE AND WORK FOR THE ORGANIC BUILDING UP OF THE BODY OF CHRIST *(New title)*

13-14 August 2022

Translation into the Chinese and Korean languages will be provided. This conference will be conducted in both a physical format and an online format.

Physical Format – The physical conference meetings will be held in Hamilton at the New Zealand Training Centre.

If you require hospitality, you may request this on the registration form.

Due to the spread of Covid-19, saints who have cold or flu symptoms or develop such symptoms during the weekend will need to refrain from attending any further physical aspect of the conference.

There will not be any children's meeting during any of the conference sessions, including the Lord's Day morning. Parents who need to look after their children can watch the messages at home by Zoom.

Online Format – The conference will also be broadcasted online via the Zoom platform. The online conference will be a video feed of the physical gatherings held at the New Zealand Training Centre.

Conference Schedule:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Sessions</i>	<i>Time</i>
Saturday 13 August	Session 1	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
	Session 2	3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Lord's Day 14 August	Session 3	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
	Session 4	3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Registration: (no donation required to attend this conference)

To help facilitate the smooth running of this conference, registration will be required, regardless of whether you will attend physically or join online. Registrations will close on Lord's Day 7 August.

Please visit this website for more information and to register: www.nztc.ac.nz/blendingconference.

Please pray that the Lord will pour out His blessing on the saints and the churches during this conference.

2022 July Semiannual Video Training

Crystallization-study of 1 & 2 Kings

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Venues: Church Complex

22A Gordonton Rd (Chinese-speaking)

22B Gordonton Rd (English & Korean-speaking)

Registration fee: \$45 (includes outline)

Ministry of the Word: \$15 (available in September)

Registration & more information:

<https://churchinhamilton.org.nz/index.php/registration/>

Registration deadline: Friday, 12 August 2022 (a late fee of \$20 applies)

Resources: Living Stream has prepared a number of resources to help those who desire to attend this training to properly prepare themselves: <https://www.lsm.org/announcements/july-training.html>.

Notes:

- The two open sessions marked as '*' may be attended by any saints who did not register for the training.
- Please pay at <https://transact.polipay.co.nz/paynow/hhl12541211sun> or pay by eftpos at the Church Office.

Schedule:

<i>Message</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Start Time</i>
1 *	Friday 19-Aug	7:00 pm
2	Saturday 20-Aug	9:00 am
3	Saturday 20-Aug	11:00 am
4	Saturday 20-Aug	4:00 pm
5	Lord's Day 21-Aug	4:00 pm
6	Lord's Day 21-Aug	7:00 pm
7 *	Friday 26-Aug	7:00 pm
8	Saturday 27-Aug	9:00 am
9	Saturday 27-Aug	11:00 am
10	Saturday 27-Aug	4:00 pm
11	Lord's Day 28-Aug	4:00 pm
12	Lord's Day 28-Aug	7:00 pm