

Please pray:

- ✳ Follow-up concerning the Eastern College conference in Montreal: We had a wonderful college training this past weekend where college students enjoyed the Lord as the living word of God. 1) Please pray that the words that they have heard and the enjoyment that they have experienced will not evaporate after they go back to their localities; 2) that this may be a new beginning for them and something that they could bring back and continue to practice for the rest of their lives; 3) that the serving ones will seize this opportunity of opening caused by this conference to continually shepherd these students; that the new ones who came to this conference may be properly shepherded and captured into the church life.
- ✳ Follow-up of GTCA Vaughan and London: 1) Pray that many saints may register and participate in the monthly Southwest Truth Pursuit over the next 5 months; 2) Pray for the follow-up and shepherding of the sons of peace by the saints in London; 3) Pray for continued visiting of the students on the campuses and door-knocking in the neighbourhoods.
- ✳ As the construction of the new meeting hall project in Vancouver (Hall #1) is making steady progress, we thank Him for a stretch of good weather. 1) Let us pray that the city building department will also cooperate with the project team in providing prompt service where needed. 2) Let us also bring to the Lord the total financial need for this project, estimated at \$16 million. 3) We pray that the Lord will touch us, and enlarge our heart and capacity to offer to the needs in a timely manner.
- ✳ Lord's move in Asia: Turkey - 1) Pray for the Turkish people and may the Lord open a way for more seeking ones to be found; 2) Pray for the working saints to separate their time to enjoy God and to experience God as their everything in all their situations. Myanmar - Pray for the 27th term and the 80 trainees of the Full-time Training in Yangon.
- ✳ 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 37:1-48:16
- ✳ HWMR: The Spiritual Warfare of the Church as the New Man, week 5

Announcements

- ✳ The Library service is restarting. We need to move the books into a new location. Please advise Monica if you are willing or available to help

- ✳ 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. Late registrations will no longer be accepted, no exceptions. Please see these new guidelines on the bulletin board. ITERO deadline for registration is March 1, 2019.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

24	✳ Serving: English/French (Rose, Julie ...)
	✳ Cleaning: Chinese East (Xie, John responsible)
3 Mar	✳ Serving: Chinese Central (賈筱榮.....)
	✳ Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan responsible)
10	✳ Serving: Chinese Central (賈筱榮..)
	✳ Cleaning: English Central, Chinese Central 2 and College (Dennis, Joe, Qiang responsible)
17	✳ Serving: Chinese East
	✳ Cleaning: English West, Chinese West, and YP (John Y., Boy, Aaron C responsible)

Upcoming Events

- ✳ March 17, Meeting Hall, Noon: **Annual general meeting**
- ✳ 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
- ✳ May 24-27, Seattle, Washington: **Memorial Day conference**
- ✳ May 25-26, Les Abymes, Guadeloupe: **French speaking conference**

The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

24 FEB	✳ 10:00 – 10:45 am: Lord's Table
	✳ 10:45 – 12:30 pm: Meeting #5
LORD'S DAY	✳ 12:30pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast
25 Monday	✳
26 Tuesday	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts

27		
Wednesday	✠	
28	✠	
Thursday		
1	✠	6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese)
MAR		
Friday		
2	✠	
Saturday		
3	✠	10am- 12:15pm Lord's Table & Prophecy meetings
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 (continued)

D. Satan's Work in the Environment

All circumstances are arranged by God. However, there are many things in our environment which, though permitted by God, are the result of Satan's direct and active work.

Take Job's experience as an example. His oxen and donkeys were taken away, his house collapsed, and his children were killed. These were all things in the environment. Though they were permitted by God, Satan was the one directly instigating the attacks.

Peter's failure was another example. The cause of his fall was partly due to himself, but partly due to Satan's attack in the environment. The Lord said, "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has asked to have you all to sift you as wheat" (Luke 22:31). Peter's fall was the direct result of Satan's work. Yet it was something permitted by God.

Paul's thorn was clearly the work of Satan. Paul said, "There was given to me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, that he might buffet me" (2 Cor. 12:7). This is the work of Satan. It is Satan who attacks God's children in the environment.

An even clearer example can be seen in Matthew 8, when the Lord Jesus ordered the disciples to depart to the other side of the sea. He knew that powerful demons had to be cast out on the other side of the sea. After He and the disciples stepped into the boat, suddenly a great tempest arose in the sea so that the boat was covered by the waves. The Lord was asleep. The disciples came near and roused Him, saying, "Lord, save us; we are perishing!" (v. 25). A few of the disciples were

fishermen; they were very experienced sailors. However, they realized that the waves were more than they could handle. The Lord Jesus rebuked their little faith; then He rose and rebuked the winds and the sea. The winds and the sea have no personality of their own, yet the Lord rebuked them because the devil was behind them. Satan had stirred up the winds and the waves.

In conclusion, Satan not only attacks our body, our conscience, and our mind, but also attacks us through our environment.

How should we react to Satan's attack in the environment?

First, we must humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God. Both James 4 and 1 Peter 5 tell us to withstand Satan. These two portions also tell us to humble ourselves before God. When Satan attacks us in the environment, our first reaction should be to submit to God. We cannot withstand the devil if we do not submit to God. Our conscience will condemn us if we withstand the devil without submitting to God. Therefore, our first reaction should be to submit to God.

Second, we should withstand the devil. When God's children encounter unreasonable and inexplicable things in the environment and have the clear sense within that these are attacks from Satan, they should withstand him. Once they withstand, the attacks will be behind them. On the one hand, they need to humble themselves under the hand of God. On the other hand, they must withstand Satan's work in the environment. When they humble themselves, and their attitude before God is firm, God will show them that it is not Him but Satan who is doing the work. Thus, they will be able to differentiate God's arrangement from Satan's attack. Once they are clear and once they withstand the devil, the attacks will go away.

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