

Pray for:

- ✿ Summer training in Anaheim (topic is Isaiah).
- ✿ Toronto: Final city approval for the purchase of the meeting hall. The saints will be contacting residences in the immediate neighbourhood, the next door neighbours and school to support the application. Ask the Lord for wisdom, and to find favour and support from the neighbours; also pray for an open door for the gospel.
- ✿ Portugal: that a lampstand will be raised up in Lisbon, the capital city (a young brother is interviewing for a job there); the going on of the church in Vila Nova de Gaia in northern Portugal.
- ✿ Norway: raising up of the church in Oslo, the capital and largest city--a Norwegian couple just moved back from Anaheim to Oslo; the husband has obtained a job, and the wife will study at a university.
- ✿ That the Lord would profoundly work in the saints in the church to consecrate themselves for a life of service.
- ✿ That the college/university age, the teen-agers, and the children meeting with the church in Montreal would grow to love the Lord and pursue Him.

Weekly Readings

- ✿ New Testament Recovery Version with footnotes: Week 34, *John 11:23 – 13:11*
- ✿ HWMR: The Gospel of God in Romans, Vol 1, Week 5
- ✿ Truth Equipping Series – Ministry Literature Sets Reading Schedule: The All-inclusive Christ, Chapter 7

Announcements

- ✿ The church in Lausanne - Bussigny would like to invite you to the international conference held from September 24th to 26th 2010 in Leysin, Switzerland. The Topic is 'The Gospel of Christ to Build the Church'. The detailed information will be posted on the board. Please register at the Amana website Events 2010 by Sep 1st, 2010: <http://www.amanatrust.org.uk/events/conf2010/>
- ✿ The next two tours of historic and Biblical sites in Israel, followed by times of blending with the local saints in meetings or conferences, will take place July 10-17 and October 21-31. These tours are each limited to 50 saints. Please see Jonathan C for further information if you are interested.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving & Clean-up Schedule

June 27	✿ Cleaning: Whole meeting hall cleaning
July 4	✿ Serving: English ✿ Cleaning: Chinese (North, South, West)
11	✿ Serving: Chinese N.D.G. ✿ Cleaning: Chinese (East, Central)
18	✿ Serving: French/Spanish ✿ Cleaning: English

Upcoming Events

- ✿ June 28 – July 3, Anaheim, CA: Summer Training
- ✿ July 23 -30 Franklin, NJ: Chinese Speaking Perfecting Training
- ✿ July 25 – 31, Male Ciche, Poland: YP Camp in Poland
- ✿ July 27 – 31, Montreal, QC: Eastern Canada Children's Camp
- ✿ Aug 2 – 7, BfC Bible Distribution in Montreal
- ✿ Aug 8 – 13, Ancaster, ON: Eastern Canada's Summer School of Truth
- ✿ Aug 14 – 28, Meeting hall: Video Training
- ✿ Aug 16 – 22, NYC, NY: New York Summer School of Truth.
- ✿ Sep 17-19, Paris, France: Chinese-speaking Conference
- ✿ Sep 24-26, Leysin, Switzerland: French-speaking Conference in Switzerland

This Week's Activities

JUNE 27 Lord's Day	✿ 10:00am to 12:15pm, Meeting hall: Lord's table and prophesying meetings ✿ 12:30pm to 1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast
28 Monday	✿
29 Tuesday	✿ Prayer meeting by district in various homes
30 Wednesday	✿
JULY 1 Thursday	✿
2 Friday	✿ 10:00am, Meeting hall: Chinese speaking pursuing meeting

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Saturday

✿ Evening: Various home meetings
(English / French / Chinese)

✿ 6:00pm to 9:00pm, Meeting hall: Young
people meeting

CONFESSON WITH THE MOUTH

Scripture Reading: Rom. 10:10; Prov. 29:25; Matt. 10:32-33

II. COMMON MISTAKES

E. Love of Man's Glory

Why did the rulers in John 12 not confess the Lord? They did not confess the Lord because they loved the glory of men more than the glory of God. Many people dare not confess because they want both; they want Christ, and they also want the synagogue. They want Christ; this is why they believe. But they also want the synagogue; this is why they will not confess Him. If a person wants both, he will not be absolute in either.

If you want to serve the Lord, you must make a choice between the Lord and the synagogue. Otherwise, you can never be a good Christian. You must make a choice between the Lord and man. The rulers were afraid of losing men's favor. They were afraid that if they confessed the Lord they would be put out of the synagogue. But a person who chooses the Lord in an absolute way will not be afraid of being put out of the synagogue.

If people do not persecute you after you have believed in the Lord, you should say, "Lord, I thank You." If people persecute you after you have confessed the Lord with your mouth, you should also say, "Lord, I thank You." What is so strange about this? We cannot be like those rulers who, for the sake of their love for the synagogue, refused to confess their faith in the Lord Jesus. If everyone in the church had been like them, there would be no church on earth today. If Peter had returned home and remained silent after he believed in the Lord, if Paul, Luke, Darby, and the rest had remained silent after they believed, and if everyone in the church had remained silent and dared not confess the Lord, their troubles definitely would have been less, but there would be no church on earth today!

One characteristic of the church is that it dares to believe in the Lord. Another characteristic is that it dares to confess its faith in Him. To be saved is not just to believe in the Lord Jesus; it is to believe and to confess that one is a believer. The confession is important. Christianity is not only manifested in one's

conduct but also in one's mouth. The mouth must confess. One must confess, "I am a Christian." It is not enough for a Christian to just have good conduct; he must also confess with his mouth. If you take away the mouth, there will be no Christianity. The Scripture is very clear. The heart believes unto righteousness and the mouth confesses unto salvation. Christianity is believing in the heart and confessing with the mouth.

III. CONFESSING THE LORD AND THE LORD'S CONFESSON

The Lord said, "Every one therefore who will confess in Me before men, I also will confess in him before My Father who is in the heavens" (Matt. 10:32). Thank the Lord that if we confess the Lord today, on that day He will also confess us. The Lord also said, "But whoever will deny Me before men, I also will deny him before My Father who is in the heavens" (v. 33). "But he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God" (Luke 12:9). What a great contrast! All we have to do is confess that this excellent One, this chiefest among ten thousand, is the Son of God. He will then confess us before the heavenly Father and the angels of God. If you think it is difficult to confess such a Lord before men, the Lord will find it difficult to confess such a person as you when He descends in the glory of the Father. Today we must not shrink back from confessing the Lord through fear of men (Isa. 51:12). If today we find it difficult to confess Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, then on that day, when our Lord comes back, He will find it difficult to confess us before His Father and all the glorious angels. What a serious thing this is!

In reality, it is not difficult for us to confess the Lord. It is especially easy when we compare our confession with His confession of us. It is difficult for Him to confess us because we are prodigal sons who have come home, and there is nothing good in us. Since He will confess us in the future, let us also confess Him well before men today.

May all the newly-saved brothers and sisters be bold to confess the Lord from the beginning. We should never try to be Christians in secret.

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