

Please pray:

- ✿ Eastern Canada Young People's Retreat, Palgrave, Ontario, October 25–27; the subject is the Lord's coming.
- ✿ Israel: gaining of gospel friends of Ethiopian descent; granting of visas to a young couple in Tel Aviv; blending and building up during the fall conference and the preceding tour; gaining of a new, open family in an Arab village.
- ✿ Recent immigrants: that the Lord would grace the recent immigrants among us with His all-inclusive care; the Lord's help in obtaining jobs, learning language, and studying in school; provisions for their financial needs; a vital living in the church as part of their normal human life.
- ✿ 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 gospel preaching, shepherding, pursuing the truth, and prophesying to build the church.
- ✿ 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 10:16 – 14:12
- ✿ HWMR: The Experience, Growth, and Ministry of Life for the Body, Week 5
- ✿ Life-Study of Genesis, Message 37 – 39

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.
- ✿ Winter Training registration is due by Oct 24, 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.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

OCT	✿ Serving: North Chinese
20	✿ Cleaning: North
27	✿ Serving: South Chinese (A) ✿ Cleaning: West
NOV	✿ Serving: English (B)
3	✿ Cleaning: South
10	✿ Serving: Central Chinese 1 ✿ Cleaning: Whole meeting hall cleaning

Upcoming Events

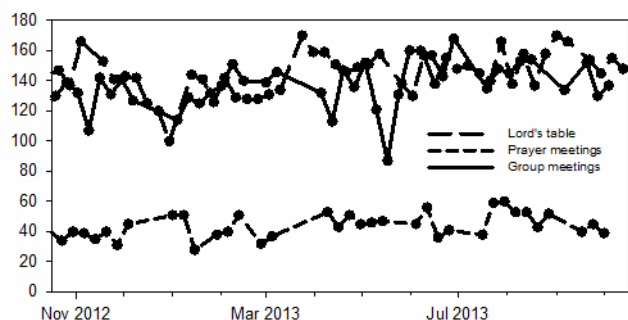
- ✿ Oct 25-27, Antigua, WI: **English-speaking conference with French translation**
 - ✿ **Nov 16, Meeting hall: 96 Lessons, Series 2, Lessons 1 and 2 (E/F/C)**
 - ✿ Nov 28-Dec1, Schaumburg, Illinois: **International Thanksgiving Conference**
 - ✿ Dec 14, Meeting hall: **96 Lessons, Series 3, Lessons 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

20 OCTOBER LORD'S DAY	✿ 10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting ✿ 12:30pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
21 Monday	✿
22 Tuesday	✿ 2:30pm-3:30pm, McLennan Library 3 rd floor, McGill: Bible Study* ✿ 7:30-9:00pm, English, French and Chinese prayer meetings by districts
23 Wednesday	✿ 2pm-3pm, Concordia Library 4 th floor, Concordia: Bible Study*
24 Thursday	✿ 11:30am-12:30pm, McLennan Library 3 rd floor, McGill: Bible Study*
25 Friday	✿ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
26 Saturday	✿ 3:30-6pm: Young People's Meeting
27 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

II. WITHSTANDING SATAN BY FAITH

First Peter 5:8-9 says, "Be sober; watch. Your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking someone to devour. Him withstand, being firm in your faith." God's Word shows us clearly that the way to withstand Satan is by faith. There is no other way to withstand him. What should our faith rest on? How should we exercise our faith to withstand him? Let us consider what the Word of God says concerning this.

A. Believing That the Lord's Manifestation Is to Destroy the Works of the Devil

First, we must believe that the Lord was manifested for the purpose of destroying the works of the devil (1 John 3:8). The Son of God has come to the earth; He was manifested. When He was on earth, He destroyed the work of the devil wherever He went. Often Satan's work was not obvious; he hid behind natural phenomena. However, the Lord rebuked him every time. It is clear that He was rebuking Satan when He rebuked Peter's speaking (Matt. 16:22-23), when He rebuked the fever of Peter's mother-in-law (Luke 4:39), and when He rebuked the winds and the waves. Although the devil hid behind many natural phenomena, the Lord Jesus rebuked him. Wherever the Lord went, the power of the devil was shattered. This is why He said, "But if I, by the Spirit of God, cast out the demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you" (Matt. 12:28). In other words, wherever the Lord went, Satan was cast out, and the kingdom of God was manifested. Satan could

not remain where the Lord was. This is why He said that He was manifested to destroy the works of the devil.

We should also believe that in manifesting Himself on the earth, the Lord not only destroyed the works of the devil, but also gave authority to His disciples to cast out demons in His name. The Lord said, "Behold, I have given you the authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy" (Luke 10:19). He gave His name to the church so that His church might continue His work on earth after His ascension. The Lord used His authority on earth to cast out demons. He also gave this authority to the church.

We must distinguish between what the devil has and what we have. What the devil has is power. What we have is authority. All that Satan has is power. But the Lord Jesus has given us authority, which can overcome all the power of Satan. Power cannot prevail over authority. God has given us authority, and Satan will surely fail.

Consider an illustration of how authority overcomes power: A traffic light on a road controls traffic. When a policeman turns on the red light, all pedestrians and cars have to stop. No one is allowed to dash through a red light. The pedestrians and cars are much more powerful than the red light in terms of power. However, no pedestrian or driver will dare dash through the red light because of the presence of authority. This is an example of authority prevailing over power.

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