

Please pray:

- ✳ Blending trip to the Maritimes: Pray for the continual shepherding of the contacts; that the Bibles distributed may become a key to unlock the riches of God's word to the recipients; pray that both the saints on this trip and the receiving localities may be edified and built up during this time; pray that the Lord may cover all the travelling; that the Lord may gain what He is after in this trip.
- ✳ 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 that they could be gospel seeds in their respective schools; that more saints would volunteer to serve.
- ✳ Children: Pray for the transitioning of children among the age groups; that the Lord would stir up more serving ones to meet the need of this service; that the children of Montreal would grow up to love the Lord and love the church life; pray for the regeneration of every one of our children, especially before entering secondary school; that they may be shaped and molded to be a useful vessel in the Lord's hands.
- ✳ Pursue the most excellent way to love one another: 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 and love all the brothers and sisters, regardless of their condition; that we would all be transferred from our own personal universe, concerned just for our needs and interests, into the universe of the one new man.
- ✳ Ontario: We thank the Lord for gaining a group of seeking saints in the South-western Ontario area. A conference is scheduled for Aug. 11-12th in the London area for their continual shepherding and vision imparting. Let us also pray for an upcoming simultaneous working saints' and college conference in Toronto at the end of September. May this be an opportunity for words of encouragement and edification to be spoken to the saints.
- ✳ 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: – Col. 2:1 – 4:18 (see website for daily schedule)

- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization-Study of Leviticus vol. 1, week 3

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

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)
26	✳ Serving: Chinese North (黃育鳳...) Cleaning: Whole hall cleaning

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

5 AUGUST LORD'S DAY	✳ 10am- 12:15pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings ✳ 12:15 – 1:30pm: Love feast
6 Monday	✳
7 Tuesday	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: Prayer meetings (English /French/Chinese)

8	✿	
Wednesday		
9	✿	
Thursday		
10	✿	7:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings
Friday		(English/French/Chinese)
11	✿	
Saturday		
12	✿	10am- 12:15pm: Lord's Table &
AUG		Prophesying meetings
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 (cont'd)

We must not be careless or loose about these matters. I know of a sister who came to see me about marrying a certain man. I told her that as far as I knew, she should not marry him because he did not seem to be a trustworthy Christian. She said that she was confident that the marriage would work. Seven or eight months after her marriage, she wrote a very long letter to me and said, "I know now I was wrong. I did not listen to your word. I know now that it was a great mistake! What should I do?" I replied, "From now on, you have only one way—humble yourself under God's mighty hand. Even though you tell me about your problem, I cannot help you. No one can help you. You have already fallen into God's governmental hand. If you struggle and rebel, your vessel will only break, and you will only sacrifice your own future." I warned her in a strong way in the letter that she should not even try to write another letter to me. We must remember that God's government is most serious!

A thought often comes to me: What can I compare the present condition of the church to? The church is like a potter's house with many broken vessels, broken tubs, and broken vases strewn everywhere. One finds broken vessels everywhere. This is the situation among Christians today. This is a very serious matter. I say again, we must learn to humble ourselves under God's mighty hand.

V. FEARING GOD AND BEING GENEROUS TO OTHERS

Two other portions of the Word speak about God's governmental hand: Matthew 6:15 and 18:23-35. One very important thing can be found in these verses—do not condemn others easily. This is a very serious matter! If you criticize others lightly, the same criticism will fall back upon you. In whatever matter you do not forgive or excuse others, the same matter will come back to haunt you! This surely has to do with God's governmental hand. The Lord said that if you do not

forgive others of their sins, God will also not forgive you of your sins. This refers to governmental forgiveness. This forgiveness is different from other kinds of forgiveness. Matthew 18:35 uses the phrase My heavenly Father. The fact that a person can call God Father proves that the matter of eternal forgiveness with him has long been settled. If a brother offends such a one, and that one does not forgive his brother, God will not forgive him either. His governmental hand will come. Learn to be a generous and forgiving person! Learn to be generous to others and learn always to forgive. If you keep complaining about the conduct of others and continue to count the ill treatment you receive from them, please bear in mind that this will bring you into God's governmental hand and it will not be easy to come out! God will put you deeper into the hole. If you are severe toward others, God will also be severe toward you. When the slave went out and found one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, he seized him and took him by the throat. When his lord found out about this, he was unhappy with the slave. He delivered the slave to the torturers until the slave paid all that he owed (18:23-35). He would not be released until he paid all that he owed. God disciplined the unforgiving slave. God's governmental hand was upon him, and he could not easily get away.

We should not only be generous in forgiving others but also avoid criticizing or speaking about others in a light way. Please bear in mind that our criticism and careless comments about others often becomes a judgment upon ourselves. Then what will we do? When a brother deals harshly with others, we often find the Lord's discipline swiftly catching up with him. Perhaps he easily becomes sick. Sometimes a person may make a remark about someone's troublesome children, saying, "See how God's hand is always on this person." But after some time, the same thing happens to the one who criticized. What do we do when this happens? Brothers, I hope that we will learn to fear God's governmental hand. We have to learn to fear God. We have to be careful with our words, for many things can happen to us as a result of our careless words.

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