

Please pray:

- ✳ Seminar contacts: Please continue to pray for the contacts who came to the seminar last Saturday; that the words spoken would fall into good ground, grow roots and produce fruit; pray that some may be open to be contacted regularly and be shepherded by the saints; that the Lord would give us remaining fruit.
- ✳ Maritimes blending trip (Aug 1-8): Pray that all the preparations be headed up in Christ; that the hearts of the ones going 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.
- ✳ Summer School of Truth (Aug 12 - 17): Pray for the YP attending the upcoming SSoT; that the grade six students who attended the conference in June would be ready to attend the SSoT and that this time would prepare them to enter into grade seven, strengthened and equipped to live a life in the new creation and that they could be gospel seeds in their respective schools; that more saints would volunteer to serve.
- ✳ Follow-up after 2018 Northeast College Training: Please continue to pray for the 158 attendants of the Northeast College training; that each trainee would bring the word heard back to the Lord in prayer to leave no business unfinished in their dealings with the Lord; that the Lord would reveal His preciousness to each trainee and wreck them by His loveliness until they love Him with their whole heart; that each trainee would be joined to at least one companion; that each trainee would lift up their eyes from where they are to see that the fields are white, to have a heart for man, and to live a fruit-bearing life in their college years; that each trainee would testify to their friends the things they have seen and heard.
- ✳ 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: Eccl. 10:1 – Song of Songs 4:8 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization-Study of Leviticus vol. 1, week 2

Announcements

- ✳ 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.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

29 JULY	✳ 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)
19	✳ Serving: Chinese East (陳劉淑真...) ✳ Cleaning: English Central, Chinese Central 3 and College (Dennis, Joe, Qiang, Wenxiong responsible)

Upcoming Events

- ✳ 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

29 JULY LORD'S DAY	✳ 10am- 12:15pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings ✳ 12:15 – 1:30pm: Love feast
30 Monday	✳
31 Tuesday	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: Prayer meetings (English /French/Chinese)
1 AUG Wednesday	✳
2 Thursday	✳

3	✿	7:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese)
Friday		
4	✿	
Saturday		
5	✿	10am- 12:15pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
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LORD'S DAY	✿	12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love feast

GOVERNMENTAL FORGIVENESS

IV. Governmental Forgiveness (cont'd)

H. Trying Our Best to Be Obedient to the Lord and to Ask for His Mercy

Therefore, brothers, the first thing we should do is to try our best to obey the Lord. May the Lord be merciful and gracious to us, and may He keep us from falling into His governmental hand. However, if we should fall into His governmental hand, we should not try to get out hastily. Do not resist and do not flee. Do not give up on one basic principle—to obey God at any cost. I am not asking you to obey by yourself, because you cannot obey by yourself. We must ask the Lord to have mercy on us and to enable us to obey. Only when the Lord has mercy on us will we be able to get through in this matter. "Lord, have mercy on me, or I will not be able to get through in this." We must always ask the Lord to grant us mercy to get through and to not fall into His governmental hand. If God's governmental hand is already upon us and we are already sick or in the midst of some dire experiences or difficulties, we must remember to not resist God's government with our fleshly hand. As soon as His governmental hand is upon us, we should learn to humble ourselves under His mighty hand. We must say, "Lord, this is Your work! This is Your arrangement! I gladly yield myself to it. I am willing, and I accept it!" When God's governmental hand was upon Job (whom God could easily have spared), the more that Job accepted it, the better it was for him. The more he talked about his own righteousness, the worse his condition became.

Thank God! God's governmental hand often does not remain upon a person all the time. Personally, I believe that when God's governmental hand is upon a person, it can easily be removed by the prayer of the church. This is the precious lesson we find in James 5, which tells us that the elders of the church can lift God's governmental hand. James said that the prayer of faith can cause a person to rise up. If he has committed any sin, his sin can be forgiven. If a brother is enlightened concerning this matter, and the church prays for

him, very often God will lift His governmental and disciplining hand.

Once when I was talking to Miss M. E. Barber, she related an interesting story to me. A brother had done something terrible. Later, he repented and came to Miss Barber. She said to the man, "You have repented and have turned back, have you not? Now you must go to the Lord and tell Him, 'I was once a vessel in the hand of the potter. Now the vessel is broken.' Do not force the Lord to do anything by saying, 'Lord, You must make me another kind of vessel.' You must humble yourself and pray, 'Lord, be merciful to me. Let me be a vessel again! I can no longer insist on being a vessel by myself.' The Lord can make you a vessel unto honor, or He can make you a vessel unto dishonor." Many people still want to be the same kind of vessel. They insist that the Lord make them glorious all the time, but sometimes blessing can come out of a curse. However, I can tell you this: We have all passed through many dealings. I have fallen into God's hand many times; God's governmental hand has been upon me. We must admit that we often get to know God's will even more through His governmental hand. There is no way to dodge it; we can only humble ourselves. We can do nothing except humble ourselves. As time goes by, we will see that it is impossible to avoid or dodge any issue. We have to humble ourselves under God's will. We can only say, "Lord! What You have arranged for me is always the best. I can only humble my heart before You!"

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