

## Please pray:

- ✳ Montreal Chinese speaking gospel harvest meeting (March 26 at 4:30 PM in the meeting hall): May the Lord bring the gospel friends whom the saints have been labouring to the meeting and solidify their salvation.
- ✳ **ITERO Training (Apr 1-3):** May the Lord speak through the speaking brothers, and may His burden be released during this training; 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.
- ✳ **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.
- ✳ **Situation between Russia and Ukraine:** As the Russia/Ukraine situation is unfolding, may the Lord cover and protect the body, soul and spirit of the saints. May the Lord be with the brothers in Ukraine and in Russia, who are experiencing pressure to join the military. We also pray for the people fleeing the region, that they can meet the saints, their human needs can be supplied, and more importantly that the gospel could reach them. Let's pray for the saints in Europe who are currently preparing, distributing the ministry materials and preaching the gospel to Ukrainian refugees. May the Lord's will be done in this situation.
- ✳ **Laos:** Pray for the propagation in Luang Prabang city and for the church to be established on April 12.
- ✳ 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 75:1 – 91:16
- ✳ HWMR: Vital Factors for the Recovery of the Church Life, week 5

## 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.
- ✳ 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](mailto: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 27, Meeting Hall: **Annual General Meeting**
- ✳ April 1-3, Online: **International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones**
- ✳ May 27-30: **International Memorial Day Blending Conference**

*The church website lists more events*

## This Week's Activities

20 March LORD'S DAY	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
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 March LORD'S DAY	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings

## CONFESSION AND RECOMPENSE

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

### III. THE TEACHING OF MATTHEW 5 (continued)

When you have offended and transgressed against your brother, when he is disturbed and feels that you are unrighteous, and when you have caused him to sigh before God, your spiritual fellowship with God is interrupted; your spiritual prospects are gone. You may not have the slightest feeling that you are in darkness, and you may feel that you are all right, but the gift you offer at the altar has become void. You cannot ask anything of God. You cannot even give anything to God. You cannot offer anything to God, much less receive any answer from Him. You may have offered up everything on the altar, but God is not pleased with any of it. Therefore, when you come to God's altar, you must first be reconciled to your brother. Whatever demands he has, you must try your best to satisfy him. Learn to satisfy the righteous requirement of God as well

as the righteous requirement of your brother. You can offer your gift to God only after you have done this. This is quite serious.

We should not offend others easily. In particular, we must not offend a brother or a sister lightly. If we offend a brother or a sister, we immediately fall under God's judgment, and it is not easy to be recovered. In verse 25 the Lord emphasized, "Be well disposed quickly toward your opponent at law, while you are with him on the way." Here is a brother who has suffered injustice at our hand; he is not at peace before God. The Lord's words to us are in human terms. Our brother is like a plaintiff in a court of law. The expression while you are with him on the way is wonderful. Today we are all still on the way. Our brother has not died and neither have we. He is here, and we are here. He is on the way, and we are also on the way. We have to be well disposed quickly with him. It is very easy for us to not be here someday; it is very easy for us to not be on the way. It is also very easy for our brother to not be here and to not be on the way. No one knows who will go first. By then it will be too late to do anything. While he and we are still on the way, that is, while both parties are still here, there is the opportunity to speak to one another and apologize. We should be reconciled to each other quickly. The door of salvation will not be open forever. The same is true with the door of mutual confession among the brothers. Brothers have often regretted that they lost their opportunity to confess to each other; the offended party is no longer on the way. If we have any offense toward men, we should seize whatever opportunity we have to be reconciled to them quickly while we are both still on the way. We do not know whether or not others will be here tomorrow. We also do not know whether or not we ourselves will be here tomorrow. Therefore, we have to be well disposed with the brothers while we are still on the way. Once one party is no longer on the way, it is impossible to settle the matter.

We have to realize how serious this matter is! You cannot be nonchalant or careless about it. While there is still today, be well disposed with your brother quickly! If you know that a brother has a complaint against you, you have to deal with it. You must try your best to apologize lest there be no opportunity to reconcile later.

Following this, the Lord speaks again in human terms, saying, "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." We will not go into biblical interpretation concerning the paying of the last quadrans. We are only pointing out the practice of paying the last quadrans. We have to see that this matter must be resolved properly. If we do not resolve it properly, the case will not be settled. The Lord is not speaking of a future judgment or of being thrown into and being released from an actual prison. The Lord's emphasis is not on these things. His concern is that we would be reconciled today, that we would pay every quadrans today, not putting the matter off until later. We must do this while

we are still on the way. We must not put off the matter today and hope that it will be resolved later. This is unwise, and it does not pay to leave the matter to the future.

God's children should learn this lesson well. We must make recompense when recompense is due and confession when confession is due. We should make recompense again and again and apologize again and again. We should not allow a brother or sister to harbor any complaint against us. If our conscience is pure, and the wrong is clearly not on our side, we can be at peace. Otherwise, if there is any wrongdoing on our part, we must confess. We must be above reproach in our conduct. We should not always think that others are wrong and we are right. It is certainly wrong to ignore the complaints of others and to instead insist that we are right.

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