

Please pray:

- ✳ Children: that the children of Montreal would grow up to love the Lord and love the church life; for the regeneration of every one of our children, especially before entering secondary school; that their parents might be genuine priests to bring their children to God and bring God to their children; that the serving ones might be burdened to pray for their priesthood and serve the children with a personal service.
- ✳ 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.
- ✳ North America College Training 2019 (Jul 14 - 20): Please pray that many college students, especially from Montreal, would be released to attend this time; may the Lord start to prepare our hearts to be soft, emptied, unloaded and pure toward Him so that we could gain the most benefit from the training; that this generation of college students be gained to be the overcomers who will bring the Lord back.
- ✳ Germany: The establishing of a strong testimony in Bielefeld in the coming months and that the Lord's blessing will be on the oneness of these saints as they prepare to take the ground as another lampstand in Germany.
- ✳ 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 Pet 4:7 - 2 Pet 1:4
- ✳ HWMR: The Spiritual Warfare of the Church as the New Man, week 6

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.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

3	Serving: Chinese Central (賈筱榮.....)
March	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 (陳劉淑真...)
	Cleaning: English West, Chinese West, and YP (John Y., Boy, Aaron C responsible)
24	Serving: Chinese North (黃育鳳....)
	Cleaning: French (Achille, Allan responsible)

Upcoming Events

- ✳ March 17, Meeting Hall, Noon: **Annual general meeting**
 - ✳ April 5 - 7, 2019, Anaheim, CA: **International Training for Elders and Responsible 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**
 - ✳ July 14-20: **North America College Training**
- The church website lists more events*

This Week's Activities

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

Third, we must reject all forms of fear. Satan has to find a lodging ground before he can work on God's children. He cannot work where he has no ground to work. Therefore, his first attack is to gain a beachhead. He then attacks us from this beachhead. We should not give any ground to him. This is the way to victory. There is one area which can become Satan's greatest stronghold—fear. When Satan tries to put us through trials, the first thing he does is to put fear into us. An experienced sister once said, "Fear is Satan's calling card." Once you accept fear, Satan steps in. If you reject fear, he will not be able to come in.

All thoughts of fear are attacks from Satan. Whatever you are afraid of, you will surely experience. Job said, "For I dread something, and it comes upon me;/And what I fear comes to me" (Job 3:25). Job experienced everything that he feared. Satan's attack in the environment comes mostly in the form of fear. If you withstand the fear, the things that you fear will not come. But if you allow the fear to remain, you will give Satan the opportunity to do the very things that you fear.

Therefore, in order for God's children to withstand the work of Satan, the first thing they have to reject is fear. When Satan puts a fear in you for this or that thing, you must not give in to this fear. You should say, "I will never accept what the Lord has not measured to me!" Once a person is delivered from fear, he is delivered from Satan's realm. This is what Paul meant when he said, "Neither give place to the devil" (Eph. 4:27).

Why do we not need to fear? We do not fear "because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world" (1 John 4:4). If we are fearful, it is because we are ignorant of this fact.

II. WITHSTANDING SATAN BY FAITH

First Peter 5:8-9 says, "Be sober; watch. Your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking someone to devour. Him withstand, being firm in your faith." God's Word shows us clearly that the way to withstand Satan is by faith. There is no other way to withstand him. What should our faith rest on? How should we exercise our faith to withstand him? Let us consider what the Word of God says concerning this.

A. Believing That the Lord's Manifestation Is to Destroy the Works of the Devil

First, we must believe that the Lord was manifested for the purpose of destroying the works of the devil (1 John 3:8). The Son of God has come to the earth; He was manifested. When He was on earth, He destroyed the work of the devil wherever He

went. Often Satan's work was not obvious; he hid behind natural phenomena. However, the Lord rebuked him every time. It is clear that He was rebuking Satan when He rebuked Peter's speaking (Matt. 16:22-23), when He rebuked the fever of Peter's mother-in-law (Luke 4:39), and when He rebuked the winds and the waves. Although the devil hid behind many natural phenomena, the Lord Jesus rebuked him. Wherever the Lord went, the power of the devil was shattered. This is why He said, "But if I, by the Spirit of God, cast out the demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you" (Matt. 12:28). In other words, wherever the Lord went, Satan was cast out, and the kingdom of God was manifested. Satan could not remain where the Lord was. This is why He said that He was manifested to destroy the works of the devil.

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