

Please pray:

- ✿ Young people's retreat (Oct. 20 – 22): Pray for the releasing of the young people to attend this retreat; pray that the Lord would meet and speak with them in a personal way and gain them at this young age; pray that the serving ones would be strengthened in their tripartite being during this time and learn to serve by the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ; pray that the time with the hospitality host will be of mutual encouragement, shepherding and building up.
- ✿ Visit of 10 FTT Seoul trainees (Oct. 23-27): Pray that this will be a time of mutual shepherding, encouragement, enjoyment, blending and building up; that the Lord would prepare the hearts of men to receive Him during the gospel preaching and Bible distribution; that the Lord would gain what He is after in this time.
- ✿ Galilee, Israel: Pray together with us for the newer ones in the Galilee as they pass through much testing in these days. Pray that they will not forsake the assembling together in the church meetings, even if all the forces of Hades rise up against it.
- ✿ Montreal brothers' retreat (Oct 28th): Pray that the brothers will be released to come to this time; may the Lord use this time to blend and speak to the brothers for the going on of His work in Montreal; that the Lord may gain what He is after in this time.
- ✿ Laval: Pray that the Lord would grant us a burden and a heart to continually pray for this land; that shepherds be raised up to take care of the contacts who come to the Bible studies or express desire to be contacted; that the Lord would raise up a proper testimony in Laval according to His timing.
- ✿ 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 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✿ HWMR: Crystallization study of Ezekiel, Vol 2, week 11

Announcements

- ✿ LSM is releasing the 2018 Gospel Calendar. Please make your orders with the book room. Deadline is October 29th.
- ✿ If you wish to be added to the French Standing Order to obtain all new books printed in French, please add your name to the list in the Book room. If you are currently signed up for the French Standing Order, please see Book room to receive your books.

- ✿ Registration for the 2017 Winter training in Anaheim is now open. The registration deadline is November 1. If you are interested in going please register with sister Monica. The cost is USD\$200 (CAD\$250) per trainee plus USD\$5 for the outline.
- ✿ The video training registration sheet is also available and posted on the board across from the Service office. All those interested in attending should register before the November 1 deadline as well. The cost for the video training is USD\$100 (CAD\$125) per trainee plus USD\$5 (CAD\$6.25) for the outline.
- ✿ The 2018 International Chinese New Year Conference will be held from 16th -18 th Feb. 2018 in Taipei. Preceeding the conference, there will be a blending trip with the churches in Taiwan. Brother James K from Toronto will lead the group, and the invitation is extended to all saints in Eastern Canada. Please contact brother Joe for more information.
- ✿ The translation work in French is on track to translate 2500 pages this year. For this work to continue, there is a financial need required for translation and editor support through the French translation fund. Please pray for this need and also for the Lord to lead concerning giving to this fund..

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

15	✿ Serving: Chinese Central 1 ✿ Cleaning: Chinese North and Chinese Central 1 (Jun, Gerry Chan responsible)
22	✿ Serving: Chinese South B Cleaning: Chinese East (Xie, Guorong responsible)
29	✿ Serving: Chinese East ✿ Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan responsible)
Nov 5	✿ Serving: Chinese North ✿ Cleaning: Chinese Central 2 and Chinese Central 3 (Qiang, Wenxiong responsible)

Upcoming Events

- ✿ October 20 to 22, Toronto, ON: **The Eastern Canada Young People Fall Retreat**
- ✿ 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

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

Scripture Reading: Matt. 18:21-35, 15-20; Luke 17:3-5

I. FORGIVING ONE'S BROTHER (continued)

B. God's Measure

The Lord continues with a parable in Matthew 18:23-27: "For this reason the kingdom of the heavens has become like a king who desired to settle accounts with his slaves. And when he began to settle them, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. But since he did not have the means to repay, the master commanded him to be sold, as well as his wife and children and all that he had, and repayment to be made. Then the slave fell down and worshipped him, saying, Be patient with me and I will repay you all. And the master of that slave was moved with compassion and released him and forgave him the loan."

The slave owed ten thousand talents, which was a very large amount of money. He had no ability to repay because "he did not have the means to repay." We can never repay all that we owe God. It is far more than what men owe us. Once a child of God arrives at a proper evaluation of his debt to God, he will generously forgive what his brother owes him. When we forget the immensity of the grace we have received from God, we become merciless toward others. We need to see how much we owe God before we can see how little others owe us.

The slave did not have the means to repay, and the master ordered him "to be sold, as well as his wife and children

and all that he had, and repayment to be made." Actually, even if he sold all that he had, he still could not have repaid everything. "Then the slave fell down and worshipped him, saying, Be patient with me and I will repay you all."

It is difficult for man to understand clearly what grace is and what the gospel is. Man often thinks that he may not be able to repay today, but that he will be able to repay someday. He may not make it today, but he will make it someday. In these verses, however, we see a slave who, even if he were to sell all that he had, would not have had enough to repay. He said, "Be patient with me and I will repay you all." His intention was good. He was not trying to avoid his debt. He was only asking the Lord for more time. He intended to repay all. Such a thought can only come from those who have no knowledge of grace.

"And the master of that slave was moved with compassion and released him and forgave him the loan." This is the gospel. The gospel is not God working for you according to your idea. You may say, "Lord, be patient with me, and I will repay You all," but the Lord does not respond by saying, "Pay what you have and repay the rest later." The Lord forgave all of your debt. Man's prayers and requests do not even come close to the grace of the Lord. Our Lord works for us and answers our prayer according to what He has. The master of the slave released him and forgave the debt. This is God's grace; this is His measure. Anyone who asks for grace will receive grace from God, even though his knowledge of grace is very limited. We should be clear about this principle: The Lord loves to bestow grace on men. As long as we have a little desire for grace, the Lord will pour it out on us. He is afraid that we will not ask. As soon as a man hopes a little and opens his mouth to say, "Lord, be gracious to me," the Lord pours out His grace to him. Moreover, this grace from the Lord is given to His own satisfaction. We may think that one dollar is enough, but He will give ten million dollars, not just one dollar. He acts for His own satisfaction. His acts are compatible with Himself. We would settle for one dollar, but God cannot give anyone such a small sum. Either He does not give at all, or He gives according to His own measure.

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