



# NEW LIFE

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*"For the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Rev 1:9)*

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LORD'S DAY 4 JUNE 2006

Dear Readers,

### GUIDANCE (Proverbs 3:5-10)

The way ahead for the Christian is both spiritual and moral. We want to conform to what the Bible instructs. Rom 12:2 "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind." We need guidance to live the Christian life. The world around us is full of temptations. Each decision we make impacts on our relationship with Christ. The Bible assures us of God's guidance so that the believer will not stray or backslide in his faith and daily conduct.

Firstly we have the promise of divine guidance. Ps 32:8 "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye." God guided Israel out of Egypt, across the Red Sea, through the Sinai wilderness and into the promise land. God guided the New Testament Church in her expansion program, beginning at Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth. God does not forget the saints in their sojourn through life. Rom 8:28 "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

The principle of guidance is also set out for us. Jn 16:13 "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth." Christ promises the disciples of the indwelling and work of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit whom Jesus sends to fill the hearts of the believers, is not a force or an illumination. He is the third person of the Holy Trinity. His presence in the life of the believer is to sanitise his soul to hearken to God's Word and to bend his will to the will of God. However we can grieve the Holy Spirit, Eph 4:30, and be disobedient to His instructions. Do not let this happen in your life.

#### 3 STEPS IN DIVINE GUIDANCE

##### A TRUST IN THE LORD vv3,6

The Christian is to put full confidence in God. He knows our past failures and He sees the future ahead. Most importantly God has a perfect plan for us. We may not always see the way ahead. For a moment we may feel discouraged but we must "lean not unto thine own understanding". We learn the lesson of faith to trust in God explicitly. Jn 11:26 "And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" Death is prelude to resurrection.

The believer is exhorted to acknowledge God, accept His authority and obey His Word. God is to take first and centre place in our life. His glory is our primary goal. He is established as Lord of my life. Col 1:18 "That in all things he might have the preeminence." Paul had planned to evangelise Asia but the Holy Spirit directed him westward to Europe. He obeyed when he answered the "Macedonian call". God can close one door and open another. He leads you from your disappointment to His appointment.

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## B FEAR THE LORD vv7,8

Successful Christians can sometimes be blinded. They feel wise when in fact they are mistaken. We must always remain humble. When God gives us the success, we must acknowledge His help and seek His guidance for the next step. Our minds are finite. We cannot see two steps ahead. God can see the way ahead and He has everything under His control. In contrite repentance we seek God to make our way plain and to remain humble. Js 4:6 "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble."

The duty of the Christian is to "fear the LORD, and depart from evil". Reverential fear invariably brings us to worship. When we reverence God we seek to respect His Word. When we worship we are silent before God and we hear Him speak to us through the preaching of His Word. Ps 46:10 "Be still, and know that I am God." In our busy life we have little time to be quiet with God. We are then in danger of allowing evil to overtake us.

## C HONOUR THE LORD vv9,10

If Jesus is our Saviour and Lord, then He deserves our honour. We heed His Word. We magnify His name. We give honour to whom honour is due. 1 Pet 2:17 "Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the King." We honour the Lord by keeping His day, called "the Lord's Day" and we can also honour His person by a tribute of praise. Keeping daily quiet time is to remember His name. Our day and week are ordered to honour our relationship with Him.

We honour God by paying our tithes and meeting Him on the Lord's Day with our offerings. We must never come before God empty handed. Mal 3:8 "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings."

Rev Patrick Tan

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

1 Share your experience of one difficult decision you have to make. How did God guide you to choose rightly?

2 Who is the Holy Spirit? How does the Holy Spirit guide you in your daily life, to walk right before God? (Refer to Jn 16:7-13)

3 Have you ever been disappointed with yourself and you got angry with God? How can you be sure of God's guidance through disappointment? (Rom 8:28, 29)

4 Have you ever allowed success in your life to lead you away from God? How can you bring God back to have sovereignty over your life? (Discuss the Prodigal Son: Lk 15)

5 Assurance of guidance comes by getting our priorities right. How does paying our dues to God assure us of God's guidance? (Discuss tithing from Mal 3:8-12)

