

## Please pray:

- ✳ Summer School of Truth (Aug 12 - 17): Pray that the young people attending will receive a personal speaking from the Lord; that the Lord may gain their consecration at this young age; that the serving ones will be strengthened in this time; the covering of all the travelling.
- ✳ College students retreat (Aug 24-26): Pray that all the preparations be headed up in Christ; pray for the releasing of the college students to attend this retreat; that the students attending will be emptied and unloaded to receive a personal speaking from the Lord; that the college students will freshly consecrate themselves to the Lord for this new semester.
- ✳ New college school semester: Pray that the Lord will start to brood over the campuses and the hearts of the students to prepare the ones that He has chosen; that at the appropriate moment, we will meet with the ones chosen by the Lord; that the Lord will bring the ones that He has prepared to the tables, to the Bible studies and to the college meetings; that the Lord will gain what He is after in this new semester and give us remaining fruit.
- ✳ Laval gospel outreach (Aug 15th): If the weather permits, some saints will go out to preach the gospel in Laval every other Wednesday night. Please pray that the Lord will brood over the neighbourhood that we will knock on to prepare the hearts that He has chosen; that the Lord will bring more contacts to the Bible study according to His timing; that the Lord will have a proper testimony in Laval.
- ✳ Let us continue to intercede for the construction of the Vancouver meeting hall #1. May the Lord grant our brothers in coordination much wisdom in dealing with the various phases of the construction process. We also remember financial needs for this project. May the Lord open the hearts of the saints from the churches in Canada to pray and offer to meet this financial need.
- ✳ 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: SS 4:9 – Isa 1:31 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization-Study of Leviticus vol. 1, week 4

## 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

12 AUG	✳ 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
2 SEP	✳ Serving: English/French (Rose, Julie)
	✳ Cleaning: English West, Chinese West and Young People (John Y., Boy, Aaron Chao responsible)

## Upcoming Events

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

*The church website lists more events*

## This Week's Activities

12 AUG	✳ 10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
LORD'S DAY	✳ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast
13 Monday	✳
14 Tuesday	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: Prayer meetings (English /French/Chinese)
15 Wednesday	✳
16 Thursday	✳
17 Friday	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese)
18 Saturday	✳
19 AUG	✳ 10am- 12:15pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
LORD'S DAY	✳ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast

## GOVERNMENTAL FORGIVENESS

## V. FEARING GOD AND BEING GENEROUS TO OTHERS (cont'd)

I can tell you today that the Christian life is a life of learning God's government. As Christians, we may live many years on earth. During these years God puts us under His training and teaches us the lesson of His discipline. We must not call ourselves children of God yet refuse to yield ourselves to His discipline. Please bear in mind that no one should criticize or speak about anything in a light way. I hope we will pick up the habit of shunning idle things and idle talk. Learn to be godly persons. It is not wise to incur God's governmental judgment. It is very serious and sobering. We should be careful not to take other people's affairs upon ourselves. Whatever we lightly condemn about others will soon become a condemnation upon us. We reap what we sow. This is something very real among God's children. I hope that we will learn to be generous persons in the eyes of God. The wise ones are the generous ones. The more generous we are to others, the more generous God will be to us. I know what I am talking about. If we are mean and severe to our brothers, God will also be mean and severe to us. You must learn to be kind, loving, and generous to your brothers. Give others liberty in many things. Stop all idle talk and criticism. When others are in trouble, it is the time for us to help them, not the time for us to criticize them.

Please bear in mind that the Jews will be tormented and imprisoned during the end time. They will have no clothes and nothing to eat. The sheep will be the ones who will visit them in prison, who will give them clothes when they are naked, and who will give them food when they hunger. These charitable acts will give them the ground to receive grace. We must not say that since God has ordained that they go through persecution and suffering, we will do our part by adding suffering to them. God indeed has ordained the suffering, but we must be generous to them. We cannot say that we will add more sufferings to them because God has ordained their persecution and affliction. Governmental discipline is God's concern. God's children in this age must learn to always treat people generously and compassionately. If we do this, the Lord will forgive us in many things.

There are many brothers who have fallen miserably today for one reason only—they have criticized others too severely in the past. Many of their weaknesses today are the very weaknesses they criticized in the past. God will not let such matters go easily! We must be generous toward others if we want to avoid God's governmental hand! May we learn to love and forbear one another. We must always ask God for mercy in dealing with our foolishness and weakness, both in

our walk and in everything we do. We do not want to fall into His governmental hand! We must look to God's mercy again and again. We must learn to realize that we live by God's wisdom! We must say to God, "I am a foolish man. Everything I do results in nothing but foolishness. I can do nothing. If I fall into Your governmental hand, I will not be able to bear it. Be merciful to me!" The more pliable and humble we are, the easier it will be for us to be delivered from our afflictions. The more arrogant, stubborn, and self-assured we are, the harder it will be for us to come out of them. Therefore, we must learn to humble ourselves.

## VI. BEING HUMBLE AND OBEDIENT, AND "IN DUE TIME," GOD'S GOVERNMENTAL HAND BEING WITHDRAWN

Should we fall into God's governmental hand, for any reason great or small, the last thing we should do is rebel. Rebellion is foolishness! There is only one principle we can act upon when we fall into God's hand; that is, to humble ourselves under God's mighty hand. If we truly humble ourselves under God's mighty hand, He will relieve and release us "in due time." When God feels that events have run their course, He will let us go. I would like to draw attention to the words in due time. First Peter 5:6 says, "Therefore be humbled under the mighty hand of God that He may exalt you in due time." The emphasis here is in due time. God will open a way for us in due time. He will direct us to a straight path in due time. He will release us in due time, and He will exalt us in due time.

The mighty hand of God in this verse specifically refers to the matter of discipline. His hand here is not for protection. If it were for protection, the verse would say, "The eternal arm of God." Here we are the ones who humble ourselves under God's mighty hand. This implies obedience. Here is God's mighty hand. We cannot shake off such a hand! We cannot resist it. Instead, we must learn to humble ourselves under it by saying, "Lord! I am willing to obey. I will not resist You no matter where You put me. I accept everything, and I accept it willingly! I have nothing to say about the way You are treating me. I am willing to obey Your word! No matter how long You keep me in this condition, I am willing to obey!" Then we will see that there is a "due time." We do not know how long it will be. But at a certain time, the Lord will let us go, and He will move the church to pray for us and release us.

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