

Announcements

- A care package for the FTTA trainees is on the table and will go down to Anaheim this week (11/19). Please sign cards to encourage the trainees. The FTTA trainees sent from Bellevue, Seattle, and Shoreline are Janice Freeman, April Park, Boeun Lee, Brian Muller, David Hanson, David Welk, and Rebecca Chao. The FTTA-XB trainees are John Gim and Vince Pau.
- This week we will finish chapter 8, “Knowing the Will of God”.
- We are covering week 24 from the Holy Word for Morning Revival on the Crystallization-study of Ezekiel.
- The registration deadline for the 2018 International Chinese-speaking Conference in Taipei, Taiwan is November 30th, 2017. Dates for the conference are Feb 16-18, 2018. Registration information is on the counter.

Burdens for Prayer

- Thanksgiving conference
- Germany
- Fruits to be borne from Bible distributions in Europe
- Thanksgiving gospel meeting

Schedule

- Wednesday night ministry webcast 7:30 pm at the following locations:
 - Andy Wu - Redmond (206) 617-7767, in English
 - Miyake - Central Bellevue (425) 451-7294, in English
 - Smith – South Bellevue, (206) 914-3447, in English
 - Lancaster – Kenmore, (425) 482-4499, in English
 - Kim – South Bellevue, (714) 213-5213, in Korean
 - Horace Wang – Somerset, (425) 653-2249, in Chinese
- The Thanksgiving conference is in Phoenix, Arizona, November 23-26.

- The webcast schedule for the Thanksgiving conference:
 - Message 1, Friday morning, 10:00 am
 - Message 2, Friday evening, 7:00 pm
 - Message 3, Saturday morning, 9:30 am
 - Message 4, Saturday night, 7:00 pm
 - Message 5, Lord's day morning
 - Message 6, Lord's day evening, 6:00 pm

- Gospel meeting on Thanksgiving day, at the meeting hall

This Week: November 20 – November 26		
Morning Revival: <i>The Crystallization-Study of Ezekiel, Week 24</i>		
Hall Cleaning: Downstairs – Issaquah/Sammamish Upstairs – Kirkland		
Tuesday	10:00 am	Sisters' prayer meeting
Tuesday	7:30 pm	Corporate prayer meeting
Wednesday	7:30 pm	Ministry Webcast
Saturday	8:30 am	Breakfast
Lord's Day	9:30 am	Lord's Table
November		
Nov 23	Gospel meeting at the meeting hall (Thanksgiving Day)	
23-26	Thanksgiving conference in Phoenix, Arizona	

Ministry Reading Portion

The Experience of Life

CHAPTER EIGHT

KNOWING THE WILL OF GOD

We now come to the lesson of knowing the will of God or the leading of the Lord. This lesson is closely related in experience to the teaching of the anointing. The purpose of the anointing is to anoint the substance of God into us that we may reach the goal of the mingling of God with man. Moreover, the teaching of the anointing is given that we may know the leading of the Lord and His mind toward

us. The leading and the mind of the Lord is the will of God. Therefore, if we want to know the will of God, we must have the experience of obeying the teaching of the anointing. Only those who experience the anointing are capable of knowing the will of God. For those who do not experience the anointing, it is almost impossible to know the will of God.

However, when we discuss this lesson on knowing the will of God, we cannot begin with the teaching of the anointing, because the anointing emphasizes the moving of the Holy Spirit in us and is not the will of God itself. At the same time, the will of God is too great a matter and can never be discussed merely as a part of the teaching of the anointing. Therefore, we must devote one lesson wholly to discuss it in detail.

What, actually, is the will of God? Christians often mention the will of God in relation to trivial affairs, such as their occupation and marriage. They use this phrase in a very casual manner, thus belittling and underestimating the will of God. When we carefully study the will of God throughout the New Testament, we discover that it points to matters great and lofty. For example, Ephesians 5:17, to “understand what the will of the Lord is,” seems to be a very common phrase, but the context of the book of Ephesians reveals that this phrase indicates depth. Ephesians is a very special book in the Bible; many of its words and principles speak of God and eternity. Therefore, the will of God mentioned there can never merely refer to common, insignificant matters. Furthermore, Ephesians chapter 5 is based on the preceding chapters. Chapter 1 speaks of the mystery of God’s will (v. 9), and chapter 3 speaks of the will of God purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord (v. 11); both refer to extremely great things. Then chapter 5 exhorts us to understand the will of God, which naturally refers to the great matters previously mentioned, not to trivial matters in our life.

Beginning with obeying the teaching of the anointing, the spiritual experience of a Christian gradually progresses to a higher ground. When we come to the experience of knowing God’s will, its requirement of spiritual growth and strict dealing with the self surpasses all the previous lessons. If one is still living in the self and does everything for self, it is impossible for him to know God’s will. Since God’s will is lofty and eternal, man must come out of his own little circle and get into the larger circle of God. It is as he is brought into the great circle of God that he will see God’s eternal plan and his part in it. This will cause him to deny the self and lay his self aside in order to fulfill God’s will.

This lofty realization, once it is established in one's life, will solve all the basic difficulties in knowing God's will. He can then be regulated by God's will in his practical daily living—i.e., what God wants him to do and how he should live and behave himself. Because he is consecrated to the Lord and has committed himself to His eternal plan, when he has fellowship with God, he will spontaneously experience the anointing and know what he should do. Then all the feelings he experiences in fellowship with God can be counted as His will. Not only does he study the great revelations and truths in the Bible, but he also studies the minor teachings and principles of the believer's life and conduct so that he may know God's will in all things. Furthermore, he always watches his environment and God's sovereign arrangement of it. After he puts all these factors together, he can clearly understand God's will.

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Bible Reading Schedule with Footnotes	
Sunday, November 19 th	Amos 3:1-15
Monday, November 20 th	Amos 4:1 – 5:27
Tuesday, November 21 st	Amos 6:1 – 7:17
Wednesday, November 22 nd	Amos 8:1 – 9:15
Thursday, November 23 rd	Obad 1-21
Friday, November 24 th	Jonah 1:1-17
Saturday, November 25 th	Jonah 2:1 – 4:11