

Please pray:

- ✳ Praise the Lord for all He has spoken during the NACT. Pray that the students would practice the things they have seen and heard at the college training, and that they would continue to live in the reality of the jubilee, proclaiming the jubilee, wherever the Lord has placed them.
- ✳ Pakistan: 1) Pray for raising up the third district in Islamabad; may the Lord perfect the saints to be the pillars of the church through morning revival, home meetings and group meetings. 2) Pray for the local brothers in Lahore to practice the God-man living and God-ordained way according to the vision they saw in the training, that these two models can be built up in the church.
- ✳ Districts in Montreal: that the Lord might lead us as He multiplies us into various district meetings; for a clear and controlling vision of the oneness of the Body of Christ; genuine blending between the saints in the districts regardless of language; the Lord's burden and blessing for the propagation of the gospel of the kingdom in each of our neighbourhoods; a way to provide proper spiritual care for our children in the districts.
- ✳ 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.
- ✳ 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: Rev 3:10 – 5:6
- ✳ HWMR: Propagating the Resurrected, Ascended, and All-Inclusive Christ as the Development of the Kingdom of God, week 8

Announcements

- ✳ The Library is finishing inventory. Please ensure all material borrowed is returned. The Library will be moving location soon so any willing to help serving with the Library when it is set up, please advise Monica or Phaik Keen.
- ✳ Piano service: if anyone is able to play the piano, please consider serving. There is an urgent need for serving ones.
- ✳ Anyone interested in borrowing the messages on CD, please see the bookroom serving ones to sign them out.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

21 July	Serving: Chinese Central (賈筱榮...) Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan responsible)
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28 Aug	Serving: Chinese South (陳世山、劉學成...) Cleaning: English Central, Chinese Central 2 and College (Dennis, Joe, Qiang, Wenxiong responsible)
4 Aug	Serving: Chinese East (陳劉淑真...) Cleaning: Whole Church
11 Aug	Serving: Chinese North (黃育鳳...) Cleaning: English West, Chinese West and Young People (John Y., Boy, Aaron Chao responsible)

Upcoming Events

- ✳ Aug 4 to 9, 2019, Puslinch, Ontario (Crieff Hills): **Summer School of Truth**
- ✳ Aug 30 to Sept 1: **French speaking conference**
- ✳ Oct 12-13, 2019, Moncton, NB: **Maritimes conference**
The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

21 JULY LORD'S DAY	✳ 10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings ✳ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast
22 Monday	✳
23 Tuesday	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts
24 Wednesday	✳
25 Thursday	✳
26 Friday	✳
27 Saturday	✳ 6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese)
28 JULY LORD'S DAY	✳ 10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings ✳ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast

THE PRIESTHOOD

II. THE KINGDOM OF PRIESTS BECOMING THE HOUSE OF PRIESTS

D. God's People and God's Priests Becoming Two Separate Groups

From that time on, there were always two groups of people in the nation of Israel. One group were God's people and the other were God's priests. God's original intention was for all His people to be His priests. God had no intention of separating His people from His priests. He wanted the whole nation to be a

kingdom of priests. God's people and God's priests should have been one. Whoever were God's people should have been His priests. As long as a person was one of God's people, he should have been God's priest. To be His people meant to be His priests. All His people were to be His priests. However, many loved the world and succumbed to human affection and turned away from faithfulness to worship the idol. As a result, God's people and His priests became two separate groups. Henceforth, if a man did not love the Lord more than his father, mother, wife, children, brother, sister, and all, he became unfit to be a disciple of the Lord. Many could not meet this requirement or pay this price. From that day forward, the nation of Israel was divided into two groups—God's people and His priests.

E. The Priesthood Becoming the Privilege of a Household

From that day forward, the kingdom of priests became a tribe of priests. The scope of the priesthood was reduced from a kingdom of priests to a household of priests. The priesthood became the matter of a household instead of a nation. God's people and God's priests were one and the same in the tribe of Levi; that is, His people were His priests. In regards to the other eleven tribes, God's people were only God's people; they could no longer be God's priests. This was most serious. It is serious for a person to be a believer, one of God's people, and yet not be a priest.

III. THE CHARACTERISTIC OF THE PRIESTHOOD— BEING A MEDIATORIAL CLASS

From Exodus until the time of the Lord Jesus on earth, no other tribe could function as priests except the tribe of Levi. They could not offer sacrifices to God. Their sacrifices had to be made through the priests. They could not even come to God to confess their sins; they had to confess them through the priests. They could not separate themselves from the world because they had no authority to touch the anointing oil. The priests alone could anoint and sanctify a person. All the spiritual services had to be carried out by the priests on their behalf.

One special characteristic about the Israelites in the Old Testament was that God was far away from them. Not everyone could contact Him. In the Old Testament we find the evolution of the priesthood, which I call an intermediary class. Man could not go to God directly. God's people had to go through the priests before they could draw near to God. They could not commune with God directly. God came to man through the priests, and man also went to God through the priests. Between God and man, there was a mediatorial class. Man could not come directly to

God, and God could not come directly to man. Between God and man there was a mediatorial class.

This class was not found in God's original design. God's original intention was to approach His people directly and for them to come to Him directly. But now there were three parties. The people had to come to God through the priests, and God had to approach His people through the priests. God and man could no longer commune with each other directly. All contact became indirect.

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