

Please pray:

- ✳ Pray that the saints would practice to have a thorough confession to God under His light, a confession under the Lord's shining that includes the sin of individualism and individuality as well as all their defects, shortcomings, wrongdoings, mistakes, transgressions, trespasses, outward sins, and inward evils, and that is accompanied by their asking for the Lord's forgiveness (Psa. 32:5; 51:1-4a; Prov. 28:13; 1 John 1:9).
- ✳ Children: that the children of Montreal would grow up to love the Lord and love the church life; for the regeneration of every one of our children, especially before entering secondary school; that their parents might be genuine priests to bring their children to God and bring God to their children; that the serving ones might be burdened to pray for their priesthood and serve the children with a personal service; that the Lord might stir sisters up for the practice of neighbourhood children's meetings.
- ✳ May 2021 be a year where we gain one remaining fruit each, being built up and vitalised in twos and threes with our vital group and have at least three people under our care by shepherding, cherishing and nourishing. May this year be a year where the church gains the increase in life and in numbers.
- ✳ Israel: We are also praying for the various saints who are recording songs in Arabic to be strengthened to send in their recorded portions for the completion of a select number of hymns.
- ✳ 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: John 8:45 – 11:22
- ✳ HWMR: The Will of God, week 3

Announcements

- ✳ There will be a whole church parents fellowship on February 21 at 3:00PM on Zoom. This will be for parents of children and young people.
- ✳ We will have the French prayer meeting on the first and the 3rd Saturday of the month at 4:00 p.m.
- ✳ All church meetings continue to take place online/via conference calls. These include the following: **Lord's Table Meeting** - Will be conducted online or via conference calls by the following districts/groups:
 1. English Central/NDG/West - Dennis L. host
 2. French - Allan Y. host

3. Chinese East 1, 2 & 3 & Central 1 & 3 - Aaron C./John Y. host
4. Chinese South - William L./John C. host
5. Chinese West & North - John Ya host

Prayer meeting - By districts/groups

Group meetings - By districts/groups

Upcoming Events

- ✳ February 13-14, 2021, Online: **2021 International Chinese Speaking Conference**
 - ✳ February 21, 2021, Online: **Whole Church Parents Fellowship**
 - ✳ April 16-18, 2021, Online: **International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones**
- The church website lists more events*

This Week's Activities

31 January	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings via Zoom Meeting
LORD'S DAY	✳ 11am-11:45am: Grade 3-6 children (Seniors) via Zoom
	✳ 1:30pm-2:15pm: Grade 2 children and down (Juniors) via Zoom
1 February	✳
Monday	
2 Tuesday	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts via conference calls
3 Wednesday	✳
4 Thursday	✳
5 Friday	✳ 6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese) via Zoom
6 Saturday	✳
7 February	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings via Zoom Meeting
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CONFESSION WITH THE MOUTH

Scripture Reading: Rom. 10:10; Prov. 29:25; Matt. 10:32-33

I. THE IMPORTANCE OF CONFESSING WITH THE MOUTH (Continued)

D. Not Confessing the Lord Leading to Accusations in the Conscience

There is another serious problem for a person who does not confess the Lord with his mouth. Many of the Lord's believers experienced this when the Lord was on the earth.

The Lord Jesus was rejected by the Jews. They vehemently opposed and rejected Him. In John 9 the Jews made a decision: Whoever confessed Jesus to be the Christ would be put out of the synagogue (v. 22). In chapter twelve the Bible says that many Jewish rulers believed in the Lord Jesus secretly, but they dared not confess Him because they were afraid of being put out of the synagogue (v. 42). Do you think that these people had peace in their hearts? Perhaps they felt uneasy about confessing the Lord, but they felt even more uneasy about not confessing the Lord. What kind of place was the synagogue? It was a place where people opposed the Lord Jesus. They plotted, conspired, and discussed plans to trap the Lord there. Such were the dark things that went on in the synagogue. What should a genuine believer do among such people? How much strength would he need to keep his mouth shut? Under such circumstances it would be difficult for anyone to confess the Lord with his mouth, but it would be even harder for him to not confess the Lord with his mouth.

The Jewish synagogue is a picture of the world's opposition to the Lord. The world always criticizes the Lord Jesus. It always considers Jesus of Nazareth a problem. It has all kinds of things to say against our Lord. In a place like this, can you listen to the people and pretend to be like one of them? To pretend is painful; to pretend is also difficult. You have to muster enough strength to control and repress yourself before you can pretend. Under such circumstances, is it not true that something within you will want to cry out, "This man is the Son of God; I believe in Him"? Is there not something within you that wants to proclaim, "This man is my Savior, and I have already believed in Him," or, "This man can deliver me from my sins. You may not believe in Him, but I do"? Is there not something within you that wants to make such a declaration?

Are you going to force yourself to be quiet just because you want man's respect and position? It seems to me it would have been easier for the Jewish rulers in John 12 to simply be put out of the synagogue. They would have felt much better if they had confessed the Lord. If you are a false believer, it probably will make

no difference whether or not you confess. But as a genuine believer, you will surely offend your conscience if you pretend and sympathize with the Lord's opposers. When others oppose the Lord, you have no peace in your heart, yet you must force yourself to say, "What you are saying is interesting." Is this not the most painful thing to do as a human being?

There is nothing more painful than not confessing the Lord. The greatest suffering is to refuse to confess the Lord before men. I would not want to trade places with those rulers. Their suffering was too great! If you are not a believer, there is nothing to say. But if you have believed, the easier and more joyful and happy thing to do is come out of the synagogue. You may feel that there are many obstacles, but past experience indicates that the obstacles will be greater and your heart will suffer more if you do not go this way.

Suppose you hear someone maliciously slander your parents, saying this and that about them. Suppose that you try to sit still and listen to them or, worse still, pretend to sympathize with them. If you do this, I would wonder what kind of a person you were. Our Lord has given His life to save us. If we do not say something for the very Lord whom we worship and serve, how much more timid are we? We must be bold to stand up and proclaim for the Lord, "I belong to Him!"

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