

Please pray:

- ✳ Pray that the saints would practice to nourish themselves first in order to nourish others, especially the new believers (1 Tim. 4:6 and notes 61, 62, 63, 64, and 65; Jer. 15:16 and note 161; Ezek. 3:1-4; Hymns, #912, stanza 3 and chorus).
- ✳ Last week's morning revival was "answering God's call to be His dispensational instrument, His overcomers, to turn the age". May we answer to this call and be His dispensational instrument with dispensational value to God by consecrating ourselves to Him, by being separated unto Him, by joining to His desire through His word, by being a man of prayer, by having a spirit of martyrdom, by redeeming our time, by being vitalized, and by understanding the times that we might know what we should do. May God gain our cooperation to answer God's demands on behalf of the church so that God may have a way to come in and to turn this age of procedures into the age of His heart's desire.
- ✳ Israel: Since the beginning of the pandemic last year, there are approximately 25 new ones that have begun to meet with the saints and enjoy the ministry. At least 7 have been baptized. Some have also entered the meetings of the church, although most are still being primarily shepherded in home meetings and group meetings. Please pray that they would be established in the church life with a vision of God's economy.
- ✳ Azerbaijan: 1. Pray for the printing and distribution of 6000 copies of the six Rainbow Booklets in Azerbaijani, 1800 copies in Russian, and 1000 copies of Mystery of Human Life in Azerbaijani. 2. Pray for the readers that the booklets in their hands will be read and shared, and the readers will receive nourishment, be enlightened and seek God's economy.
- ✳ 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.
- ✳ 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: 2 Sam 8:1 – 18:33
- ✳ HWMR: A Timely Word Concerning the World Situation and the Lord's Recovery, week 6

Announcements

- ✳ The summer 2021 semiannual training will be held from July 5 to 10. Due to the current situation with COVID-19, only the video training will be available. The registration donation is \$155. Please register with your district brothers by June 1st.

- ✳ 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

- ✳ May 28-31, 2021: **2021 International Memorial Day Conference**
- ✳ July 5-10, 2021: **The Summer Semiannual Video Training**
The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

18 April	✳ 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
19 Monday	✳
20 Tuesday	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts via conference calls
21 Wednesday	✳
22 Thursday	✳
23 Friday	✳ 6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese) via Zoom
24 Saturday	✳
25 April	✳ 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

CONSECRATION

Scripture Reading: Exo. 28:1-2, 40-41; 29:1-25; Lev. 8:14-28; Rom. 6:13, 16, 19; 12:1; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; 2 Cor. 5:14-15

V. THE GOAL OF CONSECRATION

The goal of consecration is not to become a preacher for God or to work for Him. The goal of consecration is to serve Him. The result of consecration is service. In the original language the word service means "to wait upon." This means that a person is prepared to serve. We must remember that the goal of consecration is to wait upon God. Waiting upon someone may not be strenuous work. To wait upon God means that you stand when He wants you to stand. If He wants to shuffle you aside, you allow Him to shuffle you aside, and if He wants you to run, you run. This is what it means to wait on Him.

God requires that all Christians offer up their bodies to wait on Him. This does not necessarily mean that He wants you to stand at the pulpit or evangelize some remote land. It means to wait on God. If God sends someone to the pulpit, that person has no choice but to speak. If God sends someone to remote lands, he has no choice but to go. All our time is for God, but the work that we do is flexible. Everyone should wait on God, but the specific work that one should engage in is flexible. We must learn to wait on God. The presenting of one's body is for serving God.

As long as we are Christians, we have to serve God all our lives. As soon as a person consecrates himself, he must realize that from that point on, the Lord's requirement comes first. Service to God becomes one's lifelong mission. May God be gracious to us and show us that our service to Him is our rightful duty. We should show every believer that henceforth we are those who serve the Lord. We must realize that as Christians, we can no longer be loose in anything. I am not saying that we should not be faithful and committed to our career or that we can be idle. This is not what I mean. We still need to be faithful and serious in our vocation. But before God we must see that our entire life is directed towards our service to God. We do everything for the purpose of obeying God's will and pleasing Him. This is the reality of consecration.

Consecration is not how much we can give to God. It is being accepted by God and being granted the honor of serving Him. Consecration is reserved for Christians alone; it is not for everyone. Only the saved ones, those who belong to the Lord, can consecrate themselves. Consecration means that we say, "Lord, You have given me the opportunity and the right to come before You and to serve You." It is saying, "Lord, I am Yours. My ears were purchased by the blood; they belong to You. My hands were purchased by the blood; they belong to You. My feet were purchased by the blood; they belong to You. From now on I can no longer use them for myself."

We do not beg others to consecrate themselves. Instead, we tell them that a way is now available for them to consecrate themselves. There is a way to serve our God, the Lord of hosts. We must be clear that we are here to serve the Lord of hosts. It is grossly wrong to think that consecration is a matter of granting God a favor.

The revelation in the Old Testament is very clear. A man can only consecrate himself to God under His approval. The New Testament also exhorts us to consecrate ourselves through the compassions of God. God loves us so much; therefore, we have to consecrate ourselves. This is the most reasonable service. This is not a request for favor; this is the most reasonable thing, the most natural thing, to do. Consecration does not depend upon our willingness. It is because of God's abounding grace that we can consecrate ourselves. We must see that having the right to be God's servant is the greatest honor of our life. It is a joyful thing for a man to be saved. It is a far more joyful thing for a man to have a part in God's service! Who do we think our God is? We have to see His greatness and His glory. Only then will we see the tremendous significance and honor of this service! What a tremendous thing it is for us to receive His grace and be counted worthy of serving Him!

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