

Please pray:

- ✿ Elders and leading ones in Montreal: that the Lord would be their life, love and Head in all they do; that they be one with the Lord in their church service and in their normal human lives to be a pattern to the other saints; that they and their families be protected against the attacks of the enemy.
- ✿ 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.
- ✿ The Caribbean: for the upcoming French-speaking conference in Martinique in May; for the French-speaking saints in Martinique and Guadeloupe; for the oneness and one accord among the saints in all the Caribbean Islands and nations; for the gaining and maturing of more saints, especially brothers; that the literature work might prevail and reach many seekers; that the Lord would thrust out many workers to reap the harvest; that the Lord would stir up many of His seekers to leave the denominations to meet in oneness as the local churches in their respective cities; that the Lord might gain His genuine testimony.
- ✿ 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.
- ✿ Hamburg, Germany: On February 23, 2020, over 450 saints joined to partake of the Lord's table in Hamburg. It was a glorious feast and a time of rejoicing for all the saints, but especially for all the saints in Hamburg, who have been eagerly awaiting to partake of the Lord's table for about 30 years. Praise Him for His victory in Hamburg! We expect the Lord's blessing and pray that the Lord will add much fruit in the coming days through the practice of the vital groups. Continue to pray for a solid continuation of this new beginning and for the normal growth in all the saints.
- ✿ 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 11:1 – 15:27
- ✿ HWMR: The Experience of Christ, week 1

Announcements

- ✿ The church in Montreal Annual General Meeting (AGM) is March 15, 2020 at 12:00pm.
- ✿ 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

8*	*District Meeting
Mar	Serving: Chinese East (陳劉淑真...) Cleaning: French (Achille, Allan responsible)
15	Serving: English (Rose ...) 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)
29	Serving: Chinese Central:賈筱榮..... Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng & Shishan responsible)

Upcoming Events

- ✿ 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

8	✿ 10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
March	✿ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast
LORD'S DAY	✿
9	✿
Monday	
10	✿ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts
Tuesday	
11	✿
Wednesday	
12	✿
Thursday	
13	✿ 6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese)
Friday	
14	✿
Saturday	

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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

I. THE TYPE OF ISRAEL'S EXODUS FROM EGYPT

C. Our Way Being in the Wilderness

Just to confess the Lord with our mouth and say, "I have believed in the Lord today," is not enough for a testimony. We must come out from the world and be separated. This takes us one step further than confessing Jesus as Lord with our mouth. We cannot be dumb Christians. However, opening up our mouth alone is not enough; we must be separated from the world. We cannot continue our previous friendships, social ties, or other previous relationships. We must treasure our present position in the Lord and turn far away from our previous position. The person has to go out, and the possessions have to go out as well. Others may say that we are foolish, but we should not listen to them. Today we have to come out from Egypt. From the time we become a Christian, our way is that of the wilderness, not of Egypt.

In New Testament terms, both Egypt and the wilderness represent the world. Egypt refers to the world in its moral sense. The wilderness refers to the world in its physical sense. Christians are in the physical world but not in the moral world. We must see that there are two aspects of the world: the first as a place and the second as a system. There are many things related to the physical world which are attractive, which arouse the lusts of the eyes, the lusts of the flesh, and the vainglory of life. This is Egypt. But there is another meaning to the world—the physical world as a place where one's body resides.

D. Leaving the Moral World

Today we Christians must come out of the system and the organization of the world. Leaving the world refers to our deliverance from the moral world, not the physical world. We need to leave the moral world behind, not the physical world. In other words, we are still living in the world, but this world has become a wilderness to us.

What is the world to us? Mr. D. M. Panton put it well when he said, "While I am living, it is a journey to me; when I die, it is a tomb to me." While a believer is living on this earth, the world is a journey to him; when he dies, the world is only a tomb in which he

is buried. We must be separated from the people of the world. Every believer must be separated from the world. In the eyes of the world, we are in the wilderness; we are pilgrims. They are the ones who are in the world.

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