

## Please pray:

- ✿ Divine sense of value: that the Lord infuse us with a divine sense of value to love and cherish Christ and the church above all things; that we might be saved from following the Lord with a commercial mind for our own benefit; that we might be saved from all forms of pure commerce in our personal dealings with people.
- ✿ Eastern Canada Summer School of Truth in Palgrave, ON, August 18-23.
- ✿ Ethiopia: that the 12-ton container of books that Living Stream Ministry sent to Ethiopia be released by customs; that these books (used books to be given away and new books to be sold) spread throughout Ethiopia to plant the New Testament ministry firmly in that country; that the existing churches be built up and that new churches be raised up to be the pillar and base of the truth.
- ✿ Bibles for America: the Lord's continued leading in the special program for giving Bibles and materials to military service members and their families; that the 5,000 Bibles and 17,000 military packets already sent out find good soil and grow up into a harvest for the Lord.
- ✿ Concordia University: that the Lord would grant us the room and table bookings we are seeking at the beginning of the Fall semester; that new students be contacted who will become remaining fruit for the church; continued shepherding for existing contacts; that the Word of God and the ministry of the age might spread at Concordia.
- ✿ 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: Acts 23:16 – 27:26
- ✿ HWMR: Daniel and Zechariah, week 12
- ✿ Life-Study of Genesis, Message 7 - 9

## Announcements

- ✿ There will be a fellowship today during lunch for the young people going to Summer School of Truth and their parents in the young people's room
- ✿ The responsible brothers have fellowshiped and decided to encourage the saints to engage in life study reading beginning from Genesis Life Study, preparing for three semi-annual trainings counting from the past one. Each week, the saints are encouraged to read 3 messages.

## Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

11	✿ Serving: French & Spanish
<b>AUG</b>	✿ Cleaning: Whole meeting hall cleaning
18	✿ Serving: English B
	✿ Cleaning: English & College Students
25	✿ Serving: Central Chinese 1
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese 1 (North, West, Central 1,2)
1	✿ Serving: Central Chinese 2
<b>SEP</b>	✿ Cleaning: Whole meeting hall cleaning

## Upcoming Events

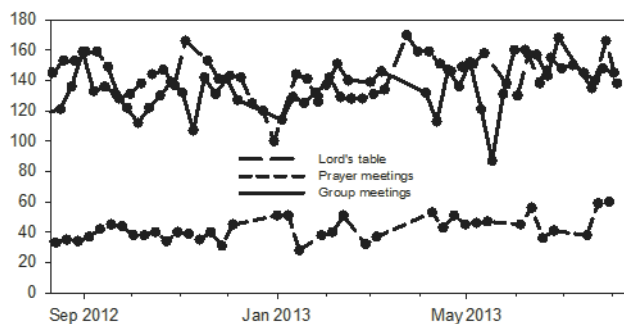
- ✿ August 18-23, Upper Canada Camp: **Summer School of Truth**
- ✿ Sept 14–15, Lausanne, Switzerland: **French-speaking conference**
- ✿ Sept 20–22, Paris, France: **Chinese-speaking conference**

More events are listed on the church website

## This Week's Activities

11	✿ 10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
<b>AUGUST</b>	
<b>LORD'S DAY</b>	✿ 12:30pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
	✿ 1:30pm: Whole meeting hall cleaning
12	✿
<b>Monday</b>	
13	✿ 7:30-9:00pm, English, French and Chinese prayer meetings by districts
<b>Tuesday</b>	
14	✿
<b>Wednesday</b>	
15	✿
<b>Thursday</b>	
16	✿ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
<b>Friday</b>	
17	✿ 3:30-6pm, Location TBD: Young People's Meeting
<b>Saturday</b>	
18	✿ 10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
<b>LORD'S DAY</b>	✿ 12:30pm – 1:30pm: Love feast

## Attendance Statistics



## Withstanding the Devil

**Scripture Reading:** James 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:8-9; 2 Cor. 2:11

The devil is known also as Satan (Rev. 12:9). He was first a cherubim, created by God (Ezek. 28:12-14), and he was an archangel (Rev. 12:7; Matt. 25:41). Later, he rebelled against God by uplifting himself to be equal to God. Because of this, God judged him (Isa. 14:12-15; Ezek. 28:15-19) and he became Satan, the adversary of God. In the original text the word Satan means "an opposer, an adversary." The devil opposes everything that God does. In addition, he always sets himself against God's children.

We want to look at the way the devil attacks God's children and how they withstand him.

### I. SATAN'S WORK

We will look at Satan's work in four aspects.

#### A. Satan's Work in the Human Mind

Second Corinthians 10:4-5 says, "For the weapons of our warfare are not fleshly but powerful before God for the overthrowing of strongholds, as we overthrow reasonings and every high thing rising up against the knowledge of God, and take captive every thought unto the obedience of Christ." This shows us that Satan uses every high thing as a stronghold to surround man's thought. In order for the Lord to gain us, He must first overthrow the strongholds of Satan. He must do this before He can charge into man's thought and take it captive.

#### 1. Satan's Reasonings and Temptations

What are reasonings? This word in Greek can be translated "imagination" or "thought." Satan often surrounds us with many imaginations. Men are foolish; they think that these thoughts are their own. Actually, they are the strongholds of Satan, and they prevent the mind from submitting to Christ. Often Satan injects a kind of imagination into our mind. If we think this imagination is from ourselves, we fall into his snare. Often thoughts develop which have no basis in fact; they are merely imaginations. Many so-called sins are imaginary in

nature; they are not real. Many of the so-called problems among the brothers and sisters come from our imagination; they have no factual basis. Often Satan injects a wild thought into our mind, and we are completely oblivious to his work. When he injects a sudden thought into our mind and we accept it, we are accepting his work. If we reject this thought, we reject his work. Many thoughts are not our own; they are actually concocted by Satan. We must learn to reject these thoughts from Satan.

Most of Satan's temptations come through the mind. Satan realizes that God's children will rise up and withstand him vehemently if he attacks openly. This is the reason he tempts us by sneaking in stealthily and planting a thought in our mind unconsciously. Once the thought gets into us, we begin to think about it. If the more we dwell on a thought the more we feel justified and right, we have fallen into his snare. The thought that we have accepted is Satan's temptation. If we reject Satan's attacks in our mind, we will shut off the most vulnerable entrance of his temptations.

Many problems among God's children are problems in the mind; they are not real problems. Sometimes when you see a brother or a sister, you may feel that he or she has a problem with you or that there is a distance between you. This may result in a barrier between you. Actually, there is nothing between you. The so-called problem is merely Satan's attack in your mind or the mind of your brother or sister. Such problems are unnecessary problems. God's children must reject sudden thoughts and sudden feelings. They must learn never to give in to Satan.

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