

## Please Pray

- ✳ **Proper follow-up after the gospel trips and various Bible distributions:** Pray for the contacts that we have encountered during the gospel trips and Bible distributions for the proper follow-up and shepherding by the saints. Pray that many saints will rise up to have a heart to take care of the contacts. Pray that some may be added to the churches as remaining fruits.
- ✳ **New School Year:** (1) May the Lord prepare and strengthen our students for this new school year/semester. (2) May this new year/semester be a time for the students to learn how to depend on the Lord more in their studies and grow deeper and wider roots in the Lord. (3) May the Spirit brood on the campuses and in the students' hearts to prepare the ground for the harvest. (4) May our own students be a witness of the Lord on the campuses to attract the people to Him. (5) May the people that we come in contact with during the weeks to come be open to come to the Bible studies, home meetings, and personal appointments. (6) May the Lord gain remaining fruit this school year.
- ✳ **Working Saints:** (1) May the Lord shepherd, cherish, nourish and grace each working saint in their work life, family life and everyday life. (2) May the working saints be encouraged and see the importance to rise up, function and take care of the burdens of the church. (3) May the back-sliding working saints be recovered back into the church life.
- ✳ **The current situation our children and young people are facing in schools and society:** (1) Pray that all the families would be clear about Satan's strategies against our younger generation. (2) Pray that our children and young people are covered and protected from the current of this age. (3) Pray for the Lord's strengthening and wisdom of the parents in shielding and shepherding their children. (4) Pray that our children will be open to talking to parents and serving ones about the things they are being told in the schools that contradict God's Word.
- ✳ **Senior Co-Workers in the Lord's Recovery:** Pray that the Lord would keep them strong and healthy in spirit, soul and body as they take the lead in the Lord's move; for the health of many older brothers and that of their family members; that the Lord would continue to mature and perfect many saints to take the way of ministry to become genuine ministers of the new covenant for the building up and going on of the churches.
- ✳ **Pray for various local needs in Montréal:** The saints, their contacts, and for the persons in need of care and shepherding.

## Weekly Readings

- ✳ Holy Bible Recovery Version with footnotes: Isa 9:1 – 16:14.
- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization-Study of 1 and 2 Samuel, Volume 1, Week 1.

## Announcements

- ✳ There will be a Northeast Young Working Saints Conference at the Kingston Penuel Christian Center in Kingston, NY from Sept. 23 to Sept. 25. The cost for adults is USD\$155. The registration deadline is September 5, 2022. For registration and more details, please contact brother Aaron C.
- ✳ There will be an important Children's Service Orientation Meeting on Lord's Day, August 28 for all children's serving ones. All children's parents are encouraged to join to enter into the same burden for the children's service.
- ✳ Please consider your needs carefully before the Lord and provide us with your prayer requests before Saturday of every week by sending an email to Allan Y., [allan.yeow81@gmail.com](mailto:allan.yeow81@gmail.com). Please note that due to the limited space in the newsletter, we may not be able to publish all prayer burdens that are sent to us. May the Lord teach us how to pray for the advancement of His Economy.

## Upcoming Events

- ✳ August 28: **Children's Service Orientation Meeting.**
- ✳ September 23-25: **Northeast Young Working Saints Conference at the Kingston Penuel Christian Center in Kingston, NY.**
- ✳ October 6-8, in Anaheim, CA: **International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones.**
- ✳ November 24-27: **International Thanksgiving Blending Conference in Washington, DC.**
- ✳ December 26-31, 2022, in Anaheim, CA (if safe to do so): **December Semi-Annual Training.**

Please refer to the church's website where more events are listed.

## This Week's Activities

<b>Sun-Aug-21</b> <b>LORD'S DAY</b>	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.
<b>Mon-Aug-22</b>	✳
<b>Tue-Aug-23</b>	✳ 7:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts prayer meetings by conference calls.
<b>Wed-Aug-24</b>	✳
<b>Thu-Aug-25</b>	✳
<b>Fri-Aug-26</b>	✳ 6:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom.
<b>Sat-Aug-27</b>	✳
<b>Sun-Aug-28</b> <b>LORD'S DAY</b>	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.

## SEEKING GOD'S WILL

Scripture Reading: John 7:17; Matt. 10:29-31; 18:15-20; Rom. 8:14; Psalms 119:105; 1 John 2:27.

### II. HOW TO KNOW GOD'S WILL(cont'd)

#### A. Arrangements in the Environment

Luke 12:6 says, "Are not five sparrows sold for two assaria?" Matthew 10:29 says, "Are not two sparrows sold for an assarion?" If one assarion could buy two sparrows, then by right two assaria should only buy four sparrows. But the Lord said two assaria could buy five sparrows. One assarion buys two, and two assaria buy four plus an additional one. This shows us the cheapness of a sparrow. However, even a cheap thing such as a sparrow is not allowed to fall to the earth if God forbids it. Although the fifth sparrow is an extra one that is given for free, no sparrow is forgotten by God. If our God does not allow it, no sparrow can fall to the earth. This clearly shows us that everything happens under God's permission. If our heavenly Father forbids it, even a sparrow will not fall to the earth.

It is difficult to number a person's hairs. However, the Lord said, "Even the hairs of your head are all numbered" (Matt. 10:30). No one knows how many hairs he has, and no one can count his own hairs, but God has counted and numbered our hairs. Our God is so fine and so exact!

If God takes care of a seemingly worthless creature such as a sparrow, how much more will He take care of His children! If God takes care of something as minute as a hair, how much more will He take care of other things! Once we believe in the Lord, we need to learn to know His will through the environment. Nothing that happens to us is a coincidence. Everything is measured by the Lord. Our career, spouse, parents, children, relatives, friends, and everything have been ordained by God. Behind everything that happens to us each day is God's sovereign arrangement. Therefore, we have to learn to read God's will in the environment. A new believer may not be that experienced in the leading of the Spirit, and he may not know that much of the teaching of the Scripture. But at least he can see God's hand in the environment. This is a believer's most basic lesson.

Psalms 32:9 says, "Do not be like a horse or like a mule, without understanding; / Whose trappings consist of bit and bridle to constrain them, / Else they do not come near you." Many times we are just like a horse or a mule, without understanding, and must be harnessed with outward bit and bridle by God before we can avoid mistakes. Have you ever seen a duck farmer? He has a long stick in his hand. When the ducks wander to the left or to the right, he herds them back with his stick. The ducks have no choice but to take the right path. In the same way, we can commit ourselves to the Lord and tell Him, "Lord, I am truly like a horse or a mule that has no understanding. But I do not want to make mistakes. I want to know Your will. Please harness me with Your bit and pull me with Your bridle. Once You let go of me, I will take the wrong way. Please guard me with Your will and direct me into Your will. If I wander away, I want You to stop me. I do not know many things, but I know what pain feels like. When I reject Your will, please come in and stop me!" Brothers and sisters, we must never belittle God's arrangement in the environment. Even though we may have fallen into shame and may have become like a horse or a mule, we often can still count on God's mercy to bridle us in time. God uses the environment to stop us from making mistakes. He forces us to have no alternative but to follow Him.

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