#### **Please Pray**

- May We Be Today's Hannahs: (1) May the Lord gain our cooperation to be today's Hannahs; (2) May the Lord gain our prayer life by praying in a desperate and prevailing way; (3) May we join our need with the Lord's need that Samuel, the man-child, could be produced for the accomplishment of His purpose.
- 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 to 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 witnesses of the Lord on the campuses to attract the persons to Him. (5) May the persons that we come in contact with during the upcoming weeks be open to come to the Bible studies, home meetings, and personal appointments. (6) May the Lord gain remaining fruit this school year/semester.
- Montreal Chinese Gospel Meeting (September 10 in our Meeting Hall): (1) May the people chosen by the Lord be released to come to this time. (2) May they be released inwardly from any encumbrance and preoccupation so that they may be ready to receive the Lord as their Savior. (3) May the saints be strengthened into their inner man to express and overflow the Lord during this time. (4) May we all serve and stand together as a corporate priesthood regardless of the language that we speak for this move in the Body.
- Young Working Saints and Young Families: (1) May the Lord shepherd, cherish, nourish and grace each young working saint and young families in their work life, family life and everyday life. (2) May the working saints and young families be encouraged and see the importance to rise up, function and take care of the burdens of the church. (3) May the back sliding young working saints and young families be recovered back into the church life. (4) May the young working saints and young families be released to attend the young working saints and young families conference which will be held September 23-25, at Kingston Penuel Christian Center, New York.
- Fall International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones ("ITERO") [October 7-9 in Anaheim, CA, and October 7-10 in our Meeting Hall and on Zoom]: (1) May many responsible brothers as well as brothers learning how to take responsibilities be released to be trained by the Lord. (2) May the brothers who have a heart to be trained, be emptied, and unloaded in order to receive a fresh dispensing from the Lord. (3) May the Lord use this time to gain what He is after in the brothers.
- Sri Lanka: Pray for the new golden lampstands to be raised up in Ridigama on September 11 and in Galewela in December.
- 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 17:1 25:12.
- HWMR: Crystallization-Study of 1 and 2 Samuel, Volume 1, Week 3.

#### **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 Sept. 5, 2022. For registration and more details, please contact brother Aaron C.
- 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., <a href="mailto:allan.yeow81@gmail.com">allan.yeow81@gmail.com</a>. 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**

- September 10 in our Meeting Hall: Montreal Chinese Gospel Meeting.
- September 23-25 in Kingston, NY: Northeast Young Working Saints Conference.
- October 7-9 in Anaheim, CA: Fall International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones ("ITERO").
- October 7-10 in our Meeting Hall and on Zoom: Fall International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones ("ITERO").
- November 24-27 in Washington, DC: International Thanksgiving Blending Conference.
- December 26-31 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

Sun-Sep-04 LORD'S DAY	10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.
Sun-Sep-05	₩
Sun-Sep-06	7:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts prayer meetings by conference calls.
Sun-Sep-07	•
Thu-Sep-08	*
Fri-Sep-09	<ul> <li>6:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom.</li> </ul>
Sat-Sep-10	Montreal Chinese Gospel Meeting.
Sun-Sep-11 Lord's Day	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; Psa. 119:105; 1 John 2:27.

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

# B. The Leading of the Holy Spirit (cont'd)

In order to know God's will, a new believer should be somewhat familiar with the inner sense. The Spirit of God dwells in the innermost part of man. Hence, the feeling of the Spirit is not something shallow or outward; it issues from the deepest part of man's being. It is a voice that is not quite a voice, a feeling that is not quite a feeling. The Spirit of God within shows us whether something is according to His will. Provided we have the divine life within, we will feel right when we act according to this life, and we will feel terrible and uneasy within if we disobey and deviate slightly from this life. A believer should live a life that yields to this life. We must not do things that will take away our inner peace. Whenever we sense any unrest, we should realize that the Holy Spirit within is displeased with what we are doing; He is grieved. If we do something that is contrary to the Lord, we will surely have no peace within. The more we go ahead with it, the less peace and joy we will have. If something is of the Lord, spontaneously we will have peace and joy.

However, do not overanalyze your inward feelings. If you keep analyzing whether or not something is right, you will be totally confused. Some people continue to ask what the feeling of the Holy Spirit is and what the feeling of the soul is. They are always analyzing whether something is right or wrong. This is very unhealthy; it is actually a spiritual sickness. It is very difficult to bring a self-analyzing person back to the proper path. I hope that you can avoid such a trap. Actually, a person analyzes only because he does not have enough light. If he has enough light, everything will be clear to him spontaneously, and he will not need to waste his energy on such analysis. If a person is sincere in trying to obey the Lord, it will be very easy for him to sense the inner leading.

## C. The Teachings of the Scripture

God's will is not only revealed through the environment and made known through the indwelling Spirit; it is also revealed to us through the Bible.

God's will never changes. His will is revealed through the various experiences of men of the past, and all these things were recorded in the Bible. God's will is revealed in the form of principles and examples in the Bible. To know God's will, one must study the Bible carefully. The Bible is not a book of simple records, but a book rich in content. God's will is fully unveiled through the Scripture. One needs only to find what God has said in the past, and he will know what God's will is today. God's will never wavers. In Christ there is only one yes (2 Cor. 1:19). God's will for us never contradicts the teachings of the Bible. The Holy Spirit will never lead us to do something today that He has already condemned in the Bible.

God's word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path (Psa. 119:105). If we want to understand God's will and His leading for us, we must study the Bible carefully and seriously.

God speaks to us through the Bible in two ways: One is through the teaching of biblical principles, and the other is through the promises in the Bible. We need the Spirit's enlightenment to understand biblical principles, and we need the Spirit's leading to receive biblical promises. For example, the Spirit may speak to us through the Lord's commandment in Matthew 28:19-20 that all Christians should preach the gospel. This teaching is a biblical principle. However, whether or not it is God's will for you to go to a certain place to preach the gospel depends on the leading of the Spirit. You still have to pray much and ask God for a specific word. When the Holy Spirit puts a certain phrase or verse within you in a powerful, fresh, and living way, you have a promise from the Spirit. This is how you identify God's will.

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