

Please pray:

- ✿ GTCA: That the seeds sown during the trips would take root and grow and the contacts reached would be connected to the saints; for saints to migrate for the strengthening of the churches; may the saints be strengthened to shepherd the contacts into the church life; new local churches could be raised up around the Aylmer and Dresden areas, that will afford the seeking saints there to participate in a normal church life.
- ✿ Israel: The saints are halfway done the recording of Arabic hymns. Please continue to stand with this work. The formatting of about 150 Arabic hymns will be done this week. Continue to pray for the Lord to supply the saints for this labour.
- ✿ Malta: On February 7-10 ten saints from Germany visited Malta. The people were warm and responsive. 155 English New Testaments and 200 copies of The Mystery of Human Life were given out in two one-hour distributions. Please pray that the three students who spent time with the visiting saints will attend the European University Conference in March, and ask the Lord to gain a local couple with an open home.
- ✿ FTTA: A new term of the training has begun. May the Lord grant each trainee the training they need and perfect them as vessels useful to the Master.
- ✿ 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: Exo 4:1 – 10:29
- ✿ HWMR: The Development of the Kingdom of God in the Christian Life and the Church Life, week 7

Announcements

- ✿ You are invited to the wedding meeting of brother Haowei Song and sister Sissi Lin on Mar 7th at 2:30 pm.
- ✿ All Canada FTFA Short term training and blending trip is from May 1 to 9, 2020. Registration deadline is March 1.
- ✿ The monthly Ministry digest is now available for order and subscription. It is available in English, Chinese and Spanish and Korean. The purpose of this monthly digest is to help the saints get into the riches contained in the Collected Works of Witness Lee topic by topic. For more information go to lsm.org. Please stop by the bookroom if you have questions or to place your standing order.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

23 Feb	Serving: Chinese Central (賈筱榮...) Cleaning: English West, Chinese West and Young People (John Y., Boy, Aaron Chao responsible)
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1 Mar	Serving: French (Julie ...) Cleaning: Chinese North and Chinese Central 1 (Jun, Gary Chen responsible)
8*	*District Meeting Serving: English (Rose ...) Cleaning: French (Achille, Allan responsible)
15	Serving: Chinese East (陳劉淑真...) Cleaning: Chinese East 1 and Chinese East 2 (Xie & John responsible)

Upcoming Events

- ✿ Mar1-2: **Gr. 5/6/YP Family blending**
- ✿ March 8: Lord's day meeting in districts
- ✿ Mar 27 - 29, Anaheim, CA: **International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones**
- ✿ May 22-25, Atlanta, GA: **Memorial Day conference**
The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

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

Scripture Reading: Exo. 10:8-11, 21-26; 12:6-11, 37-42; 2 Cor. 6:17

SEPARATION FROM THE WORLD

There are many commandments in the Bible concerning separation from the world. The Old Testament contains many examples and teachings concerning this. For example, Egypt, Ur of the Chaldees, Babylon, and Sodom are all types of the

world. They show different aspects of the world. Egypt represents the joy of the world, Ur of the Chaldees represents the religions of the world, the tower of Babel represents the confusion of the world, and Sodom represents the sins of the world. A man should come out of Egypt and also out of Ur of the Chaldees, just as Abraham did. Lot went to Sodom, and the people of Israel fell into captivity in Babylon. All should come out from these places. The Bible uses four different places to represent the world and shows how God's people come out from these different aspects of the world.

I. THE TYPE OF ISRAEL'S EXODUS FROM EGYPT

A. The Result of Redemption Being to Go Out

God saved the Israelites through the Passover lamb. When the messenger of God went forth to kill the firstborn in the land of Egypt, the angel of death passed over the doors which had the blood upon them. If there was no blood on the door, the firstborn of that house was killed. It had nothing to do with whether the door was good or bad, whether there was anything special about the lintel or the side posts, whether there was anything good about that family, or whether the firstborn child honored his parents. The issue was whether there was any blood. Whether or not you will perish does not depend on your family's status or your behavior; it depends on whether you have the blood. The basic factor for salvation is the blood; this has nothing to do with us.

We who are saved by grace are redeemed by the blood. But please remember that immediately after being redeemed by the blood, we must move and go out. Do not think that we can buy a house and dwell in Egypt after we are redeemed by the blood. Those who are redeemed by the blood must set out that very night. The lamb was slaughtered before midnight, and the blood was sprinkled with hyssop. They ate their meal quickly, with their loins girded and their staff in their hands, because they had to leave immediately.

The first result of redemption is separation, that is, departure, a going out. God never redeems a person and leaves him in the old position to continue living in the world. There is absolutely no such thing. Once a person is born again, saved, he must take up his staff and set out. Once the angel of destruction has done his work of separating the saved from the perishing, the saved ones must leave. Once you have been separated by the smiting angel, you have to pack up and move out of Egypt.

A staff is for walking. No one holds a staff to lie down in bed. The staff is not a pillow; it is for walking. All those who are redeemed, old or young, must take their staff and leave the same night. As soon as you are redeemed by the blood, you become a sojourner and a pilgrim on the earth; you have to go out of Egypt

and be separated from the world immediately. You must not continue to live there.

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