

Please pray:

- ✳ **Situation between Russia and Ukraine:** Pray for the situation between Russia and Ukraine. May the Lord's will be done. There are around 55 churches in Ukraine and nearly 1500 saints. May the Lord take care of His churches there and safeguard, encourage, cherish, nourish and strengthen all 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.
- ✳ **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.
- ✳ **Shepherding:** that we would have an intimate concern for all the saints in the church, including the ones we don't know so well; that we could have a heart to call other saints, visit them, and shepherd them; that we would take the most excellent way of love in all our dealings with each other; that our hearts would be enlarged to embrace all the brothers and sisters, regardless of their condition; that we all would be transferred from our own personal universe, concerned just for our needs and interests, into the universe of the one new man.
- ✳ **Vital groups:** Let us pray for the raising up of vital groups in the church in Montreal in all the languages; that all the saints would rise up to live vitally with vital companions for gospel preaching, shepherding, pursuing the truth, and prophesying to build the church.
- ✳ 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 59:1 – 74:23
- ✳ HWMR: Vital Factors for the Recovery of the Church Life, week 3

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 no longer available. Registration deadline for in-person is TODAY. For cost and more details, please contact the responsible brothers.

- ✳ For Children's meetings, all groups are in person at meeting hall at 11am. Only group 3 and YP will have zoom hybrid meetings.
- ✳ On March 19, there will be a Sisters' conference at the meeting hall from 12pm – 3:30pm.
- ✳ 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

- ✳ March 11-13, 2022, NY: **Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference**
- ✳ March 19, Meeting Hall: **Sisters' conference**
The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

6	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
March	
LORD'S DAY	
7	✳
Monday	
8	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts via conference calls
Tuesday	
9	✳
Wednesday	
10	✳
Thursday	
11	✳ 6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese) via Zoom
Friday	
12	✳
Saturday	
13	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
March	
LORD'S DAY	

CONFESSION AND RECOMPENSE

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

II. THE TRESPASS OFFERING IN LEVITICUS 6

B. How to Return (continued)

God's children should behave in a way that is worthy of their dignity. Even in the matter of confession, we should do

it in a way that is worthy of our dignity. An apology that is in the way of settling accounts is not the kind of confession that God's children should have. God's children should confess their transgressions thoroughly and add one-fifth to the recompense. No one should be calculating and unwilling to make the smallest of sacrifices when confessing. If you are concerned about how much each party owes the other when you apologize, you are not behaving like a Christian. Some people say, "I was not angry at first, but your words made me angry. Since I have confessed my wrong already, it is your turn to confess your wrong." This is altogether a matter of settling accounts; this is not a confession. If you are making a confession, you should go an extra mile. Be more generous in the matter of confession. Do not withhold anything in your confession; instead, try to be liberal in it.

Adding one-fifth to our confession or recompense reminds us that offending others is a losing proposition and that we should never do it again. When a new believer offends others, he should realize that he will suffer loss eventually, even though he may gain something temporarily. He took five-fifths, but he has to return six-fifths. It is easy to take something from someone. But when you return it, you have to not only return it in full but also add one-fifth.

Third, we should make our confession and recompense as soon as possible. Verse 5 says, "He shall give it to whom it belongs on the day he is found guilty." If it is within our ability to return the object, or if the object in question is still in our hand, we should return it on the day we learn of this sin. It is easy for people to delay in this matter. But the more God's children put off confession and recompense, the more their feeling will become dull. As soon as we receive the light, we have to act upon it. We have to return it that very day. Hopefully, our brothers and sisters will take a straight path from the day they become a Christian. We should never take advantage of others and never be unrighteous. The basic principle of the Christian life on earth is not to take advantage of others. Taking advantage of others in any way is wrong. We must not take advantage of others. Instead, we must be righteous from the very beginning.

We have to give back to others. But this is not all. We should not think that everything is settled after we have made our apology and recompense. The matter is not settled. "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" (v. 6). After we have confessed to and recompensed others, we still have to go to God for forgiveness. The trespass offering in chapter five deals with just God because no material loss is involved. But chapter six speaks of transgression against man. Therefore, one must deal with man first, before going to God to ask for forgiveness. Before a matter has been settled with man, one cannot go to God to ask for forgiveness. What happens once one has settled the matter with man and has asked for forgiveness before God? "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" (v. 7). This is what the Lord wants. Whoever has transgressed materially against man should try his best to make recompense. Then he can come before God and ask for forgiveness through the Lord's blood.

We should not consider this as a trivial matter. Once we are careless, we take advantage of others and transgress against them. God's children should remember this point and pay attention to it all their lives. In whatever matter they have transgressed against others, they should return these things to them and ask God for forgiveness.

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