

## Please Pray

- ☛ **Parents and Serving Ones Conference:** We thank the Lord that during the Parents and Serving Ones Conference, we learned of God's need. He sought the seed of God (Malachi 2:15), concentrating His search on our godly next generation that can be the "comfort of Jehovah" among His people. However, there has been a breach in the wall, where a number of our young ones had leaked out over the years. Let us pray for some saints who can function as today's Nehemiah, able to stand in the breach (Ezekiel 22:30) to shepherd these ones so that the gap in the wall can be closed and retain our young ones for His sake.
- ☛ **The Eastern Canada Victoria Day Conference in Montréal, May 18-19, 2024:** May the Lord cover and head up all the preparations and services. May this be a wonderful time of blending in the Body. May the saints be released to attend this time. May the saints be prepared to be ready to receive a fresh speaking and dispensation from the Lord. May the Lord speak to the churches what He has on His heart during this conference.
- ☛ **The 2024 Summer Olympics Games, Paris, France:** We encourage all the saints to open to the Lord regarding this next milestone in the Lord's move in Europe and are inviting the saints in the Lord's recovery to join us in this labour by praying and giving. Please pray for: (1) The fresh and detailed consecration of all saints who will go out. (2) The fire to be cast on French-speaking Europe, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Switzerland. (3) The logistics of all the Bibles going out to the various cities, that they would arrive on time and at the right destination. (4) Many divine appointments to take place for the Lord to gain local French-speakers along with their families. (5) The final approval for the distributions to be granted in a timely manner. (6) The Lord's blessing on the homes that will be open for the gospel for 50 consecutive days in key cities, for the raising up of lampstands. (7) The migration of the saints after the gospel trips.
- ☛ **Earthquake in Hualien, Taiwan:** A major earthquake occurred in Hualien, Taiwan, on April 3. The meeting hall and some of the saints' homes were damaged. About 10 saints were injured and were discharged after being admitted to hospital. About 40 saints were placed in temporary residences. Please pray for the comfort, care, and safety of the saints in Hualien. If the Lord leads you, you may make an offering to cover the needs of the saints and for the rebuilding of the meeting hall.
- ☛ **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: Exo. 31:18 – 32:35.
- ☛ HWMR: Living and Serving According to God's Economy Concerning the Church, Week 5.
- ☛ Life-Study of Romans, Messages 16 and 17.

## Announcements

- ☛ The 2024 Eastern Canada Victoria Day Conference will be held in Montréal on May 18-19. Registration is now open and there is a need of hospitality for the saints coming from out of town. Please sign up if you are available to accommodate some of the visiting saints.
- ☛ The 2024 International Memorial Day Blending Conference will be held in Bellevue, WA on May 24-27, 2024. The live meetings will be streamed at [ismwebcast.com](http://ismwebcast.com) for those whose time zone allows them to watch the live meetings by webcast. Please contact the responsible brothers to get information about the registration and about joining the webcast meetings.
- ☛ The 2024 Summer Olympics Games in Paris, France: We believe that this is a wonderful opportunity prepared by the Lord as the Lord of the harvest. Preparations are now being made for the gospel trips and all saints who signed up are preparing to go. Locally, there is a need of financial support to send some saints for this time. Please seek the Lord concerning this matter. May we join the Lord in this move by praying, giving, and going.
- ☛ Please consider your needs carefully before the Lord and email your prayer requests to Allan Yeow, [allan.yeow81@gmail.com](mailto: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

- ☛ May 18-19, Montréal: **Eastern Canada Victoria Day Conference.**
- ☛ May 24-27, Bellevue, WA: **2024 International Memorial Day Blending Conference.**
- ☛ July 1-6, Anaheim, CA: **July 2024 Semi-Annual Training.**

## This Week's Activities

<b>Sun-May-12 LORD'S DAY</b>	♦ 10:00am-12:00pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.
<b>Mon-May-13</b>	♦
<b>Tues-May-14</b>	♦ 07:30pm-09:00pm: English, French and Chinese Districts prayer meetings by conference calls.
<b>Wed-May-15</b>	♦
<b>Thur-May-16</b>	♦
<b>Fri-May-17</b>	♦ 06:30pm-09:00pm: English, French and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom.
<b>Sat-May-18</b>	♦ Eastern Canada Victoria Day Conference.
<b>Sun-May-19 LORD'S DAY</b>	♦ 10:00am-12:00pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings. ♦ Eastern Canada Victoria Day Conference.

