

## Please pray:

- ✳ Sisters' video message in Montreal (Mar 25): We treasure the sisters' portion and their function in the church life relating to God's economy. May the sisters have such a hunger for His speaking; may they be released for this time and be gained by the Lord even more.
- ✳ Shepherding: that we would have an intimate concern for all the saints in the church, including the ones we don't know so well; that we would take the most excellent way of love in all our dealings with each other; that our hearts would be enlarged to embrace all the brothers and sisters, regardless of their condition; that we all would be transferred from our own personal universe, concerned just for our needs and interests, into the universe of the one new man.
- ✳ For the raising up of vital groups in the church in Montreal in all the languages; that all the saints would rise up to live vitally with vital companions for gospel preaching, shepherding, pursuing the truth, and prophesying to build the church.
- ✳ Spring European university conference in the Netherlands (23-25 March): This year the subject of the conference will be "The Humanity of Jesus for the Fulfillment of God's Purpose." We feel that this topic is very much according to the Lord's heart, and it is also stirring up His enemy's opposition. Please pray that the Lord will prepare the hearts of the university-age saints from all over Europe and release them to attend the conference. Please pray also that the Lord's blessing will be poured out on every aspect of this gathering.
- ✳ Laval: May we continue to pray for this land; that the Lord may continue to shepherd the contacts in their situations; may the Lord gain a proper testimony in the city of Laval according to His timing.
- ✳ Gospel meeting at brother Lito and sister Liza's home (Mar 25): Please pray that many contacts would be released to attend; that their hearts would be prepared to receive the gospel; that the Lord would gain what He is after in this meeting.
- ✳ 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 10:7 - 13:14 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization study of Ezekiel, Vol 4, week 22

## Announcements

- ✳ Anyone with amounts still due to be offered for the Church in Ottawa meeting hall, please submit it by March 31.
- ✳ There will be a gospel meeting at brother Lito and sister Liza's home on this Lord's day, Mar 25, starting at 5pm with dinner. The topic is "the Purpose of Human Life"
- ✳ The Parent-Serving Ones Conference will be held at the meeting hall of the Church in Toronto the weekend of April 6-8. The first meeting will be start on Friday evening. If there is anyone who would like to join this time in Toronto, please register with YP serving brother Aaron. We will also have these meeting on video broadcast here in Montreal.
- ✳ The saints in Ohio would like to invite the churches and individuals to participate in a blending conference with brother Ron Kangas. This will take place in Cleveland, Ohio from Friday, March 30 to Lord's Day, April 1, 2018. Reservations must be made by March 21, 2018 in order to get this special rate of 90\$ per night. Childcare for children from kindergarten through grade 6 will be provided during the conference meetings. Anyone who wants to attend, please register with the responsible brothers.
- ✳ We will watch the video of the next lessons for Sisters messages after the Lord's day meeting's on March 25 and April 1 after lunch from 1:30pm to 3:30pm.

## Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

March 18	✳ Serving: English A
25	✳ Cleaning: French (Achille, Allan responsible)
25	✳ Serving: English B
	✳ Cleaning: English West, Chinese West and Young People (John Y., Boy, Aaron Cha. responsible)
April 1	✳ Serving: Chinese Central 1
	✳ Cleaning: Chinese North and Chinese Central 1 (Jun, Gerry Chan responsible)
8	✳ Serving: Chinese South B
	✳ Cleaning: Chinese East (Xie, Guorong responsible)

## Upcoming Events

- ✳ March 24, 6:30pm-9:00pm, Meeting hall: **Chinese speaking Serving Ones Blending**
- ✳ March 25, Montreal: **Gospel Meeting**
- ✳ March 30 - April 1, Cleveland: **A Blending Conference in Ohio**
- ✳ March 30 - Apr 1, Toronto, ON: **Spring YP Retreat**
- ✳ Apr 13-15, Anaheim, CA: **Spring ITERO**

- ✿ April 27-29, Paris, France: **Spring Conference in Paris**
- ✿ May 19 - 20, Montreal: **Victoria weekend conference**
- ✿ May 25-28, Kansas City, Missouri: **Memorial Day conference**

*The church website lists more events*

## This Week's Activities

<b>18</b>	✿ 10am- 12:15pm Lord's Table and
<b>MARCH</b>	Prophesying meetings
<b>LORD'S DAY</b>	✿ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Lunch
<b>19</b>	✿
<b>Monday</b>	
<b>20</b>	✿ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese
<b>Tuesday</b>	prayer meetings by districts
<b>21</b>	✿
<b>Wednesday</b>	
<b>22</b>	✿
<b>Thursday</b>	
<b>23</b>	✿ Various home meetings (English / French /
<b>Friday</b>	Chinese)
<b>24</b>	✿ 6:30pm-9pm: Chinese speaking Serving
<b>Saturday</b>	Ones Blending
<b>25</b>	✿ 10am - 12:15pm Lord's Table and
<b>MARCH</b>	Prophesying meetings
<b>LORD'S DAY</b>	✿ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Lunch
	✿ 1:30pm - 3:30pm: Lesson for Sisters
	✿ 5pm: Gospel Meeting at Lito and Lisza's

## SEEKING GOD'S WILL

**Scripture Reading:** John 7:17; Matt. 10:29-31; 18:15-20; Rom. 8:14; Psa. 119:105; 1 John 2:27

### **I. THE NEED TO OBEY GOD'S WILL (continued)**

#### **A. Arrangements in the Environment**

Luke 12:6 says, "Are not five sparrows sold for two assaria?" Matthew 10:29 says, "Are not two sparrows sold for an assarion?" If one assarion could buy two sparrows, then by right two assaria should only buy four sparrows. But the Lord said two assaria could buy five sparrows. One assarion buys two, and two assaria buy four plus an additional one. This shows us the cheapness of a sparrow. However, even a cheap thing such as a sparrow is not allowed to fall to the earth if God forbids it. Although the fifth sparrow is an extra one that is given for free, no sparrow is forgotten by God. If our God does not allow it, no sparrow can fall to the earth. This clearly shows us that everything happens under God's permission. If our

heavenly Father forbids it, even a sparrow will not fall to the earth.

It is difficult to number a person's hairs. However, the Lord said, "Even the hairs of your head are all numbered" (Matt. 10:30). No one knows how many hairs he has, and no one can count his own hairs, but God has counted and numbered our hairs. Our God is so fine and so exact!

If God takes care of a seemingly worthless creature such as a sparrow, how much more will He take care of His children! If God takes care of something as minute as a hair, how much more will He take care of other things! Once we believe in the Lord, we need to learn to know His will through the environment. Nothing that happens to us is a coincidence. Everything is measured by the Lord. Our career, spouse, parents, children, relatives, friends, and everything have been ordained by God. Behind everything that happens to us each day is God's sovereign arrangement. Therefore, we have to learn to read God's will in the environment. A new believer may not be that experienced in the leading of the Spirit, and he may not know that much of the teaching of the Scripture. But at least he can see God's hand in the environment. This is a believer's most basic lesson.

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