

Please Pray

- ✳️ **July Semi-Annual Training:** May the Lord use this time to release what is on His heart to the churches with His up-to-date speaking; may the saints have an ear to hear what the Spirit will be speaking to the churches; may we advance with the Lord in His move on this earth; may the speaking becomes our reality and person.
- ✳️ **College Training (July 12-16):** The topic of this year's college training will be on "A Vessel Unto Honor." The goal of the training is to supply college students with a vision, equip them with truth, help them in their experience of life, perfect them in the preaching of the gospel, and develop their character so they can become useful vessels for the building up of the Body of Christ. (1) May the college students be prepared in the days leading up to the training to be proper vessels, emptied and unloaded from anything else and ready to receive a fresh dispensation and vision from the Lord during the college conference. (2) May the Lord strengthen all the serving ones in preparation for this college training. (3) May the Lord's burden be released to the students at this time. (4) May the speaking brothers be covered in the Lord and in the Body. May they be one with the Lord to speak forth His heart. (5) May the Lord gain what He is after in this training.
- ✳️ **Reports from Pre-Olympic Trips in Lille (and Brussels):** Before the start of the official TR and OL trips, the Russian-speaking trainees from FTTM-XW were sent from Warsaw, Poland, to Lille, northern France, to join three different trips, since this region also has a number of Russian-speaking saints. The goal of these trips was to till the soil, preparing the ground for the next stage, strengthen the testimony there, and also encourage and refresh the local saints. Here are some highlights from these trips: First trip: April 8-15: "Our concept about French people being very closed was completely broken. We were so impressed by their openness, especially the young people, some were literally running to the table. Even 13- and 14-year-olds came to us..." Second trip: May 11-18: "In the course of a few hours, one young sister got more than 20 personal contacts, all of whom were French girls aged between 18 and 20. Many were touched, one even was in tears because she was praying that same morning that the Lord would put someone on her path who could encourage her in her faith and help her talk about the Lord to her father, who was more open now because of his family situation." Third trip: June 1-8: "This trip, we had a distribution every day. Due to practical situation this time, we decided to not use any table or banners but to go straight to people to offer them Bibles. In a sense we had to exercise our spirit even more to go talk directly to people instead of waiting for them to come to us, but at the end the Lord blessed us so much and we had the same number of Bibles distributed than when we had tables and big banners." Please pray: (1) For a lampstand in Lille and a strong testimony in this city! (2) For the French authorities, that there would be no hindrances for the Lord to move. (3) For the follow-up and for more shepherds: we already have a lot of contacts and there are a very few local saints who can take care of them. (4) For the next trips here in Lille, TR and OL. (5) For migration.
- ✳️ **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: Lev. 16:18 – 22:33.
- ✳️ HWMR: The Enjoyment of Christ and Our Growth in Life Unto Maturity, Week 4.
- ✳️ Life-Study of Romans, Messages 32 and 33.

Announcements

- ✳️ Please find below the schedule of the July 2024 semi-annual video training (English/French):

Tues-Jul-2	Msg 1: 5pm, Zoom Msg 2: 7:30pm, Zoom	Sun-Jul-7	Msg 7: 11am, Meeting Hall/Zoom Msg 8: 2pm, Meeting Hall/Zoom
Wed-Jul-3	Msg 3: 7pm, Zoom	Mon-Jul-8	Msg 9: 7pm, Zoom
Thur-Jul-4	Msg 4: 7pm, Zoom	Tues-Jul-9	Msg 10: 7pm, Zoom
Sat-Jul-6	Msg 5: 10am, Meeting Hall/Zoom Msg 6: 2pm, Meeting Hall/Zoom	Wed-Jul-10	Msg 11: 7pm, Zoom
		Thur-Jul-11	Msg 12: 7pm, Zoom

- ✳️ 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

- ✳️ October 4-6, Warsaw, Poland: **October International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (ITERO).**
- ✳️ Nov. 28–Dec. 1, Atlanta, GA: **International Thanksgiving Blending Conference.**
- ✳️ December 23-28, Anaheim, CA: **December Semi-Annual Training.**

This Week's Activities

Sun-Jul-07 LORD'S DAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 10:00am-11:00am: Lord's Table meeting. ♦ 11:00am: Summer Video Training, Msg 7 (Meeting Hall/Zoom). ♦ 02:00pm: Summer Video Training, Msg 8 (Meeting Hall/Zoom).
Mon-Jul-08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 07:00pm: Summer Video Training, Msg 9 (Zoom).
Tues-Jul-09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 07:00pm: Summer Video Training, Msg 10 (Zoom). ♦ 07:30pm-09:00pm: Chinese District prayer meeting by conference calls.
Wed-Jul-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 07:00pm: Summer Video Training, Msg 11 (Zoom).
Thur-Jul-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 07:00pm: Summer Video Training, Msg 12 (Zoom).
Fri-Jul-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 06:30pm-09:00pm: English, French and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom.
Sat-Jul-13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦
Sun-Jul-14 LORD'S DAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 10:00am-12:00pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.

