

Please pray:

- ✿ Israel, Summer School of Truth in Galilee: Please pray for all the preparations and details as it is the first time that the summer school of truth is extended into Galilee.
- ✿ India: Pray that the Lord could gain a group of young generations from the campuses in the major cities and that at least 25 new trainees will be released to join the FTTND (New Delhi) this coming July term.
- ✿ London, UK: Four one-week trainings will be held at Bower House on 1-27 May. Please pray for the perfecting of the saints and the gaining of the seeking ones for the Lord's recovery in Europe.
- ✿ Victoria day conference in Toronto (May 19-21) & Memorial day conference in White plains, New York (May 26-29): Pray that many saints would be released to attend the conference; that the Lord would speak a up to date word to the churches; that the Lord would gain what He is after in these conferences.
- ✿ GTCA Ottawa and Laval: Pray that the Lord would give us a heart to shepherd the new contacts; that the new contacts would be shepherded according to their needs; that the Lord would give us remaining fruits; that the Lord would gain what He is after in Ottawa and Laval.
- ✿ 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 Sam 19:1 - 1 Kings 1:53 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✿ HWMR: Crystallization-study of Exodus, week 41

Announcements

- ✿ Summer Training registration is still open for late registration. Live training is \$200, video training is \$100 with additional \$50 for the live or \$25 for the video training for the late registration. 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

May 7	✿ Serving: English A ✿ Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan responsible)
14	✿ Serving: English B ✿ Chinese Central 2 and Chinese Central 3 (Qiang, Wenxiong responsible)
21	✿ Serving: Chinese Central 1 ✿ Cleaning: English Central and College (Dennis, Joe responsible)
28	✿ Serving: Chinese South B ✿ French: (Achille, Allan responsible)

Upcoming Events

- ✿ 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

7	✿ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
MAY LORD'S DAY	✿ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
8	✿
Monday	
9	✿ 7:30-9:00pm: French / Chinese / English prayer meetings by districts
Tuesday	
10	✿
Wednesday	
11	✿
Thursday	
12	✿ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
Friday	
13	✿
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)

D. Believing (continued)

2. The Lord's Will—God is Willing

It is true that God can do everything, but how do I know that He is willing to heal me? I do not know His will. Perhaps the Lord is not willing to heal me. What should I do? Let us look at another story. Mark 1:41 says, "And He was moved with compassion, and stretching out His hand, He touched him and said to him, I am willing; be cleansed!" Whether or not God can do something is not the question here; rather, it is a question of whether or not God is willing. No matter how great His power is, what does it matter if He is unwilling to heal? If God does not want to heal us, the greatness of His power will be of no consequence to us. The first question that has to be settled is whether or not God can, but the second question that also has to be settled is whether or not God will. The Lord said to the leper, "I am willing." The Old Testament tells us that leprosy is a very filthy disease (Lev. 13—14). Whoever contacted a leper was defiled. However, the Lord's love was so great that He said, "I am willing." The Lord Jesus stretched out His hand and touched and cleansed the leper! The leper entreated the Lord, and the Lord was willing to cleanse him. Can it be that the Lord will not heal our illness? Can it be that the Lord will not answer our prayers? We can all say, "God can" and "God is willing."

3. The Lord's Act—God Has Done

It is not enough for us to know that God can and God will. We need to know one more thing—God has done. We need to go back to Mark 11:24, which we quoted earlier: "All things that you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and you will have them." This tells us that God has done something already.

What is faith? Faith is not just believing that God can and will do something but also believing that God has done something already. God has accomplished it. If you believe that you have received it, you will have it. If you believe and are confident that God can and will do a certain thing because He has given you a word concerning it, you should thank Him, saying, "God has done it!" Many people's prayers are not answered because they are not clear about this point; they still hope that they will receive something. However, to hope means to expect something in the future, whereas to believe means to consider something as being done. Genuine faith

says, "Thank God, He has healed me! Thank God, I have received it! Thank God, I am cleansed! Thank God, I have recovered!" When faith is perfect, it will not only say "God can" and "God wills," but also "God has done."

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