

Please pray:

- ✳ New college school semester: 1) Pray for the first Bible study on campus, first College meeting of the semester and the Chinese gospel meeting on the 8th of Sept. May the Lord bring the ones that He has already released to these times. May all the preparations be headed up in the Lord. May the Lord strengthen the saints into their inner man so that He may be expressed during these times. 2) Pray that the Lord would continue 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 would meet with the ones chosen by the Lord; that the Lord would bring the ones that He has prepared to the tables, to the Bible studies and to the college meetings; that the Lord would gain what He is after in this new semester and give us remaining fruit.
- ✳ Fall Eastern Canada College and Working Saints Conferences in Toronto, (Sept. 28 to 30, 2018): Please pray that all the preparations be headed up in Christ; pray that the college and working saints be released to attend this conference; may the Lord speak a personal word to each one going; pray that the speaking brothers may be one with the Lord; may the Lord gain what He is after in this conference.
- ✳ Israel: 1) Please pray for the completion of a gospel tract based on Isaiah 53 and that it would touch the hearts of those who read it. 2) One of our dear brothers in the church in Tiberias is looking for a job and a place to live. His wife just received a job in central Israel, and they feel it is time for them to migrate to another city that would still be close to the saints. Another concern is adequate schooling for their children. Please pray for the Lord's clear leading for this dear family.
- ✳ India: 1) Pray that the saints in the churches in India could have a genuine breakthrough in the matter of financial offering for the Land Purchasing Project in Chennai by living in resurrection to overcome money and material possessions. Pray that the Lord could meet all the needs within the next 2 months. 2) Pray for the 41 trainees currently in the FTTND; pray that the Lord train and perfect each trainee in truth, life, service and character, and the Lord cover their entire tripartite being throughout the entire course of their training. 3) Pray for the campus gospel move for this new semester in major cities; that good material could be gained from the campuses and be perfected as useful vessels for the Master.
- ✳ 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: 1 Thes 5:12 - 1 Tim 1:14
- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization-Study of Leviticus vol. 2, week 7

Announcements



Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

2 SEP	✳ Serving: English/French (Rose, Julie)
	✳ Cleaning: English West, Chinese West and Young People (John Y., Boy, Aaron Chao responsible)
9	✳ Serving: Chinese Central (賈筱榮...)
	✳ Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan responsible) Chinese North and Chinese Central 1 (Jun, Gary Chen responsible)
16	✳ Serving: Chinese South: 陳世山、劉學成
	✳ Cleaning: French (Achille, Allan responsible)
23	✳ Serving: Chinese East : 陳劉淑真.....
	✳ Cleaning: Chinese East (Xie, Guorong responsible)

Upcoming Events

- ✳ Oct 6-7, 2018, Moncton, NB: **Blending Conference**
- ✳ Nov 22-25, 2018, Charlotte, NC: **International Thanksgiving Day Conference**

The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

2 SEPT	✳ 10am- 12:15pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
LORD'S DAY	✳ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast
3 Monday	✳
4 Tuesday	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: Prayer meetings (English /French/Chinese)
5 Wednesday	✳
6 Thursday	✳
7 Friday	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese)
8 Saturday	✳
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THE DISCIPLINE OF GOD

Scripture Reading: Heb. 12:4-13

II. WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES (continued)

B. Discipline Being the Father's Education

Once you become a Christian, you should be prepared to accept discipline from God's hand. If you are not His child, God will let you go. He will allow you to live an undisciplined life and walk your own way. But once you have accepted the Lord Jesus as your Savior, once you are born of God and have become His child, you have to prepare yourself for His discipline. No father has the time to discipline another man's child. Whether his neighbor's son is good or bad is not of his concern. A good father, however, will always discipline his own son in a definite way. He will deal with his son strictly according to guidelines that he has set in his mind. He will not discipline his son in a mindless and haphazard way. He will train his son according to a few objectives, namely, honesty, diligence, long-suffering, and noble aspirations. The father puts together a certain curriculum to discipline his son. He molds his son into a certain character. In the same way, since the day we were saved, God has been arranging a curriculum for us. He wants us to learn certain lessons so that we will be conformed to His nature. He wants us to be like Him in many things. This is why He arranges, disciplines, and scourges. His goal is to make us a certain kind of person.

At the very beginning of his Christian life, a child of God must realize that God has prepared many lessons for him. He has made many provisions in the environment and has ordered many things, experiences, and sufferings for the purpose of producing a certain kind of character and disposition. This is what God is doing today. He wants to build up a certain kind of character in us, and He does it by ordering all kinds of circumstances to come our way.

The minute we become Christians, we have to realize that God's hand is guiding us in all things. The ordained circumstances will come, and the scourgings will come. As soon as we get off the right way, His scourges will be upon us and will goad us back to the way. Every child of God should be prepared to accept God's disciplinary hand. God disciplines us because we are sons. God does not waste His time on others. He has no time to discipline those who are not His beloved sons. God has no time to reprove those who are not yet accepted as sons. Scourging and discipline are expressions of

God's love and acceptance. Only Christians can have a share in God's scourging and discipline.

C. Discipline Not Being a Punishment but a Glory

What we are receiving is discipline; it is not punishment. Punishment is for the retribution of one's mistakes, while discipline is for the purpose of education. Punishment comes because we have done something wrong; it responds to the past. Discipline is also related to our mistakes, but it is something for the future. Discipline bears an element of the future; it has a purpose. We have been called into the name of the Lord today; we belong to Him. Now we must be prepared to allow God to make us vessels of glory to Him. I can say with much confidence that God wants every one of His children to glorify Him in certain areas. Every child of God should glorify Him. However, each one does it in a different way. Some will glorify Him in one way, some in another way. We glorify God through different circumstances. As a consequence, God is glorified in a full way. Everyone has his own part and his own specialty. God wants to create a certain kind of character in us for the purpose of glorifying Him. No one is exempt from God's disciplinary hand. Such a hand works to accomplish the things of God. We have never seen a child of God who was exempt from His disciplinary hand.

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