

Please pray:

- ✿ 96 Lessons training Saturday September 21.
- ✿ Bibles for America: major distributions at the Oklahoma State Fair and in Northern and Central California in September; that the Word of God might be planted in the hearts of thousands of Americans; that much of the seed might bear fruit to satisfy God.
- ✿ Website: that the serving ones in the three languages be built up to serve in a corporate priesthood; that new serving ones be trained to serve on the new website; that unbelievers and believers in Montreal might receive the truth of Christ and the church; that new contacts be gained through the website in all languages.
- ✿ Toronto: gaining of brothers' and sisters' houses near the campuses; that the Lord might provide suitable couples to serve the students in these houses; families who live near the campuses as open homes for 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 27:1 – 2 Chron 8:18
- ✿ HWMR: Recovery of Christ as everything in the church, week 5
- ✿ Life-Study of Genesis, Message 22– 24

Announcements

- ✿ The monthly 96 Lessons training will resume on Saturday September 21 from 2 to 5 pm.
- ✿ There will be a Blending Conference in Fredericton from Oct. 18-20, 2013 with saints from Halifax and Charlottetown. We need to go and blend with the saints from the Maritimes! Hotel rate is \$100/room/night for up to four people per room. Register by Oct 1, 2013 with Martin or Monica. The schedule is:
 - Leave Montreal around 10 am Friday (9 hours drive). There is no meeting Friday night
 - Saturday: meetings 9 to 10 am and 10:30 to 12 noon; lunch on your own; meeting 1 to 3 pm; break; meeting 7 to 9:30 pm.
 - Lord's day: meeting 9 to 11 am
- ✿ If anyone has a burden to serve in the bookroom or library, please talk to the saints in the bookroom. Thank you!
- ✿ Since September 1, there are now four service groups based on geographical location. the rotation sequence is East with YP, North, West, and South.
- ✿ We 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

SEPT 15	Serving: South Chinese B Cleaning: North
22	Serving: English A Cleaning: West
29	Serving: French & Spanish Cleaning: South
OCT 6	Serving: East Chinese Cleaning: Whole meeting hall cleaning

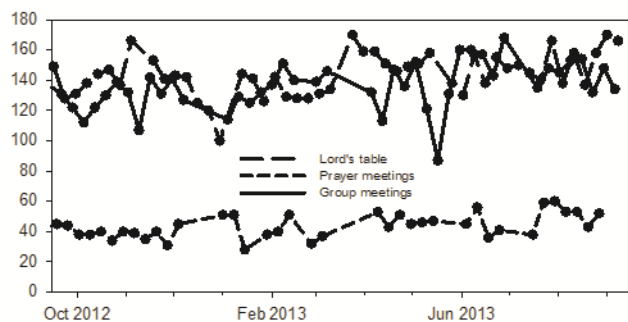
Upcoming Events

- ✿ Sept 20–22, Paris, France: **Chinese-speaking conference**
 - ✿ Sep 21, 2-5pm, Meeting hall: **96 Lessons**
 - ✿ Oct 18-20, Fredericton, NB: **Blending Conference**
 - ✿ Oct 25-27, Antigua, WI: **English-speaking conference with French translation.**
 - ✿ Nov 28-Dec 1, Schaumburg, Illinois: **International Thanksgiving Conference**
 - ✿ Dec 23-28, Anaheim, CA: **Winter live training**
- More events are listed on the church website*

This Week's Activities

15	✿ 10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
SEPTEMBER	
LORD'S DAY	✿ 12:30pm – 1:30pm: Lovefeast
16	✿
Monday	
17	✿ 7:30-9:00pm, English, French and Chinese prayer meetings by districts
Tuesday	
18	✿
Wednesday	
19	✿
Thursday	
20	✿ Various home meetings (English/French/Chinese)
Friday	
21	✿ 2-5pm, Meeting hall: 96 Lessons
Saturday	✿
22	✿ 10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
LORD'S DAY	✿ 12:30pm – 1:30pm: Lovefeast

Attendance Statistics



Withstanding the Devil

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

I. SATAN'S WORK

C. Satan's Work on Man's Conscience (continued)

1. The Difference between Satan's Accusation and the Holy Spirit's Reproach

What is the difference between Satan's accusation and the Holy Spirit's reproach? We need to distinguish between them.

First, all reproaches from the Holy Spirit begin with a small feeling from within. This inner feeling becomes stronger and stronger and convicts us of our mistakes. Satan's accusation, however, is a continual nagging within. The reproach of the Holy Spirit grows stronger and stronger as time goes on; the accusation of Satan is the same from beginning to end. As time passes, the inner sense of the Spirit ascends by degree; but the accusation of Satan is a constant, muddled nagging that stays the same from beginning to end.

Second, each time we yield to the rebuke of the Spirit, we find the power of sin diminishing in us. Each rebuke of the Spirit diminishes the power of sin a little. Therefore, any rebuke from the Spirit weakens the power of sin; it results in a diminishing of sin. This is not the case with Satan's accusation. Every time he accuses us, we find the power of sin to be just as great as before.

Third, the reproach of the Holy Spirit brings us to the Lord, whereas Satan's accusation brings us disappointment. The more we are reproved by the Holy Spirit, the more we are strengthened within to deal with our problem before the Lord. But Satan's accusation brings about despair and resignation. The reproach of the Holy Spirit causes us to come before the Lord and to rely on Him; Satan's accusation causes us to turn back to ourselves and to be disappointed.

Fourth, if it is the reproach of the Holy Spirit, confession before the Lord will follow. This confession will result in at least peace, if not joy. There may or may not be joy, but there is always peace. Satan's accusation, however, is totally different. There is no joy and no peace, even after one confesses his sins. This is like coming out of a major illness or going through a theatrical performance—nothing remains after the act is over. The reproach of the Holy Spirit has a result—peace, if not joy. However, Satan's accusation leads us nowhere.

Fifth, the reproach of the Holy Spirit reminds us of the blood of the Lord. With Satan's accusation, there is always the Satan-injected thought: "There is not much use. Perhaps the Lord will not forgive you." This thought will be there even when we know that we have the blood. In other words, the reproach of the Holy Spirit leads to faith in the Lord's blood, while Satan's accusation causes us to lose our faith in the Lord's blood. When a certain feeling comes, simply check whether we are reminded of the blood as a result of this feeling or whether we have been distanced from the blood. This will tell us whether the feeling is a reproach of the Holy Spirit or an accusation from Satan.

Sixth, the result of the reproach of the Holy Spirit is power from God; one will rise up on his feet and run faster. He will go on with renewed zeal, cast aside his trust in himself, and have more faith in God. However, the result of Satan's accusation is the debilitation of the conscience. The conscience of such ones is smitten before God. They have no faith in themselves, and they have no faith in God either. It is true that the reproach of the Holy Spirit takes away our strength and our trust in ourselves. But at the same time it causes us to have more faith in the Lord. Satan's accusation is not like this. It takes away our confidence in ourselves as well as our faith in the Lord. The result is that we become a debilitated person.

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