

## Please pray:

- ✿ French speaking ministry translation: Pray for the strengthening of the saints for the translation work; pray that the financial need of this work would be met by the Body.
- ✿ World epidemic situation: Pray that the coronavirus in many countries and the flu situation in the US be bound to spread further; we need to recognize that the Lord is on the throne and pray that He may use this situation for the advancement of His economy; may the saints' health be covered from these diseases; may the affected saints recover quickly; may ITERO be kept and not be affected by this epidemic situation; that the Lord may gain what He is after in this situation.
- ✿ United Kingdom: Please pray for the beginning of the spring semester of the FTTL (Full-Time Training in London), and the work on the university campuses in London; now that the UK has left the EU, pray for a relationship with the EU that will not hinder blending among the churches, visitation by the co-workers, or participation in trainings and conferences in the UK and Europe.
- ✿ Stuttgart, Germany: The church in Stuttgart is still looking for a place to meet. The owner of the place that they were looking at decided to lease the property to another tenant. Please pray for an adequate meeting hall in the best location, at an affordable price, and readily accessible to public transportation. They are currently meeting in a hotel for the next 5 weeks, and will be renting another hotel for four weeks after that. Pray for the Lord to rule over the meeting place situation and for His leading going forward.
- ✿ Israel: We are thankful for the prayers of the saints, as the formatting of the Arabic hymns are now finished. We will print a hymnal this week; we are now 75 percent done with our Arabic hymn recording. Please continue to pray for the remaining portion as well as the speaking of truth that needs to be recorded also. This will help the listener to understand the hymns they are hearing.
- ✿ 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: Mat 21:1 – 22:46
- ✿ HWMR: The Development of the Kingdom of God in the Christian Life and the Church Life, week 8

## Announcements

- ✿ The church in Montreal Annual General Meeting (AGM) is March 15, 2020 at 12:00pm.
- ✿ Gr. 5/6/YP Blending time today. Sign in with the serving ones by 1:30pm upstairs at the table. Parents and siblings

are invited for supper at Lisa & Lito's house tonight at 6pm. Please pray for this time of blending.

- ✿ You are invited to the wedding meeting of brother Haowei Song and sister Sissi Lin on Mar 7th at 2:30 pm.
- ✿ All Canada FTTA 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](http://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

1	Serving: French (Julie ...)
Mar	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)
22	Serving: Chinese South :陳世山、劉學成... Cleaning: English Central, Chinese Central 3 and College (Dennis, Qiang & Jonathan 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

1	✿ 10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
March	
LORD'S DAY	✿ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast
2	✿
Monday	
3	✿ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts
Tuesday	
4	✿
Wednesday	
5	✿
Thursday	

<b>6</b>	☼	6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese)
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>7</b>	☼	2:30 pm: The wedding meeting of brother Haowei S. and sister Sissi L.
<b>Saturday</b>		
<b>8</b>	☼	10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
<b>March</b>		
<b>LORD'S DAY</b>	☼	12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast

## SEPARATION FROM THE WORLD

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

### I. THE TYPE OF ISRAEL'S EXODUS FROM EGYPT

#### A. The Result of Redemption Being to Go Out (continued)

There was a sister who taught a class in a children's meeting. Once she was telling the story of Lazarus and the rich man. She asked the children, "Do you want to be Lazarus or the rich man? The rich man enjoys himself in this age and suffers in the next. Lazarus suffers today and enjoys himself later. Which would you choose to be?" An eight-year-old girl stood up and said, "While I am alive, I want to be the rich man, but when I die, I want to be Lazarus." Many people are like this. When they need salvation, they trust in the blood of the Lamb; but after they are saved by the blood, they settle down firmly in Egypt. They think that they can have the best of both sides.

Please remember that the blood's redemption saves you from the world. Once you are redeemed by the blood, you immediately become a sojourner, a pilgrim in this world. This does not mean that you no longer live on the earth. It means that you are immediately separated from the world. Wherever redemption is applied, this is the result. As soon as a man is redeemed, his course is changed, and he has to leave the world. The separation of the blood separates the living from the dead; it also separates the children of God from the people of the world. Once we are redeemed, we can no longer remain in the world.

#### B. The Many Frustrations from Pharaoh

The story of Israel's exodus from Egypt shows us how difficult it was for them to leave Egypt! Egypt tried to hold them back again and again. When the Israelites first wanted to leave Egypt, Pharaoh only allowed the strong men to go; the young and the old had to stay back. Pharaoh knew that if he could hold back the young and the old the strong men would not go far. After a while they would come back. Satan's strategy is to prevent us from having a thorough separation from Egypt. From the very beginning,

Moses rejected Pharaoh's delays. If we leave one thing or one person behind, we cannot go too far; eventually we will turn back.

You may recall what Pharaoh told Moses the first time: "Go ye, sacrifice to your God in the land" (Exo. 8:25). Later, he told him not to go too far. The third time he told him that only the strong ones could go. The fourth time, he told him that all the people could go but the cattle and the sheep had to remain. Pharaoh's way was to persuade them to serve God there in Egypt. This was his basic premise. He was willing to allow a person to be God's child as long as such a one remained in Egypt. He knew that if a person served God in Egypt, he would not have a testimony and he would have to serve Pharaoh in the end. Even though one wanted to be God's servant, he would eventually end up being Satan's servant.

If you try to serve God in the world, you will surely end up being Satan's slave. You will have to make bricks for him, and he will not let you go. Even if he does, he will not let you go too far. If he lets you go, he may only allow the strong men to go; the rest will have to stay. Satan is quite familiar with the words in Matthew 6:21: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." The treasure and the person go together. He knew that if Pharaoh held back the cattle and the sheep, the people would not go too far. The people eventually would follow the cattle and the sheep. But God wanted the cattle and the sheep to follow the people. He wanted the people to be saved from the treasure.

After a person is saved, he must go out to the wilderness. Moreover, he has to bring all the people and all his treasures with him. Otherwise, he will eventually go back to Egypt, and there will be no separation from Egypt. God's commandment is that those who serve Him must separate themselves from the world.

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