

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.
- ✳ **To bring a new revival that will end this age:** "I hope that the saints in all the churches throughout the earth...will see this revelation and then rise up to pray that God would give us a new revival - a revival which has never been recorded in history" - Life-study of 1 & 2 Chronicles, p.15; "We should all declare that we want to live the life of a God-man. Eventually, the God-men will be the victors, the overcomers, the Zion within Jerusalem. This will bring in a new revival which has never been seen in history, and this will end this age" - Life-study of 1 & 2 Chronicles, p.28; "I hope that there will be a genuine revival among us by our receiving this burden of shepherding. If all the churches receive this teaching to participate in Christ's wonderful shepherding, there will be a big revival in the recovery" - The Collected Works of Witness Lee, 1994-1997, vol.5, "The Vital Groups," p.92.
- ✳ **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.
- ✳ **ITERO Training (Apr 1-3):** Pray that many brothers will be released to attend this training; may the Lord speak through the speaking brothers and may His burden be released; may the brothers attending the training be the best receivers to receive what the Spirit is speaking to the churches; may the Lord use this time to gain what He desires and to advance in His economy.
- ✳ 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: Gal 1:1 – 3:14
- ✳ HWMR: Vital Factors for the Recovery of the Church Life, week 4

Announcements

- ✳ For Children's meetings, all groups are in person at meeting hall at 11am. Only group 3 and YP will have zoom hybrid meetings for a few more weeks.
- ✳ 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 19, Meeting Hall: **Sisters' conference**
The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

13	✳	10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
March		
LORD'S DAY		
14	✳	
Monday		
15	✳	7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts via conference calls
Tuesday		
16	✳	
Wednesday		
17	✳	
Thursday		
18	✳	6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese) via Zoom
Friday		
19	✳	
Saturday		
20	✳	10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
March		
LORD'S DAY		

CONFESSION AND RECOMPENSE

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

III. THE TEACHING OF MATTHEW 5

Now let us turn to another portion—Matthew 5. This chapter is different from Leviticus 6, which speaks of transgressions against man just in terms of material things. Matthew 5 deals with more than just transgressions in material things.

Matthew 5:23-26 says, "Therefore if you are offering your gift at the altar and there you remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and first go and be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Be well disposed quickly toward your opponent at law, while you are with him on the way, lest the opponent deliver you to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. Truly I say to you, You shall by no means come out from there until you pay the last quadrans." The quadrans spoken of here do not refer to just physical quadrans. They refer to the principle of coming up short in something.

The Lord says, "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there you remember that your brother has something against you." This specifically refers to disputes among God's children and among the brothers. If you are offering a gift at the altar, that is, if you are offering something to God, and suddenly remember that your brother has something against you, this remembering is God's leading. The Holy Spirit often gives you a necessary thought and reminds you of necessary things. When you remember something or are reminded of something, do not put the thought aside and think that it is merely a thought. As soon as you remember something, you should carefully deal with it.

If you remember that your brother has something against you, this means you have transgressed against him. Your transgression may or may not be in material things. Perhaps you have offended him by acting unrighteously towards him. The emphasis is not on material things but on that which sets others against you. A new believer should realize that if he offends a person and does not apologize and ask for forgiveness, he is finished as soon as the offended party mentions his name and sighs before God. Whatever he offers to God will not be accepted. Whatever he prays will be turned down. We should not allow any brother or sister to sigh before God because of us. Once he or she sighs, we are finished before God. If we have done something wrong or if we have offended or hurt someone, the offended party need not accuse us before God. All he has to say before God is, "Oh! So-and-so..." or, for that matter, he just needs to utter an "Oh" and whatever we offer to God will be rejected. All he has to do is sigh a little because of us before God. We must not give any brother or sister the reason or the ground to sigh before God because of us. If we give him or her a reason to sigh, we will lose all our spiritual prospects and all our gifts to God will be annulled.

If you are offering a gift at the altar and remember that your brother has anything against you or has any reason to sigh because of you, do not offer up your gift. If you want to offer to God, "First go and be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift." God wants the gift, but you must first be reconciled to others. Those who are not reconciled to men will not be able to offer a gift to God. You must "leave your gift there before the altar, and first go and be reconciled to your brother, and then come and

offer your gift." Do you see the proper way? You must first go and be reconciled to your brother. What does it mean to be reconciled to one's brother? It means to remove the brother's wrath. You may need to either apologize or recompense. However, the point is to satisfy your brother. It is not a matter of adding one-fifth or one-tenth; it is a matter of reconciliation. Reconciliation means satisfying the other's demand.

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