## CONSECRATION

*Scripture Reading: Exo. 28:1-2, 40-41; 29:1-25; Lev. 8:14-28; Rom. 6:13, 16, 19; 12:1; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; 2 Cor. 5:14-15*

Here we see that man does not consecrate himself because he has chosen God. Rather, God is the One who chooses and calls, and then man consecrates himself to Him. Those who consider that they are doing God a favor by forsaking all are but outsiders; they are not consecrated at all. We must realize that our service to God is not a favor or courtesy to God. It is not a matter of offering ourselves to God's work, but a matter of God being gracious to us and giving us a portion of His work. It is God who has given us the glory and the beauty. The Bible tells us that the holy garment of the priest is for glory and beauty (Exo. 28:2). Consecration is God giving us glory and beauty; it is God calling us into His service. If we boast in anything at all, we must boast in our marvelous Lord. There is nothing marvelous for the Lord to have servants like us. The marvelous thing is for us to have such a Lord! We must see that consecration is the result of being chosen. Serving God is an honor to us. We are not uplifting God, as if we were sacrificing anything for Him or as if we had any glory in ourselves. Consecration is God giving us the glory. We should prostrate ourselves before Him and say, "Thank You that I can have a part in Your service. There are so many people in this world, yet I am chosen to have a part in it!" Consecration is our honor, not our sacrifice. It is true that we need to have the greatest sacrifice, but there is no sense of sacrifice in consecration. There is only the full sense of God's glory.

### IV. The way of consecration

Leviticus 8:14-28 speaks of a bull, two rams, and a basket of unleavened bread. The bull was for the sin offering; the first ram was for the burnt offering; and the second ram and the basket of unleavened bread were for the consecration offering.

#### A. The sin offering

In order to receive the holy service before God, that is, in order to consecrate oneself to God, the first thing that has to be taken care of is the propitiation for sin. Only a saved person, one who belongs to the Lord, can consecrate himself. The sin offering is the basis of consecration.

#### B. The burnt offering

Following this, we see two rams. We need to study Leviticus 8:18-28 carefully. One ram was for the burnt offering; it was to be burned. The other was for the offering of consecration; it enabled Aaron to serve God.

What is a burnt offering? A burnt offering is an offering which is burned completely. The priest could not eat the flesh of the burnt offering. All the flesh of the burnt offering was burned completely. The problem of our sin is settled by the sin offering, but the burnt offering makes us acceptable

to God. The Lord Jesus bore our sins on the cross. This refers to His work as the sin offering. At the same time, while the Lord Jesus was on the cross, the veil was rent from top to bottom, bringing us into the Holy of Holies. This is His work as the burnt offering. The sin offering and the burnt offering start at the same place, but they arrive at different destinations. They start where the sinner is. The sin offering stops at the propitiation of sin, but the burnt offering brings the sinner further by making him acceptable to God. The burnt offering is the offering which makes a sinner acceptable in the Beloved. It goes further than the sin offering. The burnt offering is the sweet savor of the Lord Jesus before God that secures God's acceptance of Him. Today when we offer Him to God, we are accepted by God as well. We are not only forgiven through the sin offering but also accepted through the Lord Jesus.

### C. The offering of consecration

#### 1. The sprinkling of the blood

After the first ram was slain, the second ram followed. What was done with the second ram after it was slain? The first thing that was done was the putting of blood upon the tip of the right ear of Aaron and his sons, upon the thumb of their right hand, and upon the big toe of their right foot. This means that since God has accepted us in Christ, we should acknowledge the blood's separation of our ears, hands, and feet fully unto God. We should declare that our ears, hands, and feet are fully God's. Because of redemption, our ears, which were made for hearing, should now hear for God; our hands, which were made for working, should now work for God. Our legs, which were made for walking, should now walk for God. We apply the blood upon the tip of our right ear, the thumb of our right hand, and the big toe of our right foot. This means that our ears, hands, and feet have all been purchased by the Lord. We should say to the Lord, "Because of Your redemption, Lord, from this day forward, I will no longer consider my two ears to be my own, or my two hands and my two feet to be my own. Because You have redeemed me, Lord, my entire being will henceforth belong to You; it is no longer mine."

Blood is the mark of possession. It is also the symbol of love. Both the "price" spoken of in 1 Corinthians 6 and the "love" spoken of in 2 Corinthians 5 refer to this blood. Because there is blood, love, and possession, our entire being is not our own. The Lord has shed His blood, and we must acknowledge the rightful claim of this blood upon us. Because the Lord loves us, we will confess that our entire being belongs to Him alone.

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