

Please pray:

- ✳ French seminar by Rhema (August 21): Pray that the shepherds be released to attend this seminar; pray for the release of the contacts who are already released in the heavens to attend; pray for the preparation of the hearts of the contacts to be good ground to receive the Lord's speaking; pray for all the preparations for this seminar; pray that all the aspects will be covered by the Lord and that the enemy will have no ground in this time; pray that we will gain remaining fruit from this seminar.
- ✳ Upcoming school year: Pray that the Lord will go before us to prepare the campuses, the venues, and the hearts of the students. May the Lord prepare them to be ready to receive the gospel; pray for the releasing of the ones that the Lord had already released in the heavens; pray that the ones released will be willing to be contacted by us and willing to come to the Bible studies, meetings, and/or have personal appointment with us; pray that the whole church will move with the Lord in this matter by praying and by going; pray for the Lord's strengthening, and empowering of all the saints who will go out to the campuses; may the Lord give us remain fruit this school year.
- ✳ Purchase of property in Malaga, Spain: The current need to complete the purchase of the property in Malaga is 18,000 euros. Thank the Lord for the gracious giving of all the saints. The closing date is 30 August 2021. Please pray that the Lord will meet the need in the Body.
- ✳ As the government of Quebec is easing up more and more the restrictions, may we be encouraged to meet in person with proper measures; may the Lord cover all the saints and bless the assembly of the saints; may the meetings and the blending times in person be fully recovered according to the Lord's timing.
- ✳ Israel: Please pray for those who have received Recovery Versions in Israel over the past few months. Several new warm doors have been recently opened up through the ones that have received Recovery Versions. Please pray for the ongoing connecting of these warm doors with the saints visiting them and for their gradual seeing of God's eternal purpose.
- ✳ 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: Acts 27:27 – Rom 1:25
- ✳ HWMR: The Christian Life, the Church Life, the Consummation of the Age, and the Coming of the Lord, week 5

Announcements

- ✳ We will do a whole meeting hall cleaning the first Lord's table of the Month. Please bring your lunch on that day. The cleaning will begin after lunch.
- ✳ Please consider before the Lord carefully and provide us with the prayer burdens before Saturday of every week. Please send the prayer burdens to Allan Y. His email address is allan.yeow81@gmail.com. Note that due to limited space on the newsletter, we may not be able to put all the prayer burdens that are sent to us. May the Lord teach us how to pray for the advancement of His Economy.

Upcoming Events

- ✳ August 21, 10am - 12pm: Rhema Seminar Series in French

The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

15 August 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 via conference calls
18 Wednesday	✳
19 Thursday	✳
20 Friday	✳ 6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese) via Zoom
21 Saturday	✳
22 August LORD'S DAY	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings

READING THE BIBLE

Scripture Reading: 2 Tim. 3:15-17; Psa. 119:9-11, 15, 105, 140, 148

III. DIFFERENT WAYS TO READ THE BIBLE

A. Meditating on the Word during the First Period of Time (Continued)

And yet now, since God has taught me this point, it is as plain to me as anything, that the first thing the child of God has to do morning by morning is, to obtain food for his inner man. As the outward man is not fit for work for any length of time except we take food, and as this is one of the first things we do in the morning, so it should be with the inner man. We should take food for that, as every one must allow. Now what is the food for the inner man? Not prayer, but the word of God; and here again, not the simple reading of the word of God, so that it only passes through our minds, just as water runs through a pipe, but considering what we read, pondering over it, and applying it to our hearts. When we pray, we speak to God. Now, prayer, in order to be continued for any length of time in any other than a formal manner, requires, generally speaking, a measure of strength or godly desire, and the season, therefore, when this exercise of the soul can be most effectually performed is after the inner man has been nourished by meditation on the word of God, where we find our Father speaking to us, to encourage us, to comfort us, to instruct us, to humble us, to reprove us. We may therefore profitably meditate, with God's blessing, though we are ever so weak spiritually; nay, the weaker we are, the more we need meditation for the strengthening of our inner man. There is thus far less to be feared from wandering of mind than if we give ourselves to prayer without having had previously time for meditation. I dwell so particularly on this point because of the immense spiritual profit and refreshment I am conscious of having derived from it myself, and I affectionately and solemnly beseech all my fellow-believers to ponder this matter. By the blessing of God I ascribe to this mode the help and strength which I had had from God to pass in peace through deeper trials, in various ways, than I had ever had before; and after having now above fourteen years tried this way, I can most fully, in the fear of God, commend it...

How different, when the soul is refreshed and made happy early in the morning, from what it is when, without spiritual preparation, the service, the trials, and the temptations of the day come upon one!— George Müller, Autobiography of George Müller, the Life of Trust, 1861, reprinted 1981, pp. 206-10.

B. General Reading during the Second Period of Time

A new believer who recently has received the Lord should not engage himself in intense research of the Bible for at least six months because he is not familiar with the Bible as a whole yet. He should rather spend a few months to read through the whole Bible

and familiarize himself with it in a general way. After this he can begin serious study of the Bible.

In familiarizing himself with the Bible, he should read the whole book chapter by chapter, consecutively over and over again. The best way is to decide the number of chapters in the Old and the New Testament one wants to read each day. The reading should neither be too fast nor too slow. It should be regular, continuous, and general in nature. George Müller read the Old and New Testament a hundred times during his lifetime. Those who have just received the Lord should learn to read the Bible and remember the number of times they have read through it. It is good to write a letter to notify a more elderly brother the first time you have finished reading through the New Testament. It is also good to leave a blank page in your Bible to record the number of times you have read through it. You should write the date and the place you finished reading it the first time, the second time, and so on. Each time you finish reading it, you should mark down the occasion. Identify clearly whether it is the Old Testament or the New Testament you have read through. I hope that you, like Mr. Müller, can read through the Bible a hundred times during your lifetime. If a person wants to read through the Bible a hundred times, assuming that he lives for fifty years as a Christian, he will have to go through the whole Bible at least twice a year. You can see why you need to spend much time to read the Bible.

The principle of reading the Bible is to go through it chapter by chapter, over and over again. Those who are more advanced in the Lord should pay attention to the way the newly saved ones read their Bibles. Sometimes it does good to examine the dates recorded in their Bibles, to check how many chapters they read every day, and to find out where they are each week. We should all pay attention to this work and should not slacken. We should remind those who are progressing too slowly, "Half a year has past. How come you have not finished reading the New Testament once yet?"

If a person reads his Bible according to the above way, after some time his knowledge of the Bible will increase. If possible, one should try to memorize one or two verses each day. In the beginning, a person may have to force himself a little to do this. It may come as quite a dull chore. But after some time he will reap the benefit of it.

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