

Please pray:

- ✿ Brothers' retreat, March 15: the Lord's release of His burden concerning the direction of the church; perfecting, building up and knitting together of the brothers in love; that many brothers be released to attend the retreat.
- ✿ Ukraine: that the churches in Ukraine might shine as bright lights during the perfect dark political crisis; that the oneness of the Body might be manifest in Ukraine transcending all international human politics; that the saints might be protected from any violence or harm during the crisis; that the construction of the new meeting hall in Kiev would not be hindered or delayed.
- ✿ Quebec City: shepherding of the present contacts there; increase in visitation between Quebec and Montreal; the Lord's advance in His testimony in Quebec.
- ✿ Renovations: kitchen renovation from January to March; renovating the downstairs stage area; fellowship and building up of saints through the labour of renovation; financial provision for the renovations.
- ✿ 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: 2 Cor 6:1 – 10:6
- ✿ HWMR: Crystallization-study of Genesis (I), Week 9
- ✿ Life-Study of Genesis, Message 97 – 99

Announcements

- ✿ The love feast and cleaning schedule resume today.
- ✿ The Annual General Meeting of the church corporation will be held in the meeting hall (3201, rue Hochelaga) on Lord's day March 16 at 12 pm.
- ✿ Because of our busy schedule of activities, there will be no 96 Lessons training in March. The next training will be on April 19.
- ✿ All the saints who took out Bibles to distribute for Bibles for Canada, please indicate on the form near the bookroom if you have given them all out and bring in any forms you have received that are filled out. We had at least 300 Bibles signed out and would like to confirm what has been given out. Please feel free to continue to sign out the Bibles so we can reach our goal.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

MAR 9	✿ Serving: English (A)
	✿ Cleaning: Whole meeting hall cleaning
16	✿ Serving: English (B)
	✿ Cleaning: North
23	✿ Serving: Central Chinese 1
	✿ Cleaning: West
30	✿ Serving: NDG
	✿ Cleaning: South

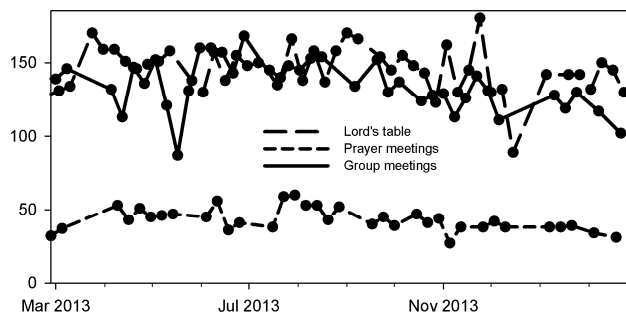
Upcoming Events

- ✿ Mar 15, Ste-Adèle, QC: Montreal brothers' retreat
 - ✿ Mar. 22-23, Toronto, ON: **East Canada Teachers' Training**
 - ✿ Mar. 28-30, Toronto, ON: **East Canada Parents & Serving Ones Conf.**
 - ✿ Apr. 04-06, Anaheim, CA: **Spring Intl. Training for Elders & Resp. Ones**
 - ✿ Apr 11-13, Palgrave, ON: **East Canada Young People's Retreat**
 - ✿ Apr 19: **96 Lessons Training**
 - ✿ Apr 25-27, Wickliffe, Ohio, USA: **Regional Blending Conference in Cleveland**
 - ✿ Apr 26-27, Paris: **Conference in France**
- More events are listed on the church website*

This Week's Activities

MARCH 9	✿ 10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
LORD'S DAY	✿ 12:30pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
	✿ 1:30pm: Whole meeting hall cleaning
10 Monday	✿
11 Tuesday	✿ 7:30-9pm, English / French / Chinese prayer meetings by districts
12 Wednesday	✿
13 Thursday	✿
14 Friday	✿ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
15 Saturday	✿ Brothers' retreat in Ste-Adèle
	✿ 3:30-6pm: Young People's Meeting
MARCH 16	✿ 10am – 12pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
LORD'S DAY	✿ 12pm – 12:30pm: The Annual General Meeting
	✿ 12:30pm – 1:30pm: Love feast

Attendance Statistics



The Priesthood

II. THE KINGDOM OF PRIESTS BECOMING THE HOUSE OF PRIESTS (continued)

D. God's People and God's Priests Becoming Two Separate Groups

From that time on, there were always two groups of people in the nation of Israel. One group were God's people and the other were God's priests. God's original intention was for all His people to be His priests. God had no intention of separating His people from His priests. He wanted the whole nation to be a kingdom of priests. God's people and God's priests should have been one. Whoever were God's people should have been His priests. As long as a person was one of God's people, he should have been God's priest. To be His people meant to be His priests. All His people were to be His priests. However, many loved the world and succumbed to human affection and turned away from faithfulness to worship the idol. As a result, God's people and His priests became two separate groups. Henceforth, if a man did not love the Lord more than his father, mother, wife, children, brother, sister, and all, he became unfit to be a disciple of the Lord. Many could not meet this requirement or pay this price. From that day forward, the nation of Israel was divided into two groups—God's people and His priests.

E. The Priesthood Becoming the Privilege of a Household

From that day forward, the kingdom of priests became a tribe of priests. The scope of the priesthood was reduced from a kingdom of priests to a household of priests. The priesthood became the matter of a household instead of a nation. God's

people and God's priests were one and the same in the tribe of Levi; that is, His people were His priests. In regards to the other eleven tribes, God's people were only God's people; they could no longer be God's priests. This was most serious. It is serious for a person to be a believer, one of God's people, and yet not be a priest.

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