

Please pray:

- ✳ BfC seminar (Jul 28): Pray that many saints would pray corporately, with companions and personally for this time; that the prayers of the saints would prepare the way for the seminar; pray for the releasing of the ones that the Lord has already released to attend the seminar; that the hearts of the ones coming would be emptied and unloaded to receive a personal and fresh speaking from the Lord; that the speaking brothers would be strengthened; that the Lord would give us remaining fruit.
- ✳ European Young People's Conference in Poland (July 29 – August 4): A Senior conference, a Junior conference, and a Parents & Children conference will run concurrently. Please pray for the opening of the young people to the Lord and for His personal speaking to each one; pray for the binding of the enemy against illnesses, accidents, and all his distracting tactics; that the serving ones would be supplied and brought into the Lord's heart for the young people.
- ✳ Maritimes blending trip (Aug 1-8): Pray that all the preparations be headed up in Christ; that the hearts of the ones participating would be prepared to be blended and built up with other saints; that all the travelling be covered by the Lord; pray for the binding of the enemy's attacks during this trip; pray for the releasing of the Lord's blessing.
- ✳ Bangladesh: Pray for the 17 families who have home meetings with the saints. May the Lord release them from religion and the imprisonment and usurpation of religious regulation to enjoy the Lord freely, to understand the Lord's words thoroughly, to reject religion firmly in order to follow the Lord, and to enter into the flow of the Lord's recovery. Pray for the saints to be strengthened to set aside definite times for door-knocking to gain the new ones.
- ✳ 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.
- ✳ 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: Phil. 3:17 – Col. 1:29 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization-Study of Leviticus (1), week 7

Announcements

- ✳ TODAY during lunch there is a fellowship for ALL the saints participating in the Maritimes blending trip. All are asked to attend the meeting to confirm the details, obtain pertinent information, and have any questions answered. Please bring your lunch to the meeting. Your final payment can also be handed in. May the Lord bless this trip!
- ✳ The 2018 Eastern Canada Summer School of Truth will be held from August 12-17 at Upper Canada Camp, Palgrave, Ontario. This SSoT is intended for those going into grade 7 up to those going into second year CEGEP in September. The cost will be \$295 for food and lodging plus \$60 for gas and food on the way to the camp for a total of \$355. Please register by July 8 by filling out the forms provided by the young people serving ones.
- ✳ Summer Video Training Schedule (Chinese):

| Message 1 | Message 2 | Message 3,4,5 | Message 6 | Message 7 | Message 8 | Message 9,10,11 | Message 12 |
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| Tues. July 10 7:30-9:30pm | Thurs. July 12 7:30-9:30pm | Sat. July 14 10:00am-12:00pm, 12:45-2:35pm, 3:00-4:50pm | Sun. July 15 1:40-3:30pm | Tues. July 17 7:30-9:30pm | Thurs. July 19 7:30-9:30pm | Sat. July 21 10:00am-12:00pm, 12:45-2:35pm, 3:00-4:50pm | Sun. July 22 1:40-3:30pm |

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

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| 22 | ✳ Serving: Chinese North (黃育鳳....) Cleaning: Chinese North and Chinese Central 1 (Jun, Gary Chen responsible) |
| 29 | ✳ Serving: English/French (Rose, Julie....) ✳ Cleaning: French (Achille, Allan responsible) |
| 5 AUG | ✳ Serving: Chinese Central (賈筱榮.....) ✳ Cleaning: Chinese East (Xie, Guorong responsible) |
| 12 | ✳ Serving: Chinese South (陳世山、劉學成...) ✳ Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan responsible) |

Upcoming Events

- ✳ July 10-22, 2018, Montreal - meeting hall - **Summer Video Training (Chinese)**
- ✳ Aug 1-8, 2018: **Maritimes Blending Trip**

✿ Aug 12-17, Upper Canada Camp, Palgrave, ON: **Summer School of Truth**

The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

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| 22 JULY LORD'S DAY | ✿ 10am- 12:15pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings ✿ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love feast ✿ 1:40-3:30pm: Chinese Video Training message 12 |
| 23 Monday | ✿ |
| 24 Tuesday | 7:30-9:00pm: Various Prayer Meetings (English/French/Chinese) |
| 25 Wednesday | ✿ |
| 26 Thursday | ✿ |
| 27 Friday | ✿ 7:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese) |
| 28 Saturday | 6:00-8:00pm: Dinner and BfC Seminar |
| 29 JULY LORD'S DAY | ✿ 10am- 12:15pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings ✿ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love feast |

GOVERNMENTAL FORGIVENESS

IV. Governmental Forgiveness (cont'd)

G. Falling under God's Governmental Hand Being a Serious Matter

Let us consider one portion of the Word. After Moses smote the rock in Meribah (Num. 20:10-12), both he and Aaron fell under God's governmental hand. After Aaron failed, God still allowed him to remain a priest and restored his fellowship with God. Even though he wore the priestly robe, God nevertheless told him that he would not be able to live. Moses also did not honor Jehovah as the Holy One when he was by the rock. God wanted him to command water to flow out from the rock, but he smote the rock with his rod and lost his composure. He did not honor Jehovah as the Holy One. God's hand was upon his servants, and Aaron and Moses could not enter Canaan. Do you see the basic principle here? This is God's government! We cannot pin down our God. We cannot guarantee that God will always treat us the same way as before. At a certain point, God may change His way with us. He may change even what we consider to be the best way.

The Bible is full of such stories. For example, when the Israelites reached Kadesh in the wilderness of Paran, spies went up to spy out the land (Num. 13—14). When they saw that it would take two people to carry a cluster of grapes, they realized that the land was a land flowing with milk and honey. But they became afraid and refused to enter into that land, because they saw that the people who dwelt in that land were of great stature. In their own sight the Israelites were as grasshoppers. As a result, all but two of them died in the wilderness. Joshua and Caleb were the only two persons who would go into the good land. Later, the people confessed their sins and wanted to go in. God still treated them as His people and was gracious to them. However, they could no longer have a part in the land of Canaan. God's government had changed! Brothers, the very day that you begin your Christian life, you should set a hope before you that you will stay on the course that God has measured to you, all the way to the end. Do not live loosely. Do not sin. Please bear in mind that even though God may be merciful, He can change His way! God's governmental hand will never let you go.

God's governmental hand is indeed a serious matter! I know of a brother who was clearly called by the Lord to set aside his career to serve the Lord. He went home for a visit but could not bring himself to quit his occupation. He wanted to be a good Christian, but he did not want to set aside his career or spend his life for the gospel. Since then he is sometimes weak and sometimes strong. But it is impossible for him to turn back to this way! Please bear in mind that our greatest fear is God's disciplining hand; we do not know when His hand will come upon us! God may let us go, even if we rebel ten times, but He may not let us go the eleventh time. However, God will not let some people go the first time they rebel. We do not know when God will catch up with us! Brothers, please bear in mind that God's government is not something under our control! He does things according to His will.

I know of a sister who at one time wanted to consecrate herself to serve the Lord. Later she married, and her marriage was not a very good one. As soon as she made such a move, the light ceased to shine in her. There is no way to ask her to return to this way now. God's governmental hand is upon her. Today we cannot turn her back no matter how hard we try. Light is shut off from her; it is invisible. It is as if a veil is hanging in front of her. There is no way for her to see the light again.

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