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## Read the Bible in A Year

Calender of Daily readings for June 2006:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Family</u>	<u>Private</u>	
1	Deut 5	Psa 88	Isa 33 Rev 3
2	Deut 6	Psa 89	Isa 34 Rev 4
3	Deut 7	Psa 90	Isa 35 Rev 5
4	Deut 8	Psa 91	Isa 36 Rev 6
5	Deut 9	Psa 92,93	Isa 37 Rev 7
6	Deut 10	Psa 94	Isa 38 Rev 8
7	Deut 11	Psa 95,96	Isa 39 Rev 9
8	Deut 12	Psa 97,98	Isa 40 Rev 10
9	Deut 13,14	Psa 99-101	Isa 41 Rev 11
10	Deut 15	Psa 102	Isa 42 Rev 12
11	Deut 16	Psa 103	Isa 43 Rev 13
12	Deut 17	Psa 104	Isa 44 Rev 14
13	Deut 18	Psa 105	Isa 45 Rev 15
14	Deut 19	Psa 106	Isa 46 Rev 16
15	Deut 20	Psa 107	Isa 47 Rev 17
16	Deut 21	Psa 108,109	Isa 48 Rev 18
17	Deut 22	Psa 110,111	Isa 49 Rev 19
18	Deut 23	Psa 112,113	Isa 50 Rev 20
19	Deut 24	Psa 114,115	Isa 51 Rev 21
20	Deut 25	Psa 116	Isa 52 Rev 22
21	Deut 26	Psa 117,118	Isa 53 Matt 1
22	Deut 27	Psa 119 (v24)	Isa 54 Matt 2
23	Deut 28	Psa 119 (v25-48)	Isa 55 Matt 3
24	Deut 29	Psa 119 (v49-72)	Isa 56 Matt 4
25	Deut 30	Psa 119 (vs73-96)	Isa 57 Matt 5
26	Deut 31	Psa 119 (vs97-120)	Isa 58 Matt 6
27	Deut 32	Psa 119 (vs121-144)	Isa 59 Matt 7
28	Deut 33,34	Psa 119 (vs145-176)	Isa 60 Matt 8
29	Josh 1	Psa 120-122	Isa 61 Matt 9
30	Josh 2	Psa 123-125	Isa 62 Matt 10

## The Christian's Daily Remembrancer

by Ps. James Smith

4 June 2006

### "His kindness toward us" Ephesians 2:7

"THE GRACE OF OUR LORD WAS EXCEEDING ABUNDANT IN CHRIST JESUS." Such was God's lovingkindness toward us. Let us think of it as it appears in the place and circumstances of our birth, wherever that may be. In our education and preservation and especially in our regeneration, that we were born again not of the will of the flesh, nor of blood, but of God. How many born in the same place, about the same time, and educated in the same school, have passed out of time into eternity, under the curse of God. Why are we different? We are called by grace, justified from all sin in the righteousness of Jesus! We are kept by the power of God, supplied according to His promises, and walking with God. We look for the coming of Jesus with hope, with holy longings and steadfast faith, having the promise of the lift that now is, and of that which is to come! In Christ we are able to say, "All Things are mine, for I am Christ's and Christ is God's" O how great is the goodness of our God! How unsearchable is His grace, and His kindness towards us, beyond human comprehension!

Who can have greater cause to sing,

    Who greater cause to bless,

    Than we, the children of the King,

    Than we who Christ possess?

    Our all to His great kindness owe,

    And grateful praise should ever flow.

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The man who marks from day to day,  
In generous acts his heav'nward way,  
Treads the same path the Saviour trod,  
    The path to glory and to God.

## In Green Pastures Devotional Readings for Every Day of the Year By J.R. Miller, D.D.

4 June 2006

### MORNING

**ACTS 12:5 "Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him."**

SOME of His followers Christ wants to witness for Him by dying for Him. The ministry of James was short. It seems strange to us that he was not spared to live longer, to tell others of his Master. But he did the work which had been given him to do.

Others Christ wants to serve Him by living long for Him. Peter was delivered from Herod's hands that he might continue to preach and be a blessing to many. No prison can hold a man when Christ wants him outside. Gates count for nothing when God proposes to open them. It was prayer that opened Peter's prison.

The Christians met together and besought God for Peter's release. Their prayer was heard, and, while they were still pleading, Peter knocked at the door. Sometimes the answers to our prayers surprise us. Peter's friends could not believe it was him at the door, though they had been praying all night for his deliverance.

### EVENING

### **AS WE FORGIVE**

WE ought to keep no count of offences and forgiveness, and the time never ought to come when we shall say we can forgive one no more. When we are smarting under some injury done to us by another, and when our feeling of resentment is burning into a flame within us, we should remember that the wrong we have done to God is infinitely greater, and that He in His love has freely forgiven us. Should we not, then, be willing to forgive others their little wrongs against us? This is why our Lord put into the prayer He taught his disciples the words, "Forgive us our debts, as we forgive." He wants us always to remember that we ourselves need forgiveness, and that if we would be like Him we must forgive as He does.

# WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

## **CHURCH THEME: STRIVING TO LIVE ABOVE OUR SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS IN CHRIST (Ephesians 1:3)**

Our worship services begin promptly at **11.00 am and 4.00 pm**.

Please stay back for Bible Study and fellowship lunch after the morning worship and for tea after the evening service. Invite your friends to come to Church.

<b>Worship Services</b>			<b>WELCOME</b>
<b>Morning</b>	<b>Today: 4/06/2006</b>	<b>Next Week: 11/06/2006</b>	AM: Michael & Jodie Ong, Gigi Chau, Connie Fan and Noel O'Hare.
<i>Chairman:</i>	Seetoh Yoong Chiang	Jonathan Kim	
<i>Speaker:</i>	Mok Chee Cheong	Mok Chee Cheong	
<i>Message:</i>	Great Shepherd of the sheep	Blessed Assurance	<b>NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>
<i>Text:</i>	John 10:1-21	John 10:22-42	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Evening Service:</b> Westminster Larger Catechism (WLC)</li> </ul>
<i>Organist:</i>	Amanda	Anthony	<b>This week:</b>
<b>Evening</b>			<b>Q99. What rules are to be observed for the right understanding of the ten commandments?</b>
<i>Chairman:</i>	Alvin Chow	Jeff Pun	<b>Next week:</b>
<i>Speaker:</i>	Mok Chee Cheong	Mok Chee Cheong	<b>Q100. What special things are we to consider in the ten commandments?</b>
<i>Message:</i>	The Ten Commandments WLC Questions 99	The Ten Commandments WLC Questions 100-101	<b>Q101. What is the preface to the ten commandments?</b>
<i>Pianist:</i>	Ming Yann	Anthony	Do stay back and find out the answers from the Word of God.
<b>Other Duties</b>			
	<b>Today</b>	<b>Next Week</b>	
<i>Ushers</i>	Alvin/Wah Soon	Jeff/Yoong Chiang	
<i>Sunday Sch:</i>	Lynn	Yanning	
<i>Singspirat'n:</i>	Yoong Chiang/Anthony	Esmeralda/Ming Yann	
<i>Lunch:</i>	Constance	Magdelene	
<i>Washing-up:</i>	Prema/Yetta	YAF Group 1	
<i>Bible Study:</i>	DHW – Genesis 24	DHW – Genesis 25	
<b>Appointments of the Week</b>			
Wed 7 June	7.30 pm	<b>Mid Week Prayer Meeting:</b> C'man: Mok	
Fri 9 June	7.00 pm	<b>Young Adults Fellowship:</b> Led by Yoong Chiang	
Sat 10 June	4.00 pm	<b>Prayer Meeting &amp; Bible Study:</b> Spkr/C'man: Alvin	
<b>Last Week's Worship Service Collections</b>			
<b>Offering:</b>	£497.30	<b>Lunch:</b>	£44.50
<b>Maasai Mission:</b>	£14.00	<b>Book Sales:</b>	£13.50
<b>The Shorter Catechism</b>			
<b>Q102. What do we pray for in the second petition?</b>			
Ans: In the second petition, which is, Thy kingdom come, we pray that Satan's kingdom may be destroyed; and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced, ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it; and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.			
<p><i>Comments: A kingdom means a people who are ruled by a king. Now, there are three kingdoms mentioned here: the kingdom of Satan, or those who obey Satan; the kingdom of Grace, or those who obey God; and the kingdom of Glory, or those who will reign with Christ in glory. In this petition we ask that the first of these be destroyed, that the second may prosper, and that the time of the third may speedily arrive.</i></p>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary preparations:</b> This will take place on Jun 25. Church sanctuary cleaning has been planned for the following Saturdays; 10 and 17 Jun.</li> <li>• <b>Book Sales:</b> All books displayed on the book table are ½ price off.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for:</b> Students who will be having their examinations in the coming month. Thank God for preserving and guiding those who have completed their exams.</li> <li>• <b>Prayer Meetings:</b> Please purpose in your heart to come every Wednesday and Saturday for a time of corporate prayer and bible study. Prayer is the spiritual power house of the church. We need more prayer warriors like you.</li> <li>• <b>Metropolitan Tabernacle School of Theology 2006:</b> The conference theme is "Promoting Spiritual Life and Service" and will take place from Tues 4<sup>th</sup> to Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> July. For those interested, please see Mok for the application form and costing details.</li> </ul>			