

Please pray:

- ✿ 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: John 20:23 – Acts 1:26 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✿ HWMR: Crystallization-study of Exodus, week 38

Announcements

- ✿ Summer Training registration is open. Deadline is April 30. Live training is \$200, video training is \$100. Late registration is an addition \$50 for the live or \$25 for the video training. Please register with Monica.
- ✿ The International Memorial Day conf. will be held in White Plains, NY, May 26 to 29, 2017. It is only a 5 hour drive from Montreal. If you are interested in attending, please fill out the google doc sent out so rides and rooms can be co-ordinated. If you don't have a room yet, check who needs a roommate to find a place to ensure you have somewhere to stay. Hotels are almost full now. See conf. information on the bulletin board for more details.
- ✿ The Collected Works of Witness Lee will be completed by Aug. 2018. They will be printing only about what they have as existing orders, therefore the collection will be unable to be ordered after completion. Any who wishes to order them, can still go on standing order to receive them at a 40-45% discount. All on standing orders will get a free index book once all are printed. See pamphlet on bulletin board.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

Apr 16	✿ Serving: Chinese East
	✿ Cleaning: English West, Chinese West and Young People (John Y., Boy, Aaron Cha. responsible)
23	✿ Serving: Chinese South A
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese North and Chinese Central 1 (Jun, Gerry Chan responsible)
30	✿ Serving: Chinese North
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese East (Xie, Guorong responsible)
May 7	✿ Serving: English A
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan responsible)
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Upcoming Events

- ✿ April 22-23, Paris, France: **Conference in Paris**
- ✿ May 6-7, Sainte Anne, Guadeloupe: **Conference in Guadeloupe**
- ✿ May 20-21, Toronto, ON: **Canada Victoria Day Conference**
- ✿ May 26-29, 2017, White Plains, NY: **Memorial Day Conference**
- ✿ July 3-8, 2017, Anaheim, CA: **Summer Training**

The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

16	✿ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
APRIL LORD'S DAY	✿ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
17	✿
Monday	
18	✿ 7:30-9:00pm: French / Chinese / English prayer meetings by districts
Tuesday	
19	✿
Wednesday	
20	✿
Thursday	
21	✿ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
Friday	
22	✿
Saturday	
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PRAYER

Scripture Reading: John 16:24; James 4:2-3; Luke 11:9-10; Psa. 66:18; Mark 11:24; Luke 18:1-8

II. CONDITIONS FOR PRAYERS BEING ANSWERED (continued)

In the Bible we can see many conditions for having prayers answered, but only a few of them are basic. We believe that if we meet these few conditions, our prayers will be answered. These few conditions are equally applicable to those who have prayed for many years. These are very basic conditions, and we should pay attention to them.

C. Dealing with Sins

Some do not ask evilly, but God does not answer their prayers. This is because there is a basic barrier between them

and God—sin. "If I regard iniquity in my heart,/The Lord will not hear" (Psa. 66:18). If a person has obvious and known sins in his heart, yet is unwilling to drop or part with them, the Lord will not answer his prayer. (Note the words in my heart.) The Lord cannot answer a person's prayer when there is such a great hindrance.

What does it mean to "regard iniquity in my heart"? It means to keep a sin in one's heart, being unwilling to part with it. Such a person knows something is a sin, yet he continues to cherish it. It is not only a weakness in conduct or appearance but also a craving in the heart. This is different from the person spoken of in Romans 7. Although the person in Romans 7 has failed, he hates what he is doing. The person here, however, regards iniquity in his heart. This means he keeps the iniquity to himself and is unwilling and reluctant to let go of it. The sin remains not only in his conduct but also in his heart. The Lord will not hear such a one when he prays. So long as there is one sin, it will hinder God from answering our prayer. We should not keep any favorite sin in our heart. We should acknowledge all sins as sins and should put them under the blood. The Lord can sympathize with our weakness, but the Lord will not allow us to regard iniquity in our hearts. Our prayers will not prevail if we have removed all the sins outwardly but still regard them in our heart and are unwilling and reluctant to part with them. The moment we begin our Christian life, we have to ask for the Lord's grace to keep us from falling and to sanctify us in our conduct. At the same time, we must thoroughly reject all sins in our heart. We should not retain or regard any sin in our heart. Our prayer will be useless if sin remains in our heart. The Lord will not listen to such a prayer.

Proverbs 28:13 says, "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper:/but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." You must confess your sins. You must tell the Lord, "I have regarded a sin in my heart. I cannot give it up. I ask You to forgive me. I want to forsake this sin. Please deliver me from this sin. Do not let this sin remain in me. I do not want it. I want to reject it." If you confess to the Lord this way, the Lord will forgive; you will receive forgiveness. Then, your prayer will be heard. You must never be loose in this matter. You will not receive anything if you do not ask. You also will not receive anything if you ask evilly. Even if you do not ask evilly, the Lord will not answer your prayer as long as you keep back a favorite sin and regard it in your heart.

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