

Please pray:

- ✿ 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 all the meetings be covered from any attacks of the enemy; that the Lord may gain what He is after in this situation.
- ✿ Shepherding: that we would have an intimate concern for all the saints in the church, including the ones we don't know so well; that we would take the most excellent way of love in all our dealings with each other; that our hearts would be enlarged to embrace all the brothers and sisters, regardless of their condition; that we all would be transferred from our own personal universe, concerned just for our needs and interests, into the universe of the one new man.
- ✿ GTCA follow-up: Pray for the Guelph saints as they phone or email about 25 contacts from the GTCA labor on the campus of UoG; Pray these ones will be open for on-going contact with the saints, to read the word, have Bible studies, join families for meals and participate in group meetings.
- ✿ Cairo, Egypt: 1) For all our meetings with new ones both from the book fair and from other contacts that the Lord would lead us to the sons of peace and supply us the words of grace to minister God's economy to them. 2) May the Lord stir up their seeking spirit to pursue Him and His Body more intensely. 3) That 2020 would be a year of rich increase in both life and number for the church in Cairo. 4) That the Lord as the Head of the Body could stir some mature members to spend extended time and/or migrate here to render some particular shepherding and supply during these early years of the church life in Egypt.
- ✿ ITERO: That many brothers can register and attend the webcasts, the Lord could still speak a timely word to His recovery despite the change in format, pray that through this training the Lord could raise up more serving brothers in Montreal.
- ✿ 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: Matt 23:1 – 25:30
- ✿ HWMR: The Experience of Christ, week 2

Announcements

- ✿ Lord's Day Meetings starting this Lord's Day March 15 and for the next four weeks (March 15, 22, 29, April 5) will be in small groups of no more than 30 (children included). We

will not have love feasts during these next 4 Lord's Days. Please follow the guidelines for attending meetings below:

✿ Guidelines for Attending Church Meetings

- If you are experiencing fever (regardless of the measured temperature), cough, or shortness of breath, you should be evaluated by a doctor as soon as possible. You should not return to any church meetings until you have been completely free of symptoms for 72 hours or you have been cleared by your doctor.
- If you have recently traveled to an area that has a high prevalence of COVID-19, please do not attend any church meetings for a minimum of 14 days after arriving back in Canada. Please refer to the government of Canada's travel advisory: <https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories>
- If you have recently been in contact with anyone who has traveled to a high-risk area or has a confirmed case of COVID-19, please do not attend any church meetings for a minimum of 14 days.
- If you come to a church meeting and exhibit symptoms or meet any of the above criteria, you will be asked to return home to prevent potential spread of infection.
- If you are over 65 years old or have any chronic medical conditions (e.g. diabetes, heart, lung, kidney, liver disease), you should strongly consider using video or teleconferencing to participate in meetings, rather than attending in person, to minimize your risk of being infected. If you need technical assistance, please consult your local responsible brothers.
- If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19, please notify your local leading brother.
- ✿ The church in Montreal Annual General Meeting (AGM) is postponed to a future date.
- ✿ 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

15	Serving: Cancelled
Mar	Cleaning: By district
22	Serving: Cancelled
	Cleaning: By district

29	Serving: Cancelled Cleaning: By district
5	Serving: Cancelled
April	Cleaning: By district

Upcoming Events

- ✿ Mar 27 - 29: **International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones by Webcast**
- ✿ May 22-25, Atlanta, GA: **Memorial Day conference**
The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

15 March LORD'S DAY	✿ 10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
16 Monday	✿
17 Tuesday	✿ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts
18 Wednesday	✿
19 Thursday	✿
20 Friday	✿ 6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese)
21 Saturday	✿
22 March LORD'S DAY	✿ 10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings

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

E. Sojourners and Pilgrims in this World

We must realize that we are sojourners and pilgrims in this world. As far as the moral world is concerned, we have come out of it. It wants to keep us, but if we stay, we will not be able to serve God. The world wants to be closer to us, but if we allow it to come too close to us, it will be impossible for us to serve God. The world wants to keep our people and our treasure, but if these things are kept in the world, we will not be able to serve our God.

We have been separated from Egypt, and our faces are toward the promised land. The basis of that separation is the blood,

the blood that has bought us back. The Egyptians have not been bought by the blood; the worldly ones have not been redeemed. As redeemed ones, we have been transferred to another world. Therefore, we must leave this world.

Suppose you go to a watch shop to buy a watch. What do you do after you have bought it? Once the purchase has been made, you take the watch away. I should not buy the watch and leave it behind. I should not tell the proprietor, "Here, you use it!" This is not reasonable. Buying means taking away. Whenever there is a purchase, there is a taking away. If I buy a sack of rice, the rice is taken away from the shop. After one buys something, the purchased item is taken away. Please remember that since the blood has bought us, we must be taken away from the world. Once a person is bought by the Lord's blood, he should leave for the promised land. As soon as one is bought, he should leave. Those who are not bought can stay behind. But as soon as a person is bought, he should leave. Once a person is bought, he has no choice but to go with the Lord. If I have been bought by the Lord, I must leave the world and go with Him.

II. AREAS THAT REQUIRE SEPARATION FROM THE WORLD

You may ask what we should separate ourselves from. What things are considered the world? What areas should we be separated from? Before we touch any specific item, we should realize that our heart and spirit are the first things that need separation from the world. If a person's heart is set towards the world, it becomes futile to speak to him about anything else. It is useless to try to be delivered from a hundred things if the person himself still remains in the world. First, there must be a deliverance of the person, a deliverance of the spirit, and a deliverance of the heart. Deliverance from matters comes later.

A man must be separated completely from Egypt; he must be separated from the world. He should not be afraid that others will criticize him as being peculiar. Then there is the need to take care of some principles. In some areas we should be separated from the world, while in other areas we should maintain peace with it. We have no intention to be contentious. In the family, in the office, and everywhere, we do not want to arouse controversy. Let us consider five specific things that need to be dealt with:

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