

Please Pray

- ✳ **Fall 2023 Eastern Canada College Conference in Montréal (Oct. 13-15):** May the college students be prepared to be a good earth to receive the Lord's speaking and may the speaking grow and bear fruit in them; may all the preparations be headed up in the Lord; may the Lord enlarge our hearts to open our homes to receive the students and saints from other localities and may the need of hospitality be met; may the Lord gain the college students and each one attending.
- ✳ **Financial Offerings:** We praise the Lord for the completion of the renovation of the roof. There are still renovations and reparations to be done inside the meeting hall. Through fellowship and the support of the Body, we received enough funds to pay the roof contractor. As part of the funds, we received from another locality a loan of \$75,000, which must be reimbursed within two years. May all of us continually consider our financial offerings before the Lord. May the Lord direct us in our giving towards the needs of the church, the saints and the needy ones. May we store up for ourselves "Treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not dig through nor steal." Matt. 6:20. May our hearts be on the things of heaven and not on the things on the earth. "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Matt. 6:21.
- ✳ **Summer 2024 Olympic Games in Paris, France:** The Olympic Games will be returning to Europe in 2024 and will be hosted in Paris, France. We believe that this is a wonderful opportunity prepared by the Lord as the Lord of the harvest. We are preparing to distribute free copies of the New Testament Recovery Version during the Torch Relay, as well as during the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games. We would encourage all the saints to open to the Lord regarding this next milestone in the Lord's move in Europe, and we would like to invite the saints in the Lord's recovery to join us in this labour next year by praying, giving and going. May the Lord bless the coordination and one accord among all the saints that He may use this event to gain His seekers in France for the sake of His move in Europe.
- ✳ **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: Rev 18:9 – 20:15.
- ✳ HWMR: Making Ourselves Ready for the Lord's Coming, Week 5.
- ✳ Life-Study of John, Messages 5 and 6.

Announcements

- ✳ The 2024 Chinese Gospel Calendar signing up is now open. Please visit the Bookroom to register. Deadline is October 29, 2023.
- ✳ The December 2023 Semi-Annual Training will be held from December 25 to 30 in Anaheim, California. The registration deadline is November 1, 2023, for both the live training and the video training. Please let the leading brothers know if you are interested in attending the live training in Anaheim. The registration list for the video training will be posted on the church's bulletin board.
 - The cost for the LIVE training is CAD\$275, plus USD\$5 for the course outline.
 - The cost for the VIDEO training is CAD\$175, plus CAD\$10 for the course outline.

Announcements (cont'd)

- ✳ The 2024 International Chinese-Speaking Blending Conference will be held in Taipei, Taiwan, from Saturday, February 10 through to the Lord's Day, February 11, 2024. There will also be an opportunity to visit churches in Taiwan before and/or after the conference. Should you be interested to attend this conference, please contact brother Xie Li or brother Jonathan Lin for information and registration.
- ✳ Please consider your needs carefully before the Lord and email your prayer requests to Allan Yeow, allan.yeow81@gmail.com, by Wednesday evening of every week. Please also note that due to the limited space in the newsletter, we may not be able to publish all prayer burdens sent to us. May the Lord teach us how to pray for the advancement of His Economy.

Upcoming Events

- ✳ Oct. 8-22: **Gospel Trips to Germany, Switzerland, and Austria.**
- ✳ Oct. 13-15, Montréal: **Fall 2023 Eastern Canada College Conference.**
- ✳ Oct. 27-29, Toronto, Ontario: **Young People's Conference.**
- ✳ Nov. 10-12, Vancouver: **2023 Canada Brothers' Conference.**
- ✳ Nov. 23-26, Dallas Texas: **The 2023 International Thanksgiving Blending Conference.**
- ✳ Dec. 25-30, Anaheim, California: **2023 December Semi-Annual Training.**
- ✳ Feb. 10-11, 2024, Taipei, Taiwan: **The 2024 International Chinese-Speaking Blending Conference.**

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

This Week's Activities

Sun-Oct-08 LORD'S DAY	♦ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.
Mon-Oct-09	♦
Tues-Oct-10	♦ 7:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts prayer meetings by conference calls.
Wed-Oct-11	♦
Thur-Oct-12	♦
Fri-Oct-13	♦ 6:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom.
Sat-Oct-14	♦
Sun-Oct-15 LORD'S DAY	♦ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.

PARENTS

Scripture Reading: Eph. 6:1-4; Col. 3:20

B. The need to walk with God (cont'd)

After Enoch begat Methuselah, he walked with God three hundred years. What a beautiful picture this is! He begat many children, yet he could walk with God three hundred years. He was a genuine father without any pretense. Such a walk is altogether proper in the eyes of God.

C. Both Parents Being of One Mind

Third, the father and mother must be of one mind in order for a family to be healthy. They must be of one mind in sacrificing their own freedom for God's sake and in raising up a strict moral standard. The father must not have one view while the mother has another. I am talking about the case where both parents are Christians. It is another matter if one of them is not a Christian.

A father and mother often do not take the same stand. As a result, they give their children the ground to sin freely. It is not easy for children to have an absolute standard if their parents are not of the same mind. If the father says yes in regards to a certain matter but the mother says no, or vice versa, the children will go to the parent they like and the one they feel most comfortable with. If it is more convenient to ask the father, they will go to the father, but if it is more convenient to get an answer from the mother, they will go to the mother. This immediately creates a big discrepancy.

I know of an old Christian couple who held different views. One would have one opinion and the other would have another. Their relationship as husband and wife was poor. As a result, they also became poor parents. Their children would ask the mother about things she agreed with, and they would ask the father about things he agreed with. They manipulated their requests in this way. If the mother came home and asked the children about their behavior, they would say, "We have checked with Father." If the father came home and asked the children about their behavior, they would say, "We have checked with

Mother." As a result, their children had complete freedom by manipulating their way through their parents' inconsistencies. Twenty years ago I said to the father, "If this kind of condition continues, your children will surely turn away from the Lord." He said, "That will not happen." Today all of their sons have graduated from college, and some have gone overseas for further study, but none have believed in the Lord. They all are very undisciplined.

It is a different matter if one of the parents is an unbeliever. If both are believers, however, they have to expect God's heavy hand upon them. If one is not a believer, either the believing husband or the believing wife can pray specifically for mercy. But if both are believers and they pull their children in different directions, they can expect nothing but trouble down the road.

Whenever children get into trouble, the parents must exercise themselves to be of one mind. They must have the same mind before their children. Whatever the children ask, the husband's first answer should be, "Have you checked with your mother? What did she say? If your mother says yes, you can do it." If you are the wife and your children ask for something, you first should answer, "Have you checked with your father? Whatever he says, I will say the same." Whether or not the other person is right is a different story. You must maintain the same stand. If there is any dispute, both of you must go into your room to discuss it. Do not open a loophole for them. They will become loose once there are loopholes. Children always like to look for loopholes. If the husband sees a fault in the wife or vice versa, any question as to why something was said to the children must be asked behind closed doors. It is important to clarify any disagreement, but you must not allow your children to find loopholes in you. If the parents are of one mind, it will be very easy to lead the children to the Lord.

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