

Please pray:

- ✳️ Shepherding: that we would have an intimate concern for all the saints in the church, including the ones we don't know so well; that we would take the most excellent way of love in all our dealings with each other; that our hearts would be enlarged to embrace all the brothers and sisters, regardless of their condition; that we all would be transferred from our own personal universe, concerned just for our needs and interests, into the universe of the one new man.
- ✳️ For the raising up of vital groups in the church in Montreal in all the languages; that all the saints would rise up to live vitally with vital companions for gospel preaching, shepherding, pursuing the truth, and prophesying to build the church.
- ✳️ YP Conference Registration in Toronto (Apr 19-21): 1) Pray that many YP will be released to attend the conference; 2) pray that many serving ones would rise up to serve in the conference and to shepherd the young people.
- ✳️ 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.
- ✳️ Europe: 1) Pray for the Lord to rule over the UK's planned withdrawal from the EU, that the saints from other parts of Europe can continue to attend the trainings and conferences there. Let His interest to be carried out in Europe. 2) Do petition the Lord for the growth, building up, and blending of the saints, and the strengthening of the Lord's testimony in various cities in Europe.
- ✳️ 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 48:17 – 51:64
- ✳️ HWMR: Crystallization study of Numbers, Vol 1, 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

10 March	✳️ Serving: Chinese South (陳世山、劉學成...)
	✳️ 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: Chinese North and Chinese Central 1 (Jun, Gary Chen responsible)
31	✳️ Serving: English/French (Rose, Julie ...)
	✳️ 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

10 LORD'S DAY	✳️ 10am- 12:15pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
	✳️ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast
11 Monday	✳️
12 Tuesday	✳️ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts
13 Wednesday	✳️
14 Thursday	✳️
15 Friday	✳️ 6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese)
16 Saturday	✳️
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	✳️ 12pm: Annual general meeting
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WITHSTANDING THE DEVIL

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

II. WITHSTANDING SATAN BY FAITH (continued)

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

We should also believe that in manifesting Himself on the earth, the Lord not only destroyed the works of the devil, but also gave authority to His disciples to cast out demons in His name. The Lord said, "Behold, I have given you the authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy" (Luke 10:19). He gave His name to the church so that His church might continue His work on earth after His ascension. The Lord used His authority on earth to cast out demons. He also gave this authority to the church.

We must distinguish between what the devil has and what we have. What the devil has is power. What we have is authority. All that Satan has is power. But the Lord Jesus has given us authority, which can overcome all the power of Satan. Power cannot prevail over authority. God has given us authority, and Satan will surely fail.

Consider an illustration of how authority overcomes power: A traffic light on a road controls traffic. When a policeman turns on the red light, all pedestrians and cars have to stop. No one is allowed to dash through a red light. The pedestrians and cars are much more powerful than the red light in terms of power. However, no pedestrian or driver will dare dash through the red light because of the presence of authority. This is an example of authority prevailing over power.

Authority prevails over power; this is God's established policy in this universe. No matter how strong Satan's power is, one fact remains sure—the Lord Jesus has given His name to the church. This name stands for authority. The church can cast out demons in the name of the Lord. We can invoke the Lord's name to deal with Satan's power. Thank God that no matter how great Satan's power is, the Lord's name is immeasurably greater. The authority behind the Lord's name is strong enough to overcome all the power of Satan.

The disciples went out in the name of the Lord. They were surprised when they returned. They told the Lord, "Lord, even the

demons are subject to us in Your name" (10:17). The Lord's name spells authority. His giving of His name to us means that He has given His authority to us. The Lord said, "Behold, I have given you the authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you" (v. 19). Whoever desires to withstand Satan must learn to know the difference between the Lord's authority and Satan's power. No matter how great Satan's power is, the Lord's authority is able to overcome him. We must believe that God has given this authority to the church. The church can cast out demons and withstand the devil in the name of the Lord Jesus.

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