

Please pray:

- ✿ International Chinese-speaking Conference in Anaheim, February 15 to 17.
- ✿ Israel: For the ongoing labor on the campus of Tel Aviv University; life and building among all the local saints; the Lord's move in the Galilee (both among Arabic-speaking seekers and the saints in and around Tiberias); God's own burden for the move into Jerusalem.
- ✿ Sweden: That the English-language Life-study of the Bible radio broadcast in Sweden will attract the genuine seekers to the New Testament ministry and to the church life in the Lord's recovery.
- ✿ Raising up of vital groups in the church in Montreal in all the languages; that all the saints would rise up to live vitally with vital companions for prayer, gospel preaching, shepherding, and pursuing the truth.
- ✿ Campus club at McGill: Pray that the meeting with an interest group coordinator might gain an advocate to help craft the constitution; That the Lord would establish a club at McGill University as a tool for building up His testimony on that campus.
- ✿ Pray for various local needs, including saints in Montreal, contacts, and those in need of care and shepherding.

Weekly Readings

- ✿ Holy Bible Recovery Version with footnotes: John 8:45-11:22
- ✿ HWMR: The Unique Work in the Lord's Recovery, week 1

Announcements

- ✿ The 2013 East Canada College-Age and Working Saints Conference will be held at the Travelodge Hotel Belleville, in Belleville, ON from March 15 - 17, 2013. This conference is for young working, college, and grade 12 saints. There will be 6 meetings and registration starts at 4pm on March 15. The last meeting finishes at noon on March 17.
 - The cost for each saint is \$200, which includes two nights for hotel rooms and 6 meals. For saints who wish to attend, the cost is \$100 and the church can subsidize \$100. Saints can choose to pay the full amount of \$200 if they are able to do so. For families with children, the cost is free for children under 6, \$40 for children under 10 and \$80 for children 10 and above.
 - The deadline for registration is February 25. Sign up starts today.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

10	✿ Serving: N.D.G. ✿ Cleaning: Chinese 2
17	✿ Serving: English (A) ✿ Cleaning: Whole Hall Cleaning
24	✿ Serving: French/Spanish ✿ Cleaning: English and University/College
MAR 3	✿ Serving: East Chinese ✿ Cleaning: French and Young People

Upcoming Events

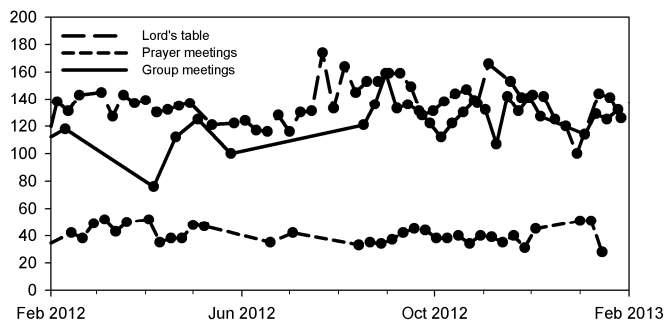
- ✿ February 15-17, Anaheim, CA: **International Chinese speaking conference**
- ✿ March 15-17, Belleville, ON: **Working & College Saints Conference**
- ✿ March 22-24, Toronto meeting hall: **Parents & Serving Ones Conference**
- ✿ April 12-14, Anaheim, CA: **International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones**

More events are listed on the church website

This Week's Activities

10 LORD'S DAY	✿ 10am -12:30pm, Meeting hall: Lord's table and prophesying meeting ✿ 12:30-1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast
11 Monday	✿
12 Tuesday	✿ 7:00-9:00pm, English, French, Chinese prayer meetings by districts
13 Wednesday	✿
14 Thursday	
15 Friday	✿ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
16 Saturday	✿ 3:30-6pm, Location TBA, Young people's meeting
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Attendance Statistics



Governmental Forgiveness

IV. GOVERNMENTAL FORGIVENESS (continued)

E. David under God's Governmental Hand (continued)

What did God say to David? He sent Nathan to speak to David. I want you to pay special attention to what Nathan said in 2 Samuel 12:13 after David said, "I have sinned against Jehovah." Nathan said to David, "Jehovah has also put away your sin; you will not die." David said, "I have sinned against Jehovah." He confessed his sins and admitted his guilt. He confessed that he was defiled and had sinned against Jehovah. In return God said through Nathan, "Jehovah has also put away your sin; you will not die." Clearly David's sins were forgiven; God had put away his sins. What did God say to David after that? He said, "Nevertheless, because you have given the enemies of Jehovah much occasion to blaspheme Him because of this thing, the son who is born to you shall also surely die" (v. 14). He also said, "Now therefore the sword will not depart from your house forever because you have despised Me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife" (v. 10). Finally, He said, "I will now raise up trouble against you from within your house; and I will take your wives before your eyes and will give them to your companion, and he will lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. For you did this secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and even before the sun" (vv. 11-12). God had already put away David's sins, but He would cause the son born to Uriah's wife to die and the sword not to depart from his house. God had already put away David's sins, but He would allow Absalom to rebel and defile David's wives. In other words, sins may be forgiven but the discipline does not go away immediately.

Let me say a frank word to you. You may go to God and ask for forgiveness for any sin, and God will forgive you. The restoring of fellowship can be quick. David restored his fellowship with God very quickly, but God's discipline continued even after his death. God's government would not depart from him as long as His discipline was upon him. Not long after this

episode, his son became sick. Even though David fasted and laid on the floor the whole night, it was useless. God's disciplinary hand fell upon David and his son died. Following this, his eldest son Amnon was murdered, and then Absalom rebelled. The sword never departed from David's house! Yet God said to David, "I have forgiven your sins!" Brothers, God may have forgiven your sins, but even though He has forgiven you, you cannot stop His chastisement on you and His governmental hand upon you.

F. Learning to Humble Oneself under God's Mighty Hand

Our God is a God of government. He will not move His governmental hand immediately away from those who have sinned against Him. Often, God does not do anything; He lets you go. But as soon as He stretches forth His governmental hand, you can do nothing except humble yourself under His mighty hand. You have no escape! God is not like man; He is not sloppy and will not let you go! A sin which damages one's fellowship with God can easily be forgiven, and a person can easily be recovered. But no one can run away from God's discipline in the environment, the home, one's career, and his physical body. The only thing we can do is to learn to humble ourselves under His mighty hand. The more we humble ourselves under His mighty hand and give up all resistance, the easier it is for God to lift His governmental hand. The more we refuse to humble ourselves, and the more angry, vocal, or indignant we become, the more difficult it is for God to lift His governmental hand. This is a very serious matter! Twenty years ago we might have done something according to our own will. Today we still have to face the same thing. We still have to suffer the consequences. It will come back to haunt us. When such a thing catches up with us, we should bow our head and say, "Lord, it is all my fault!" We must humble ourselves under God's hand. Do not resist. The more we resist, the heavier God's hand will become. Let me repeat: Let us humble ourselves under God's mighty hand. The more we reject God's governmental hand, the more problems we will encounter. When God's governmental hand is upon us, we must humble ourselves and say, "Lord, You have done no wrong! I deserve this." We must humble ourselves. We must not only remove all rebellious thoughts but also take away all reasonings and murmurings.

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