

Please pray:

- ✳ Beseeching.org: Pray that the saints would practice the God-ordained way according to the direction of the Lord's move today, which is to build up the organic Body of Christ, to prepare the bride of Christ, and to bring in the kingdom of God (Eph. 4:12; Rev. 19:7; Dan. 2:34-35 and note 353).
- ✳ 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.
- ✳ Semi-annual training (July): May the Lord grant us a heart to be trained and be poor in spirit to receive a fresh dispensation; may the saints be released inwardly and outwardly to attend this training; may the Lord speak to His churches what is on His heart.
- ✳ FTTA: We pray and stand with all the saints preparing to go the training this coming spring term; may the Lord prepare their body, soul and spirit and settle all the practical matters to be ready to be trained by the Lord; may this time of preparation be a time of many conversations with the Lord and learning on how to depend on Him; may the Lord give them the training that they need and gain them for His use.
- ✳ Israel: Please pray for the Spirit to continue to operate in the hearts of the ones who are receiving Recovery Versions in Israel now. Please also pray for the strengthening of their connection with the saints, especially during the home visitations.
- ✳ 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: 1 King 8:37 – 14:31
- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization-study of Jeremiah and Lamentations, week 6

Announcements

- ✳ There will be a meeting for the sisters on Saturday, June 19 from 1pm to 3pm at the meeting hall. Sisters are encouraged to join in person to listen to the sharing and participate in the fellowship time afterwards. The message will be in English with translation provided into Chinese and French. The message will be followed by a study time by language. More details will follow

- ✳ The summer 2021 semiannual training will be held from July 8 to 18. 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 and pay them the fee 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

30 May	✳ 9:30am-10am: Lord's Table meetings via Zoom Meeting
LORD'S DAY	✳ 10:am – 11:30am: Memorial Day Conference , message 4
	✳ 10am-10:45am: Grade 3-6 children (Seniors) via Zoom
	✳ 1:30pm-2:15pm: Grade 2 children and down (Juniors) via Zoom
	✳ 7pm – 8:30pm: Memorial Day Conference , message 5
31 Monday	✳ 7pm – 9pm: Memorial Day Conference , message 6
1 June	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts via conference calls
2 Tuesday	
3 Wednesday	
4 Thursday	
5 Friday	✳ 6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese) via Zoom
6 Saturday	

6 June	✳ 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

CONFESSION WITH THE MOUTH

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

II. COMMON MISTAKES

C. Fear of Men

Some people dare not confess because they are afraid of men. Many people can honestly say that they have no other reservation in their heart; they are willing to stand up and confess, but when they see the faces of others, they become afraid. When they look at their parents' faces or their friends' faces, they feel too shy to speak up. This is where many people are stumbled; they are afraid of men and do not have any boldness to open their mouth. Some people are naturally timid; they are timid not only in confessing the Lord but also in other things. If you want them to tell others about their faith, you are asking them for their life. They simply dare not open their mouth.

However, this kind of person needs to hear what God has to say. Proverbs 29:25 says, "The fear of man bringeth a snare." If you are afraid when you see someone, you will fall into a "snare." As soon as you become afraid, you fall into a snare. Your fear becomes your snare. Whenever your heart is afraid of men, you are creating a snare for yourself. Once you are afraid, you fall into a snare. This snare is created by your own fear. Actually, the person you fear may be very willing to listen to you. Even if he is not inclined to listen, he may not be as fearsome as you think.

There is a story about two persons who were colleagues. One was a believer and the other was not. The one who believed was very timid; the one who did not believe was also very timid. The timid believer did not dare tell his colleague that he was saved. The one who did not believe was puzzled by the great changes that were happening to his colleague. His colleague used to have a quick temper but had now changed. He dared not ask his colleague the reason. The two of them shared a table and sat face-to-face every day. One was too timid to speak, and the other was too timid to ask. Every day they just looked at each other. One was afraid to speak, and the other was afraid to ask. One day the believer could not hold back any longer. After praying about it, he went to the other one and shook his hand tightly and said, "I am a very timid person. For at least three months I have been struggling to tell you something. Now I am going to tell you. I have believed in Jesus."

After saying these words, his face turned pale. The other one said, "I too have waited for three months. I wanted to ask why you have become so different, but I was too afraid to ask." The believer mustered enough courage to open his mouth. From that time on, the opportunity opened up, and he was able to bring his friend to the Lord.

Those who are fearful of men will fall into a snare. Please remember that while you are afraid of others, others may be afraid of you too. We must never have a fear of men. We who follow God should not fear men. If you have a fear of men, you cannot be a good Christian and you cannot serve God. A Christian must be bold to speak to his relatives and friends. He must be bold to confess the Lord both in private and in public. We must take this way from the beginning.

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