

Please pray:

- ✿ Eastern Canada Summer School of Truth in Palgrave, ON, August 18-23.
- ✿ <http://an-open-letter.org>: that this website be effective in correcting inaccurate impressions of the Lord's recovery; that seekers of Christ would disregard negative rumors; that more respected Christians would add their testimonies to support the site; for continued improvements of the site.
- ✿ Full-time training: a strong start for the Fall semester of FTT centres around the world; that the trainees and trainers would be under the Lord's blessing in constituting and equipping young people for building the Body; for the financial needs of those who desire to be trained.
- ✿ Universities and colleges: that the students be burdened to grow in life and truth during the new school year; that new contacts be gained particularly through the two weeks from August 25 to September 7, who will become remaining fruit for the church; that many saints be burdened for the shepherding and gaining of students.
- ✿ 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: 1 Chron 6:1 – 14:17
- ✿ HWMR: Recovery of Christ as everything in the church, week 1
- ✿ Life-Study of Genesis, Message 10 - 12

Announcements

- ✿ 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

18	✿ Serving: English B
AUG	✿ Cleaning: English & College Students
25	✿ Serving: Central Chinese 1
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese 1 (North, West, Central 1,2)
1	✿ Serving: Central Chinese 2
SEP	✿ Cleaning: Whole meeting hall cleaning
8	✿ Serving: NDG
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese 2 (South, East)

Upcoming Events

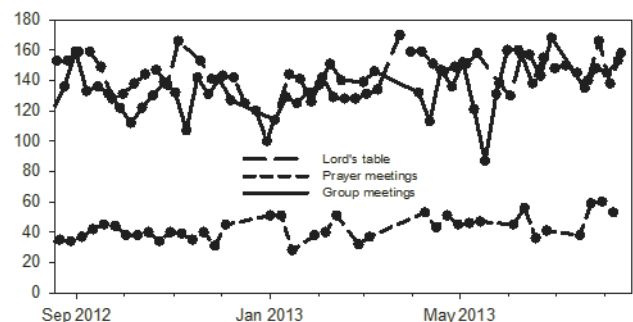
- ✿ August 18-23, Upper Canada Camp: **Summer School of Truth**
- ✿ Sep 7 at 2pm, Montreal, Meeting hall: **Marriage consecration meeting (Guorong & Xiaoyan ; Wenchao & Candy)**
- ✿ Sept 14–15, Lausanne, Switzerland: **French-speaking conference**
- ✿ Sept 20–22, Paris, France: **Chinese-speaking conference**

More events are listed on the church website

This Week's Activities

18	✿ 10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
AUGUST	
LORD'S DAY	✿ 12:30pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
19	✿
Monday	
20	✿ 7:30-9:00pm, English, French and Chinese prayer meetings by districts
Tuesday	
21	✿
Wednesday	
22	✿
Thursday	
23	✿ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
Friday	
24	✿ 3:30-6pm, Location TBD: Young People's Meeting
Saturday	
25	✿ 10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
LORD'S DAY	✿ 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

I. SATAN'S WORK

A. Satan's Work in the Human Mind

1. Satan's Reasonings and Temptations (continued)

Here, we need to issue a warning. We should not be overly concerned about thoughts from Satan. There are people who go to one extreme of paying no attention at all to Satan's thoughts. There are also people who go to the other extreme of paying too much attention to thoughts from Satan. A person can easily be cheated if he is not alert to thoughts from Satan. At the same time, a person can lose his mental sanity if he is obsessed about thoughts from Satan. If a person pays too much attention to Satan's temptations, his mind will become confused, and he will easily become a prey to Satan's snares. As soon as a person's eyes are not focused on the Lord, he will find himself in trouble. On the one hand, we need to see that Satan does attack our mind. On the other hand, we need to realize that as soon as we reject his attacks, that is the end of them. If a person has to reject Satan day and night, something is wrong with his mind; he is heading down the wrong road. On the one hand, we must be familiar with his wiles; if we are ignorant of them we will be cheated. On the other hand, we cannot be overly concerned because that will also lead us into deception. As soon as our eyes are set on him, he has gained what he wants. This distraction will render us useless, and we will become obsessed with his thoughts day and night. Any brother or sister who is overly concerned with such thoughts has already been deceived. We must learn to maintain a proper balance. An excessive concern is wrong. If a person's mind is constantly worried about thoughts from Satan, he is in reality giving ground to Satan to enter into him. We must never go to the extreme.

2. How to Reject Thoughts from Satan

How do we reject thoughts from Satan? It is easy to reject these thoughts. God has given us our mind; it is ours, not Satan's. We are the only ones who have the right to use our mind; Satan has no authority over our mind. All we need to do is not allow him to think. Satan can only usurp our mind with deception. He will give us a thought, and we may think that this thought is ours. Actually, it is from Satan. As soon as we recognize that it is not ours, we have overcome.

Satan always tempts and attacks a person by stealthy, surreptitious, and covert ways. He does not shout loudly, "Here I come!" Instead, he deceives with lies and falsehood. He does not let us know that he is the one who is doing the work. Once we are aware of an attack from Satan and expose him and his disguise, it will be easy to withstand him. The Lord Jesus said,

"You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free" (John 8:32). The truth is the fact. We will be set free once we know the fact. The power of Satan is in his lies; once his lies fail, his power is gone. Therefore, as soon as we realize that Satan is attacking us and that this is the fact, we are freed. Some children of God say with their mouth that Satan is the instigator behind everything, but their spirit has no assurance that those things are actually from Satan. Although they say that they are withstanding Satan, they do not know the reality of Satan's work. As a result, they cannot withstand him. However, as soon as they identify Satan's work, they can withstand him, and as soon as they withstand him, he flees.

Satan attacks our mind mainly through deception. He makes us think that his thoughts are ours when in reality they are from him. Once we expose his lies, we will reject the thought from him. To withstand means to refuse. When Satan gives us a thought, we should say, "I do not want it." This is what it means to withstand. When he injects one thought into us, we should say, "I do not take this." When he injects another thought into us, we should repeat, "I do not accept this." If we do this, he will not be able to do anything with us. One servant of God in the Middle Ages said, "You cannot stop birds from flying over your head, but you can at least stop them from nesting in your hair." This is a good word. We cannot stop Satan from tempting us. However, we can stop him from nesting, from gaining a beachhead in us. This power is ours. If we ignore the thoughts that enter our mind, these thoughts will stop.

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