

Please pray:

- ✳ Natural calamities: Pray that that hearts of men may be opened during this time; that the Lord would use these natural calamities for the advancement of His purpose on this earth; that the saints may be covered and protected.
- ✳ Germany: Please pray that those who are now in the process of emigrating to Germany will find housing and jobs (for the job-keeping full-timers) and will obtain visas to live and serve long-term in Germany; for the practical strengthening and building up of the local churches in Germany and for the labor on the college campuses; that the Lord will send an adequate number of experienced brothers who can provide leadership to the work in Germany.
- ✳ Myanmar: Pray for the 63 local churches and 70 meeting places to be preserved and protected during the lockdown of the religious activities due to the insurgency caused by Muslims; pray for the finishing of the translation of the Old Testament Recovery Version and the translation of other ministry books into Burmese.
- ✳ May we have a heart to learn how to coordinate with one another by denying ourself, experiencing the dealings of the cross, living and acting by the grace of God and the power of God.
- ✳ 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: 1Chron 27:1 - 2 Chron 7:18 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization study of Ezekiel, Vol 1, week 5

Announcements

- ✳ The translation work in French is on track to translate 2500 pages this year. However, there is a continued need for translator and editor support. The French translation fund is currently low. Please pray for this need.
- ✳ 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 go on standing order to receive them at a 40-45% discount. There are several payment plans available. See bulletin board.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

Sep ✳ Serving: Chinese East

10	✳	Cleaning: Chinese Central 2 and Chinese Central 3 (Qiang, Wenxiong responsible)
17	✳	Serving: Chinese South A Cleaning: English Central and College (Dennis, Joe responsible)
24	✳	Serving: Chinese North ✳ Cleaning: French (Achille, Allan responsible)
Oct 1	✳	Serving: English A ✳ Cleaning: All Groups

Upcoming Events

- ✳ Sept. 29 to Oct. 1, Bloomfield, ON: **Fall Eastern Canada College Retreat at Wesley Acres Retreat Centre**,
 - ✳ October 5 to 7, 2017, Leipzig, Germany: **Fall ITERO**
 - ✳ November 23 to 26, 2017, Phoenix, Arizona: **International Thanksgiving Conference**
 - ✳ December 25 to 30, 2017, Anaheim, CA: **Winter Training**
- The church website lists more events*

This Week's Activities

10	✳	10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
SEPTEMBER LORD'S DAY	✳	12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
11	✳	
Monday		
12	✳	7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts
Tuesday		
13	✳	
Wednesday	✳	
14	✳	
Thursday		
15	✳	Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
Friday		
16	✳	
Saturday		
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CONFESSION AND RECOMPENSE

Scripture Reading: Lev. 6:1-7; Matt. 5:23-26

III. THE TEACHING OF MATTHEW 5

Now let us turn to another portion—Matthew 5. This chapter is different from Leviticus 6, which speaks of transgressions against man just in terms of material things.

Matthew 5 deals with more than just transgressions in material things.

Matthew 5:23-26 says, "Therefore if you are offering your gift at the altar and there you remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and first go and be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Be well disposed quickly toward your opponent at law, while you are with him on the way, lest the opponent deliver you to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. Truly I say to you, You shall by no means come out from there until you pay the last quadrans." The quadrans spoken of here do not refer to just physical quadrans. They refer to the principle of coming up short in something.

The Lord says, "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there you remember that your brother has something against you." This specifically refers to disputes among God's children and among the brothers. If you are offering a gift at the altar, that is, if you are offering something to God, and suddenly remember that your brother has something against you, this remembering is God's leading. The Holy Spirit often gives you a necessary thought and reminds you of necessary things. When you remember something or are reminded of something, do not put the thought aside and think that it is merely a thought. As soon as you remember something, you should carefully deal with it.

If you remember that your brother has something against you, this means you have transgressed against him. Your transgression may or may not be in material things. Perhaps you have offended him by acting unrighteously towards him. The emphasis is not on material things but on that which sets others against you. A new believer should realize that if he offends a person and does not apologize and ask for forgiveness, he is finished as soon as the offended party mentions his name and sighs before God. Whatever he offers to God will not be accepted. Whatever he prays will be turned down. We should not allow any brother or sister to sigh before God because of us. Once he or she sighs, we are finished before God. If we have done something wrong or if we have offended or hurt someone, the offended party need not accuse us before God. All he has to say before God is, "Oh! So-and-so..." or, for that matter, he just needs to utter an "Oh" and whatever we offer to God will be rejected. All he has to do is sigh a little because of us before God. We must not give any brother or sister the reason or the ground to sigh before God because of us. If we give him or her a reason to sigh, we will lose all our spiritual prospects and all our gifts to God will be annulled.

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