

Please pray:

- ✳ European young people's conference in Male Ciche, Poland (28 July—3 August): This international conference is attended by young people between the ages of 13 and 19 and by serving ones and parents and children. Three conference meetings will be held concurrently: one for young people between the ages of 13 and 15, another for young people aged 16 to 19, and a third for parents and children. Please pray for the Lord's anointed speaking and its impact on all who attend; please also pray for all the saints travelling.
- ✳ Summer School of Truth (SSOT) will take place between Aug 4–9 at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre in Ontario. We pray that the Lord would cover every detail at this new venue, and that the Lord would bless the preparation and coordination of the serving saints. We also pray for each of our young people in eastern Canada, that they will be fully sanctified by the Word during this time. Lord, do open our young people to treasure the Word, and gradually be constituted by all His divine elements.
- ✳ College students after the North American College Training: Returning to our divine family also means being regular in the meetings of the church. Pray that each student would immediately practice to be regular in the meetings of the church where they live both during the summer and during the school year. Pray that this is the generation that will bring the Lord back.
- ✳ 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.
- ✳ French-speaking conference in Montreal (Aug 30 - Sep 1): Pray for the fellowship, speaking, services and preparations for this conference; 2) pray for the releasing of the French-speaking saints all over the world to attend this conference; 3) pray that many new ones in Montreal and the surrounding areas will also be released to come and hear the Lord's speaking; 4) pray that the Lord will gain what He is after in this conference.
- ✳ 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: Hos 6:1 – 12:14

- ✳ HWMR: Propagating the Resurrected, Ascended, and All-Inclusive Christ as the Development of the Kingdom of God, week 9

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

28 July	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	Serving: Chinese North (黃育鳳...) Cleaning: English West, Chinese West and Young People (John Y., Boy, Aaron Chao responsible)
18	Serving: English/French (Rose, Julie ...) Cleaning: Chinese North and Chinese Central 1 (Jun, Gary Chen 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

28 JULY	✳ 10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
LORD'S DAY	✳ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast
29 Monday	✳
30 Tuesday	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts
31 Wednesday	✳
1 August	✳
Thursdays	
2	✳

Friday		
3	✳	6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese)
Saturday		
4	✳	10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
August		
LORD'S DAY	✳	12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast

THE PRIESTHOOD

IV. THE CHANGE IN THE PRIESTHOOD

For about fifteen hundred years, from the time of Moses to the time of Christ, God's people were unable to come directly to God. Only one household was qualified to be the priests. A man had to belong to this household to come to God. If he drew near to God directly, he would die. During that period, the ministry of the priests became a very powerful ministry. Man could not come to God directly; he needed the intercession of the priests. How noble and great the priestly ministry was! There was no way for man to come to God without the priests. But with the coming of the New Testament age, we find salvation and redemption reaching all men. Now we hear the word: "You yourselves also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" (1 Pet. 2:5).

A. Every Redeemed One Being a Priest in the New Testament Dispensation

In 1 Peter 2:4-7 Peter tells us that Christ is the foundation of the church. He was the stone rejected by the builders who has now become the head of the corner. We have become the living stones and are joined and built up to become a spiritual house. We also have become a holy priesthood to God. It is as if a voice from heaven burst forth announcing, "All who are saved are now God's priests. All the living stones, those who are part of the spiritual house, are now priests of God."

B. The Church Recovering the Universal Priesthood Again

Right then a promise which had been set aside for fifteen hundred years was recovered by God. What the Israelites lost has been recovered by the church. The universal priesthood was lost to Israel. In the New Testament age, it is as if a voice from heaven bursts forth with the promise that the universal priesthood is with us once more. All the saved ones are called to be priests.

C. The Church Being a Kingdom of Priests

The same word can be found in Revelation 1:6, which says, "And made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father." Originally, the whole nation of Israel were priests. Later, this changed. But what about today? Today the church is a kingdom of priests. What the Israelites lost in the presence of the golden calf, the church has fully regained through the Lord Jesus. Today the entire church has become priests. God's ordained kingdom of priests has now been fully restored.

D. The Unique Occupation of a Christian—Serving God

What God could not secure among the Israelites, He is now securing through the church. The church today is the kingdom of priests. The church is a priesthood. What does this mean? It means that everyone who has tasted God's grace has only one occupation left, that of serving God. I have said this before to the young people: If a person is a doctor before he believes in the Lord, his occupation is medicine; if he is a nurse, his occupation is nursing; if he is a teacher, his occupation is teaching; if he is a farmer, his occupation is farming; if he is a businessman, his occupation is business. But the moment one becomes a Christian, his occupation completely changes. Every Christian has only one occupation—serving God. From the time we were saved, we became priests to God. Henceforth, we have to serve God in His presence. This is our lifelong spiritual goal.

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