

Please pray:

- ✳ Europe: for the continuing distribution of the New Testament Recovery Version and other free publications in all the European languages; for the shepherding of the seeking ones and their entering into the church life.
- ✳ Sri Lanka: that the proof-reading of seven Rhema books would be completed quickly.
- ✳ London, Ontario: that the Lord would restore His testimony to that city by raising up four or more families to migrate there and labour with the saints currently there; that a strong church be raised up that would continue faithfully in the apostles' teaching and fellowship.
- ✳ FTTA: that the Lord build up the trainees in life, truth, service and character for the building up of the Body throughout North America; for Tiffany, Rebecca and Elizabeth currently in the training.
- ✳ Meeting Hall renovation: completion of the installation of the windows; relocation of the gas line; re-paving of the parking lot and driveway; blending of saints during the labour; financial needs for the work.
- ✳ 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: Rom 8:3 – 10:15
- ✳ HWMR: The Experience, Growth, and Ministry of Life for the Body, Week 3
- ✳ Life-Study of Genesis, Message 31 – 33

Announcements

- ✳ 2014 Chinese Gospel Calendar is now available for pre-ordering. Please put your name on the list in the bookroom by Oct. 27, 2013 to get the pre-order price.
- ✳ The International Thanksgiving Conference will be held near Chicago, Illinois, Nov. 28-Dec 1, 2013. Toronto will be renting a bus; there is **only one seat left**. Cost for bus is \$100, leaving from Toronto Thursday morning.
- ✳ Winter Training registration is due by Oct 27, 2013. Registration fee is \$150. Sign up with Monica.
- ✳ Video Training registration is by Oct. 27, 2013. If you plan on attending, please sign up on the bulletin board so we know how many outlines to order in each language.
- ✳ 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!
- ✳ 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

OCT 6	✳ Serving: East Chinese
	✳ Cleaning: Whole meeting hall cleaning
13	✳ Serving: West Chinese
	✳ Cleaning: East with YP
20	✳ Serving: North Chinese
	✳ Cleaning: North
27	✳ Serving: South Chinese (A)
	✳ Cleaning: West

Upcoming Events

- ✳ Oct 12, Meeting hall: **96 Lessons**, Series 1, Lessons 5 and 6 (E/F/C)
 - ✳ Oct 18-20, Fredericton, NB: **Blending Conference**
 - ✳ Oct 25-27, Antigua, WI: **English-speaking conference with French translation**
 - ✳ Nov 16, Meeting hall: **96 Lessons**, Series 2, Lessons 1 and 2 (E/F/C)
 - ✳ Nov 28-Dec1, Schaumburg, Illinois: **International Thanksgiving Conference**
 - ✳ Dec 14, Meeting hall: **96 Lessons**, Series 3, Lessons 4 and 5 (E/F/C)
 - ✳ Dec 23-28, Anaheim, CA: **Winter live training**
- More events are listed on the church website*

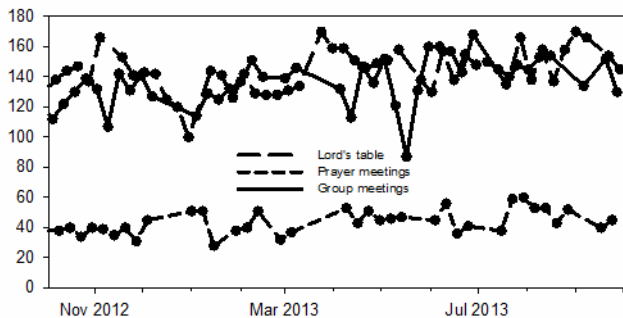
This Week's Activities

6	✳ 10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
OCTOBER	
LORD'S DAY	✳ 12:30pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
	✳ 1:30pm: Whole meeting hall cleaning
7	✳
Monday	
8	✳ 2:30pm-3:30pm, McLennan Library 3 rd floor, McGill: Bible Study*
Tuesday	✳ 7:30-9:00pm, English, French and Chinese prayer meetings by districts

9 Wednesday	☼ 2pm-3pm, Concordia Library 4 th floor, Concordia: Bible Study*
10 Thursday	☼ 11:30am-12:30pm, McLennan Library 3 rd floor, McGill: Bible Study*
11 Friday	☼ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
12 Saturday	☼ 2-5 pm: 96 Lessons Training
13 LORD'S DAY	☼ 10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting ☼ 12:30pm – 1:30pm: Love feast

* Since the room number may sometimes change, please contact Dennis or James if you would like to attend

Attendance Statistics



Withstanding the Devil

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

I. SATAN'S WORK

D. Satan's Work in the Environment

All circumstances are arranged by God. However, there are many things in our environment which, though permitted by God, are the result of Satan's direct and active work.

Take Job's experience as an example. His oxen and donkeys were taken away, his house collapsed, and his children were killed. These were all things in the environment. Though they were permitted by God, Satan was the one directly instigating the attacks.

Peter's failure was another example. The cause of his fall was partly due to himself, but partly due to Satan's attack in the environment. The Lord said, "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has asked to have you all to sift you as wheat" (Luke 22:31). Peter's fall was the direct result of Satan's work. Yet it was something permitted by God.

Paul's thorn was clearly the work of Satan. Paul said, "There was given to me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, that he might buffet me" (2 Cor. 12:7). This is the work

of Satan. It is Satan who attacks God's children in the environment.

An even clearer example can be seen in Matthew 8, when the Lord Jesus ordered the disciples to depart to the other side of the sea. He knew that powerful demons had to be cast out on the other side of the sea. After He and the disciples stepped into the boat, suddenly a great tempest arose in the sea so that the boat was covered by the waves. The Lord was asleep. The disciples came near and roused Him, saying, "Lord, save us; we are perishing!" (v. 25). A few of the disciples were fishermen; they were very experienced sailors. However, they realized that the waves were more than they could handle. The Lord Jesus rebuked their little faith; then He rose and rebuked the winds and the sea. The winds and the sea have no personality of their own, yet the Lord rebuked them because the devil was behind them. Satan had stirred up the winds and the waves.

In conclusion, Satan not only attacks our body, our conscience, and our mind, but also attacks us through our environment.

How should we react to Satan's attack in the environment?

First, we must humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God. Both James 4 and 1 Peter 5 tell us to withstand Satan. These two portions also tell us to humble ourselves before God. When Satan attacks us in the environment, our first reaction should be to submit to God. We cannot withstand the devil if we do not submit to God. Our conscience will condemn us if we withstand the devil without submitting to God. Therefore, our first reaction should be to submit to God.

Second, we should withstand the devil. When God's children encounter unreasonable and inexplicable things in the environment and have the clear sense within that these are attacks from Satan, they should withstand him. Once they withstand, the attacks will be behind them. On the one hand, they need to humble themselves under the hand of God. On the other hand, they must withstand Satan's work in the environment. When they humble themselves, and their attitude before God is firm, God will show them that it is not Him but Satan who is doing the work. Thus, they will be able to differentiate God's arrangement from Satan's attack. Once they are clear and once they withstand the devil, the attacks will go away.

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