

Please pray:

- ✳ **Situation between Russia and Ukraine:** Pray for the situation between Russia and Ukraine. May peace prevail in this region and may the Lord's will be done. There are around 55 churches in Ukraine and nearly 1000 saints. May the Lord take care of His churches there and safeguard the saints. Even in such a difficult situation may the gospel and the ministry of the age reach out to the general population. May the Lord encourage the saints to distribute the Recovery Version Bible and shepherd the seeking people; may the church life and the saints be buoyant for the Lord and His economy.
- ✳ **The 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.
- ✳ **The grace of God in the economy of God:** We praise the Lord for His up-to-date speaking at the last International Chinese speaking conference. May the grace of God become our sufficient and abounding grace. May we be the best receivers and enjoyers of such grace so that we would be the stewards of grace to others to consummate the New Jerusalem.
- ✳ 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 Cor 10:7 – 13:14
- ✳ HWMR: Vital Factors for the Recovery of the Church Life, week 2

Announcements

- ✳ There will be a Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference for the churches in the Northeast March 11-13, 2022, at Kingston Penuel Christian Center in New York State. Zoom meetings are also available. Registration deadline for in-person is Feb 27. No registration required for online

attendance. For cost and more details, please contact the responsible brothers.

- ✳ 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

27 February LORD'S DAY	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
28 Monday	✳
1 Tuesday	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts via conference calls
2 Wednesday	✳
3 Thursday	✳
4 Friday	✳ 6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese) via Zoom
5 Saturday	✳
6 March 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

A. Some Sins That Are Trespases against Man (continued)

(6)Swearing falsely: It is a sin to swear falsely concerning any material thing. You know something, yet you say that you do not know. You have seen something, yet you

say that you have not seen it. Something is there, yet you say that nothing is there. Anyone who swears falsely has sinned.

"Concerning any of the things a man may do to sin thereby"—this refers to transgressions against men in terms of material things. God's children should learn and always remember this lesson—they should not make the possessions of others their own. The possessions of others belong to them. Do not make their possessions yours. Whoever swears falsely in any of the things mentioned above and transgresses against others has sinned.

Brothers and sisters, if there is any dishonesty in anything you do, if you have acquired anything at the expense of others, or if you have acquired anything by means of these six ways, you have sinned. You have to deal with these sins thoroughly.

B. How to Return

Our manner of life has to be righteous, and our conscience must be void of offense before God. God's Word says, "Then it shall be, when he sins and is guilty, that he shall return what he took by robbery" (v. 4). The word return is very important. There are two aspects to the trespass offering. On the one hand, there is the need of propitiation before God. On the other hand, there is the need to "return" to man that which has been taken. Do not think that propitiation before God is sufficient. You must also return to man that which has been taken. If you do not return it, something is lacking. The trespass offering in Leviticus 5 deals with sins that do not involve material transgressions against people. Of course, there is no need to return anything in that case. But the sins spoken of in chapter six involve material loss, in which case one must return something. Propitiation through sacrifice was not enough. One still had to "return" that which was taken. This is why verse 4 says, "Then it shall be, when he sins and is guilty, that he shall return what he took by robbery." Everything acquired through sinful means must be returned. One must return what was taken by robbery, what was gained through extortion, what was deposited with him, whatever has been found, and whatever has been falsely sworn. All of these things must be returned.

How does a person return these things? "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" (v. 5). Here are three things that we need to take note of.

First, we have to make restitution in full. We are wrong if we do not make any restitution. We are equally wrong if our restitution is not made in full. No one should consider an apology as being sufficient. If the object in question remains in our house, it proves that we are still wrong; we have to return it in full.

Second, God wants us to not only return in full, but also to add one-fifth more when we make a recompense. Why must we add one-fifth? According to this principle, we have to return abundantly. If we have taken money or things from others, God

wants us to add one-fifth to the full amount when we return it. God does not want His children to return the bare minimum. In printing books one has to leave margins at the top, bottom, left, and right of a page. Similarly, we should not be stingy in apologizing to people and returning what has been taken from them. We must be generous and liberal.

Some people do not add one-fifth to their recompense. In fact, they return much less than one-fifth of what was owed. They apologize by saying, "Although I offended you in this matter, I was not wrong in other matters. In other matters I did not offend you; rather, you offended me." This is a settling of accounts, not a confession. If you want to confess, do not be that stingy. It is all right to apologize more than you need to, but do not apologize less. Why did you sin in the first place? Since you have to recompense now, be more generous. Do not take things away from others and then return only that much to them. You have to return generously.

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