

## Please Pray

- ✿ **Needs of the Saints:** (1) Pray for all the local saints who have been going through various health crises. (2) Pray that the Lord would cover their whole being, spirit, soul, and body, as well as their family members. Pray for the restoration of their health and function in the church. (3) Pray that the Lord would gain them more for His eternal purpose through their current afflictions. (4) May we have a heart to care, visit, cherish, and shepherd the saints who have needs. May their needs be met in the Body.
- ✿ **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.
- ✿ **Prayer for Israel:** (1) Pray for God's kingdom, that His will be done, as in Heaven, so also on Earth. (2) Pray for the tripartite being of the saints in Israel to be protected and preserved for the Lord's interests, and for the Lord's building work among the saints to be intensified for the shaming of His enemy. (3) Pray for the spiritual forces that seek to destroy the Lord's interests to be shattered, and for God's move in His economy to advance in this region. (4) Pray for the six young brothers and one sister who have been called to serve in the area. (5) Pray for the 8-10 young saints meeting in Haifa who have begun to break bread, for the Lord to continually strengthen and lead them into the reality of the church life.

## Weekly Readings

- ✿ Holy Bible Recovery Version with footnotes: Mark 4:26 – 7:37.
- ✿ HWMR: Living and Serving According to God's Economy Concerning the Church, Week 6.
- ✿ Life-Study of Romans, Messages 18 and 19.

## Announcements

- ✿ 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 24-27, Bellevue, WA: 2024 International Memorial Day Blending Conference.
- ✿ July 1-6, Anaheim, CA: July 2024 Semi-Annual Training.

## This Week's Activities

Sun-May-19 LORD'S DAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✿ 9:30am-12:00pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.</li> <li>✿ Eastern Canada Victoria Day Conference.</li> </ul>
Mon-May-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✿</li> </ul>
Tues-May-21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✿ 07:30pm-09:00pm: English, French and Chinese Districts prayer meetings by conference calls.</li> </ul>
Wed-May-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✿</li> </ul>
Thur-May-23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✿</li> </ul>
Fri-May-24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✿ 06:30pm-09:00pm: English, French and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom.</li> </ul>
Sat-May-25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✿</li> </ul>
Sun-May-26 LORD'S DAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✿ 10:00am-12:00pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings</li> </ul>

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

IV. The way of consecration (cont'd)

C. The offering of consecration (cont'd)

2. The wave offering

After the sprinkling of the blood, there was the wave offering. We must remember that when the second ram was slain, its blood was put on the ear, the thumb, and the toe. This is still not consecration. It is just the basis of consecration. The sprinkling of the blood is merely a confession of love and of right. It qualifies us for consecration, but the actual consecration comes after this.

After the second ram was slain and its blood was sprinkled, the fat and the right shoulder (right thigh) were taken, and out of the basket, an unleavened cake, a cake of oiled bread, and one wafer were also taken. All these things signify the two aspects of the Lord Jesus. The shoulder is the strong part, showing us the divine aspect of the Lord Jesus. Fat is rich, signifying the aspect of God's glory. Bread is of the vegetable life, showing us His highest humanity. He is the perfect man, who is unleavened and unblemished. He is full of the anointing oil, being filled with the Holy Spirit. Like a wafer, His nature, the sentiments in His heart, and His spiritual insight are fine, tender, and fragile, being full of feeling and compassion. All of these things were placed in the hands of Aaron, who took them and waved them before the Lord. After this they were burned with the burning of the burnt offering. This is consecration.

Here we need some explanation. The Hebrew word consecration means "to have one's hands filled." Both Darby's translation and Young's concordance refer to this meaning. Initially, the hands were empty; now they are filled. When Aaron's hands were filled with so many things, he was filled with the Lord, and there was consecration. When Aaron's hands were empty, there was no consecration. When Aaron's hands were filled and his hands could no longer hold anything except the Lord, there was consecration.

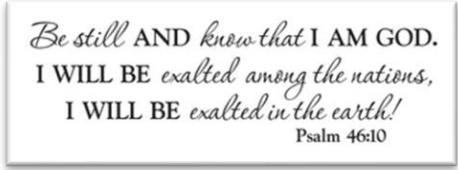
What then is consecration? God demanded that the household of Aaron serve Him as priests. But Aaron could not come presumptuously. First, his sins had to be taken care of, and then he had to be accepted in Christ. His hands (denoting work) had to be full of Christ. He had to have nothing but Christ. Only then was there consecration. What is consecration? Simply put, consecration is, as Paul said, "I exhort you

therefore, brothers, through the compassions of God to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1).

Before the Lord, we need to see that in this life there is only one way for us to take, that is, serving God. We have no other way. Serving God is our only way. In order to serve God, we have to present our entire bodies to Him. From this day forward, our ears will listen for the Lord, our hands will work for the Lord, and our feet will run for the Lord. Our two ears will only listen to the Lord's word, our two hands will only do the Lord's work, and our two feet will only walk the way of the Lord. We are here only to serve God. We have consecrated ourselves as an offering, a sacrifice; we have consecrated our all to Him. Furthermore, our two hands will be filled with Christ; they will uplift Him and express Him. This is what consecration is all about. Only when we have done this, will God say, "This is consecration." This saturation of Christ is what God calls consecration.

Consecration means that we have touched the Lord's love and have recognized His right. For these reasons, we can come before God and beg for the privilege to serve. It is not just a matter of God's calling us but of our offering ourselves to serve. We should say, "O God! I am Yours. I have been bought by You. In the past I was under Your table, hoping to eat a little of the fallen bread crumbs, but from this day forward, I want to serve You. Today I choose to serve You. I have been accepted in the Lord. May I also be granted a little portion in the great task of serving You? Be merciful to me so that I can have a part in Your service. In granting salvation to many, You did not pass me by or reject me; You saved me. Now give me a part among the many who serve You; do not reject me."

This is how you present yourself to the Lord. Everything is for Christ and for Him alone. When you present yourself to Him in this way, you have consecration. This is what Romans 12 calls the presenting of our body. Romans 6 speaks of the consecration of the members. This is like the sprinkling of the blood on the ears, the hands, and the feet. Romans 12 speaks of the consecration of the whole body. It is the filling up of both hands with Christ. This links the Old Testament and the New Testament in a perfect way.



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