

Please pray:

- ✳ **Our Christian brothers and sisters who do not meet in the Lord's recovery:** Let us bind the blindness and all the other strategies of the enemy, and loose a poor, seeking spirit, a spirit of wisdom and revelation; may they be emptied and unloaded of everything that is old; may the Lord bring them to touch Him as life and as reality; may they know Him as the truth that they could be set free. May some be captured by the vision of God's economy and be brought fully into the church life for the building up of the Body of Christ.
- ✳ **College Conference (Feb 25-27):** Pray for the Lord's will to be done in this college conference; may the Lord open up doors that no one can shut for the accomplishment of His purpose in this time; may the college students be released to attend this conference; pray that the Lord will strengthen all the serving ones for all the preparations; pray that the serving ones and the speaking brothers may be one with the Lord to impart His burden into the students; may the Lord speak to the students a personal and up to date speaking; may the Lord use this time to gain what He is after in the college students.
- ✳ **Cairo Conference, Egypt (Feb 17 - 19):** Dear saints, there was an in-person conference that took place in Cairo, Egypt, and the topic was "The Genuine Church Life". We have invited some contacts from the Cairo International Book Fair and from among Rhema readers. Please pray that the word sowed during this conference would further His move among the Arabic speakers in the Middle East and strengthen His testimony in Cairo. May the Lord's speaking prevail in all the contacts and the saints.
- ✳ **Political situation in Canada and Quebec according to 1Ti 2:1-4:** I exhort therefore, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings be made on behalf of all men; on behalf of kings and all who are in high position, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all godliness and gravity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of our Saviour God, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the full knowledge of the truth.
- ✳ **Opening up of the pandemic restrictions:** 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.
- ✳ 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: Psa 44:1 – 58:11

- ✳ HWMR: Vital Factors for the Recovery of the Church Life, week 1

Announcements

- ✳ All children's meetings will be online until the government regulations allow us to return to the meeting hall. The new online children's meetings schedule is as follows:
 - Group 1: Lord's Day 1:30pm - 1:45pm
 - Group 2: Lord's Day 1:45pm - 2:15pm
 - Group 3: Lord's Day 11:00am - 11:45am
- ✳ 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

- ✳ February 18-20, 2022, online: **International Chinese-speaking Blending Conference**
- ✳ February 25-26: **College Conference**
The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

20 February LORD'S DAY	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
	✳ 11:00am - 11:45am: Children's meeting, group 3
	✳ 1:30pm - 1:45pm: Children's meeting, group 1
	✳ 1:45pm - 2:15pm: Children's meeting, group 2
21 Monday	✳
22 Tuesday	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts via conference calls
23 Wednesday	✳
24 Thursday	✳
25 Friday	✳ 6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese) via Zoom
26 Saturday	✳
27 February LORD'S DAY	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings

CONFESSION AND RECOMPENSE

Scripture Reading: Lev. 6:1-7; Matt. 5:23-26

II. THE TRESPASS OFFERING IN LEVITICUS 6 (continued)

A. Some Sins That Are Trespasses against Man

Leviticus 6:2-7: "When a person sins and acts unfaithfully against Jehovah,"—All sins are ultimately trespasses against Jehovah—"and lies to his fellowman in regard to a deposit or a security, or through robbery, or if he has extorted from his fellowman, or has found what was lost and lied about it, and has sworn falsely—concerning any of the things a man may do to sin thereby—then it shall be, when he sins and is guilty, that he shall return what he took by robbery, or what he got by extortion, or the deposit which was deposited with him, or the lost thing which he found, or anything about which he swore falsely; he shall make restitution for it in full and add to it one-fifth more; he shall give it to whom it belongs on the day he is found guilty. Then he shall bring to the priest his trespass offering to Jehovah, a ram without blemish from the flock, according to the valuation, for a trespass offering. And the priest shall make propitiation for him before Jehovah, and he shall be forgiven for whatever he may have done by which he has become guilty." A person who has offended anyone or transgressed against anyone in material things has to settle it with men before he can be forgiven. If he does not settle it with men, he will not be forgiven.

There are six kinds of transgressions against man in these verses:

(1)Lying to one's fellowman in regard to a deposit: This means to be entrusted with something and then to purposely withhold the good and costly portions while surrendering the inferior portions. This is lying, and it is a sin before God. We should not lie to others in regard to their deposit but rather guard it faithfully. God's children should always guard faithfully the things that others have entrusted to them. If we cannot guard it, we should not accept such a deposit. Once we accept it, we should do our best to guard it. If anything happens to it through our unfaithfulness, we have trespassed against man.

(2)Lying to one's fellowman in regard to a security: This means to deal falsely or to lie in business transactions or to profit through improper means or to usurp something that is not yours in trade. This is to sin before the Lord, and it should be dealt with in a strict way.

(3)Robbing a fellowman: Although this may not happen among the saints, we still have to say something about it. No one may acquire anything by way of robbery. Anyone who tries to usurp

the possessions of others by means of his status or power has committed a sin.

(4)Extorting from one's fellowman: It is a sin to take advantage of anyone through the influence of one's own position and power. In God's eyes His children should never do such a thing. This kind of conduct must be dealt with.

(5)Finding what is lost and lying about it: New believers must pay special attention to this matter. Many people have lied about the things which others have lost. To turn something into nothing, to reduce much to little, or to exchange what is bad for what is good is the same as lying. Something is there, yet you say that nothing is there. There may be much, but you say that there is little. Something may be good, but you say that it is bad—all this is lying. Others have lost something, and you take advantage of them, extorting some gain and benefit out of them; this is sin. A Christian must not take possession of others' belongings and make them his own. If you have picked up something by accident, you have to guard it well and return it to the owner. Never claim lost items as your own. It is wrong to keep lost articles; it is more wrong to usurp the possessions of others by illegal means. To turn other's possessions into one's own by any unrighteous means is wrong. A believer should not do anything that profits himself at the expense of others.

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