SEPARATION FROM THE WORLD

Scripture Reading: Exo. 10:8-11, 21-26; 12:6-11, 37-42; 2 Cor. 6:17

There are many commandments in the Bible concerning separation from the world. The Old Testament contains many examples and teachings concerning this. For example, Egypt, Ur of the Chaldees, Babylon, and Sodom are all types of the world. They show different aspects of the world. Egypt represents the joy of the world, Ur of the Chaldees represents the religions of the world, the tower of Babel represents the confusion of the world, and Sodom represents the sins of the world. A man should come out of Egypt and also out of Ur of the Chaldees, just as Abraham did. Lot went to Sodom, and the people of Israel fell into captivity in Babylon. All should come out from these places. The Bible uses four different places to represent the world and shows how God's people come out from these different aspects of the world.

I. The type of Israel's exodus from Egypt

A. The result of redemption being to go out

God saved the Israelites through the Passover lamb. When the messenger of God went forth to kill the firstborn in the land of Egypt, the angel of death passed over the doors which had the blood upon them. If there was no blood on the door, the firstborn of that house was killed. It had nothing to do with whether the door was good or bad, whether there was anything special about the lintel or the side posts, whether there was anything good about that family, or whether the firstborn child honored his parents. The issue was whether there was any blood. Whether or not you will perish does not depend on your family's status or your behavior; it depends on whether you have the blood. The basic factor for salvation is the blood; this has nothing to do with us.

We who are saved by grace are redeemed by the blood. But please remember that immediately after being redeemed by the blood, we must move and go out. Do not think that we can buy a house and dwell in Egypt after we are redeemed by the blood. Those who are redeemed by the blood must set out that very night. The lamb was slaughtered before midnight, and the blood was sprinkled with hyssop. They ate their meal quickly, with their loins girded and their staff in their hands, because they had to leave immediately.

The first result of redemption is separation, that is, departure, a going out. God never redeems a person and leaves him in the old position to continue living in the world. There is absolutely no such thing. Once a person is born again, saved, he must take up his staff and set out. Once the angel of destruction has done his work of separating the saved from the perishing, the saved ones must leave. Once you have been separated by the smiting angel, you have to pack up and move out of Egypt.

A staff is for walking. No one holds a staff to lie down in bed. The staff is not a pillow; it is for walking. All those who are redeemed, old or young, must take their staff and leave the same night. As soon as you are redeemed by the blood, you become a sojourner and a pilgrim on the earth; you have to go out of Egypt and be separated from the world immediately. You must not continue to live there.

There was a sister who taught a class in a children's meeting. Once she was telling the story of Lazarus and the rich man. She asked the children, "Do you want to be Lazarus or the rich man? The rich man enjoys himself in this age and suffers in the next. Lazarus suffers today and enjoys himself later. Which would you choose to

be?" An eight-year-old girl stood up and said, "While I am alive, I want to be the rich man, but when I die, I want to be Lazarus." Many people are like this. When they need salvation, they trust in the blood of the Lamb; but after they are saved by the blood, they settle down firmly in Egypt. They think that they can have the best of both sides.

Please remember that the blood's redemption saves you from the world. Once you are redeemed by the blood, you immediately become a sojourner, a pilgrim in this world. This does not mean that you no longer live on the earth. It means that you are immediately separated from the world. Wherever redemption is applied, this is the result. As soon as a man is redeemed, his course is changed, and he has to leave the world. The separation of the blood separates the living from the dead; it also separates the children of God from the people of the world. Once we are redeemed, we can no longer remain in the world.

B. The many frustrations from Pharaoh

The story of Israel's exodus from Egypt shows us how difficult it was for them to leave Egypt! Egypt tried to hold them back again and again. When the Israelites first wanted to leave Egypt, Pharaoh only allowed the strong men to go; the young and the old had to stay back. Pharaoh knew that if he could hold back the young and the old the strong men would not go far. After a while they would come back. Satan's strategy is to prevent us from having a thorough separation from Egypt. From the very beginning, Moses rejected Pharaoh's delays. If we leave one thing or one person behind, we cannot go too far; eventually we will turn back.

You may recall what Pharaoh told Moses the first time: "Go ye, sacrifice to your God in the land" (Exo. 8:25). Later, he told him not to go too far. The third time he told him that only the strong ones could go. The fourth time, he told him that all the people could go but the cattle and the sheep had to remain. Pharaoh's way was to persuade them to serve God there in Egypt. This was his basic premise. He was willing to allow a person to be God's child as long as such a one remained in Egypt. He knew that if a person served God in Egypt, he would not have a testimony and he would have to serve Pharaoh in the end. Even though one wanted to be God's servant, he would eventually end up being Satan's servant.

If you try to serve God in the world, you will surely end up being Satan's slave. You will have to make bricks for him, and he will not let you go. Even if he does, he will not let you go too far. If he lets you go, he may only allow the strong men to go; the rest will have to stay. Satan is quite familiar with the words in Matthew 6:21: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." The treasure and the person go together. He knew that if Pharaoh held back the cattle and the sheep, the people would not go too far. The people eventually would follow the cattle and the sheep. But God wanted the cattle and the sheep to follow the people. He wanted the people to be saved from the treasure.

After a person is saved, he must go out to the wilderness. Moreover, he has to bring all the people and all his treasures with him. Otherwise, he will eventually go back to Egypt, and there will be no separation from Egypt. God's commandment is that those who serve Him must separate themselves from the world.

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