

Please pray:

- ✳ Quebec: shepherding of contacts in Quebec City, Ste-Adèle, Laval, Longueuil and Gatineau; that saints in Montreal be strengthened to visit contacts in other cities; the Lord's advance in His testimony throughout this province.
- ✳ GTCA Vaughan (Jan. 28 to Feb. 2, 2019) and London, Ontario (Feb. 4 to 8, 2019): 1) Pray for the Lord to be Head in all the coordination for the upcoming GTCA events for the raising up of a new testimony in Vaughan and the strengthening of the existing church in London. 2) Pray that the Lord would open up venues in both cities. 3) Pray that the trainees and the saints sent would be strengthened in their tripartite being to testify concerning the Lord in both places; 4) that there may be wonderful coordination, blending and building up between the local saints, sent saints from other localities and trainees.
- ✳ Let us continue to pray for the saints who reside in Aylmer, Dresden, Leamington, Blenheim, Inwood and Forest. Through fellowship, an arrangement has been made to provide truth pursuing weekends for these seeking saints as well as the saints in London, beginning on Saturday, Feb. 23 at the London meeting hall. We thank the Lord that the response from the southwestern Ontario brothers has been very positive. The labouring brothers will focus on two main lines: truth and life. During the other 3 weeks of the month, the saints will study and get into the truth for their enjoyment and equipping.
- ✳ Israel: Please pray for the gospel cards and tracts that the saints are distributing in Israel. As there are people in Israel that speak many languages, including Hebrew, Arabic, Russian, French, English, Amharic (Ethiopian), and Spanish, please pray that the Lord would use these gospel materials to call some out of all nations, tribes and tongues into the one new man.
- ✳ 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: Jer 10:1 - 18:23
- ✳ HWMR: Taking Christ as Our Person and Living Him in and for the Church Life, week 7

Announcements

- ✳ There will be Bible distribution Sat Jan 19, 2019 at Concordia and near by metro stations from 1:30pm to

2:30pm with the visiting college students from New Jersey. Contact the college serving ones for more details

- ✳ The library has not been maintained for a number of years. Anyone who has time or a burden to help set it up and/or serve on the library service, please contact Monica. We would like to try to restart the Library to help saints get into the ministry more as this is a current burden in the recovery.
- ✳ If you have not yet paid or registered for this year's subscription to HWRM, please do so right away with your district saints. The deadline has passed and we need to ensure our numbers are accurate for what we need this coming year. Do not give payments to the bookroom or service office as your district needs to mark off that you have paid.
- ✳ Anyone interested in borrowing the messages on CD for the Winter Training 2018 or the Thanksgiving Conf. 2018, please see the bookroom serving ones to sign them out.
- ✳ There are new guidelines for registration and attendance of the Semiannual Trainings and International Trainings for Elders and Responsible Ones. Please see these new guidelines on the bulletin board.
- ✳ Don't forget to pay for the video training. The cost is \$130 plus late fee of \$35. Please give it to the service office.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

13 Jan	✳ Serving: Chinese North (黃育鳳...)
	✳ Cleaning: English Central, Chinese Central 2 and College (Dennis, Joe, Qiang responsible)
20	✳ Serving: English/French (Rose, Julie ...)
	✳ Cleaning: Whole Church
27	✳ Serving: Chinese Central (賈筱榮...)
	✳ Cleaning: English West, Chinese West and Young People (John Y., Boy, Aaron Chao responsible)
3 Feb	✳ Serving: Chinese South (陳世山, 劉學成...)
	✳ Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan responsible)

Upcoming Events

- ✳ January 26 - February 10, Burnaby, BC, Vaughn & London, ON : GTCA
- ✳ February 15-17, 2019, Anaheim, CA: **International Chinese-speaking Conference.**
- ✳ February 22 - 24, Montreal, QC: Eastern Canada Winter College conference

- ✿ April 5 - 7, 2019, Anaheim, CA: International Training for Elders and Resp ones
- ✿ April 19 - 21, 2019, Toronto, ON: Eastern Canada Young People spring retreat
- ✿ April 26 - 28, 2019, Toronto, ON: Eastern Canada parents and serving ones conference

The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

13	✿	10am- 12:15pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
JAN		
LORD'S DAY	✿	12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast
14	✿	
Monday		
15	✿	7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts
Tuesday		
16	✿	
Wednesday		
17	✿	
Thursday		
18	✿	6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese)
Friday		
19	✿	
Saturday		
20	✿	10am- 12:15pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
JAN		
LORD'S DAY	✿	12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast

WITHSTANDING THE DEVIL

Scripture Reading: James 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:8-9; 2 Cor. 2:11

I. SATAN'S WORK

A. Satan's Work in the Human Mind (continued)

2. How to Reject Thoughts from Satan (continued)

Many people make the mistake of checking with their feelings after they have withstood the devil. They ask, "Is the devil gone?" Their feeling tells them that he is not gone, and they try to withstand him again. Once there is a second withstanding, be sure there will be a third, a fourth, even a hundredth, and a thousandth. In the end we will feel as if we are completely helpless in rejecting it. But if we ignore him completely after we have withstood his temptation once, we will experience victory. We must care for the fact of God's Word and ignore our own feelings. The fact is that as soon as we withstand the devil, he flees. If we think that he has not fled after we have withstood him, we are being deceived by our

feeling. If we believe this feeling, the devil will come back. We must learn to believe God's glorious words. Once we have withstood him once, there is no need to withstand him a second time because the matter has been settled already.

These are the issues relating to Satan's work in man's mind. We must realize that Satan attacks man's mind. We should reject any thought from Satan. At the same time, we should realize that once we reject his thoughts, the matter is finished. Furthermore, we must not be overly concerned with his attacks. Otherwise, our mind will be thrown into confusion, and we will be ensnared by the devil.

B. Satan's Work on Man's Body

The Bible shows us clearly that many physical diseases are the result of Satan's attack.

The fever of Peter's mother-in-law was an attack from Satan, and the Lord Jesus rebuked the fever (Luke 4:39). Something must have a personality before the Lord can rebuke it. We cannot rebuke a cup or a chair; we can only rebuke something that has a personality. Fever is a symptom; the Lord could not rebuke the symptom. But Satan was behind the symptom with a personality of his own. Therefore, as soon as the Lord rebuked the fever, it was gone.

In Mark 9 we see a dumb and deaf child. In man's eyes dumbness and deafness are sicknesses. But the Lord Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, saying, "Dumb and deaf spirit, I order you, come out of him and enter into him no more" (v. 25). The dumbness and deafness of the child were outward symptoms of his demon possession; they were not ordinary illnesses. We must realize that many sicknesses are medically defined diseases. But there are many sicknesses that are actually attacks from the devil. The Bible does not say that the Lord healed the sickness but that He rebuked it. The boils on Job's body could not be healed by medicine; they were not medical illnesses; they were attacks from the devil. Unless one first deals with the devil, he has no way to deal with such sicknesses.

We admit that illnesses often occur through man's negligence of natural laws. However, it can quite often be the result of Satan's attack. In such a case one only has to ask the Lord to rebuke the sickness, and it will go away. This type of sickness often comes and goes away suddenly. It is an attack from Satan rather than an ordinary illness.

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