

2008 Summer Training: Crystallization Study of Luke:

Message Two: The Highest Standard of Morality

We need to understand clearly what is meant by the highest standard of morality. The highest standard of morality is the standard of life required by God – a life in which the divine attributes are expressed in the human virtues; it is the living of the One – the Lord Jesus Christ as the Man-Savior – whose life was a composition of God with the divine attributes and man with the human virtues. Therefore, a living where the human life is filled with the divine life and he human virtues are strengthened and enriched by the divine attributes is what we call the highest standard of morality.

In the Gospel of Luke we see the kind of man, a God-man that God intended to have in Genesis 1 and 2. The man in Genesis was merely a God-created man, not yet a God-man. God's intention was that the man created by Him would receive Him, as signified by the tree of life, and thereby become a God-man. However Adam didn't receive the tree of life and didn't fulfill God's heart desire. One day God Himself became a man named Jesus, conceived of the divine essence and born of the human essence. When He was on earth He lived a life that was the mingling of the divine attributes and the human virtues; this is the highest standard of morality.

The subject of the Gospel of Luke is the Man-Savior and His salvation in the highest standard of morality. The Man-Savior lives, behaves, and works in the highest standard of morality, and His salvation is carried out in the highest standard of morality.

The Gospel of Luke portrays the Lord Jesus as God-man, the Man-Savior lived in the highest standard of morality in three categories. The first category is the gospel messages – He is the moneylender forgiving the debtors; He said to them to watch and guard yourself from all covetousness, for no one's life is in the abundance of his possessions; He used the case of Galileans suffering and the fall of the tower in Siloam to show unless man repent, men shall all similarly perish. The second category is the gospel parables – He portrays Himself as the good Samaritan, He said the gospel is like a certain man is making a great dinner and we need to compel people to come in to fill the house; He also portrays the gospel is the God's saving love to sinners; He goes further by saying in order to receive salvation one need to humble himself. The third category is the gospel cases – the first case mentioned he who forgives much loves much; the second case is the healing of a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years; the third case shows the different end between the rich man and Lazarus; the fourth case is the salvation of Zaccheus; the fifth case is the criminal on the cross, showing that if one repent in time, he will be with the Lord in Paradise.

When the Lord Jesus went into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil, because He lived in the highest standard of morality, He could not be seduced or moved by anything. In 22:47 – 23:25 the Lord Jesus is portrayed as the true God and a real man. He was arrested, mocked, blasphemed, despised, and judged, but He is fully portrayed as having the highest standard of morality and was fully qualified to the Substitute for the sinners for whom He intended to die.

The Lord's teaching in 6:17 – 19 gives us a clear view of the highest standard of morality. The Man-Savior has the kind of life described in these verses, actually, Christ Himself is the highest standard of morality, for He is the man created by God and have God as life. Now He is living in us. The Man-Savior's teaching concerning the highest standard of morality is based on the divine life with its expression, the divine word. The living that is according to the highest standard of morality issues from the divine life with which we have been born of the Most High. Life is the source and the living is the issue; The Lord's disciples are the good trees with the divine life, and out from this life issues a living that is the expression of God. The Lord's word is the foundation of our being, behavior, and work, we can have the highest standard of morality by the divine life and through the divine word.

2008 Summer Children's Meeting on Lord's day

DATE	Districts	Subjects/Activities
08/31	Dist 14 & 15	Exercise Science and Sports

High School Seniors BlendingTime: September 6th, 2008 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Place: UCLA Kerckhoff Hall Romm 131, parking at Structure 6

Fee: \$15 per person

Registration: Please email to seniorsfellowship@gmail.com or call Ben Sargent at 714-932-7052 by September 1st, 2008

There will be a campus tour of UCLA after 3:00 PM, those who are interested can attend afterward.

Young People and College Serving Ones Fellowshipyoung people and college serving ones fellowship at brother Abraham's place on September 1st, 2008**Prayer Meeting**Corporate prayer meeting of the whole church on September 2nd, 2008**Whole Church (Chinese & English Speaking) Conference**September 6 – 7th, 2008 – Special conference for the whole church (Chinese speaking and English speaking). Love feast on September 6th at 6:30 PM (each household prepare one dish). 60 – 70 saints from the church in Mission Viejo will come to have blending with us. Saints are encouraged to come early and please pray for this matter.**FTTA Trainees**

For 2008 fall term trainees, there are 14 trainees serving on the Cerritos College campus, 6 trainees serving the Cerritos young people. Please pray for them and remember their services.

2008 Thanksgiving ConferenceTime: November 27th (Thursday) – November 30th (Lord's Day) 2008

Place: Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel

1551 N. Thoreau Dr. Schaumburg, Illinois 60173

Please register by November 1st, 2008. Saints are welcome to attend**2009 International Chinese Speaking Conference**Time: January 25th (Lord's Day) – January 27th (Tuesday), 2009

Place: Taipei, Taiwan

Registration: please register through Ben Wu or Henry Hsu (whether or not one needs hospitality)

Registration fee: \$150

Please register by November 30th, 2008**International Elders and Responsible Ones Training**Time: October 2nd, 2008 – October 4th, 2008

Place: Kuching, East Malaysia

Registration: please fellowship with responsible brothers, deadline is July 3rd, 2008

Training Donation: \$160

There will be a blending conference on October 5th, with a blending trip from October 5 – 8, 2008.**Fellowship and Report on Finances**

The total offering on August 24th is \$6,042.00 (general \$667.00 designated \$5,375.00)

Weekly Reading Schedule of New Testament

Reading Schedule for this Week:

Lord's Day	Matt. 25:1 – 13	Monday	Matt. 25:14 – 30
Tuesday	Matt. 25:31 – 26:13	Wednesday	Matt. 26:14 – 56
Thursday	Matt. 26:57 – 27:26	Friday	Matt. 27:27 – 66
Saturday	Matt. 28:1 – 20		

Morning Revival for this week

Crystallization Study of Luke Message Two

Church Meeting Schedule (9/1- 9/7/2008)

Meetings	Date	Time	Place
Young People Serving Ones Fellowship	Monday	6:30 PM	House 5
Prayer Meeting	Tuesday	07:30 PM	Hall 2
Prayer Meeting (Chinese)	Tuesday	07:30 PM	Hall 2
Truth Pursuit (Chinese)	Wednesday	10:00 AM	Hall 2
Sisters' Meeting	Thursday	10:00 AM	Hall 2
College Meeting	Friday	06:30 PM	Homes
Small Group (Working Saints)	Saturday	06:30 PM	Homes
Small Group (Chinese)	Fri. Sat.	07:00 PM	Homes
Small Group (Chinese)	Saturday	10:00 AM	Hall 2
Sisters' Prayer Meeting	Saturday	09:30 AM	House 6
Young People's Meeting	Saturday	06:30 PM	Hall 1
Lord's Table	Lord's Day	10:00 AM	Hall 2
Lord's Table (Chinese)	Lord's Day	10:00 AM	Hall 2