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Dear Readers,

“WHITHER GOEST THOU?” JOHN 13:36–14:4

A man once came to D.L. Moody and said he was worried because he did not feel saved. Moody asked, “Was Noah safe in the ark?” “Certainly he was,” the man replied. “Well, what made him safe, his feeling or the ark?” The inquirer got the point and he said, “How foolish have I been! It is not my feeling; it is Christ who saves!”

The 12 disciples had been with the Lord for nearly 3½ years. They heard His teaching and saw His miracles. Yet there remained in them doubts and uncertainties. In John 14:4 disciples came to the Lord with their questions. We shall contemplate Peter’s question – “Whither Goest Thou?”

I PREDICTION OF PETER’S DENIAL (John 13:36–38)

On one occasion when the Lord spoke of His death at the hands of the elders, chief priests and the scribes, Peter rebuked Him (Matthew 16:21–23). However, in John 13 Peter accepted the fact that the Lord was going away. Still he wanted to follow Christ to the place He was going to. He asked the Lord, “Whither goest Thou?”

Jesus replied him saying that he cannot follow now, but he will follow later (v.36). There are 2 possible explanations:

1. Peter cannot follow Him now in the aspect of His death. Christ would be crucified on the cross soon for the sins of the world. Peter would also be suffering a cruel death but at a latter time. Peter was nailed to the cross in an upside down position.
2. Peter could not follow Him now in regard to His return to heaven. Christ was leaving His disciples for heaven. However, they would be with Him in heaven at the appointed time.

But Peter confidently assured the Lord that he would follow Him anywhere, even to death. Chapter 13 closed with Christ’s disturbing prophecy of Peter’s three denials.

II THE SORROWFUL DISCIPLES (Jn 14: 1)

This verse seems to hint to us the emotional state of the disciples. They were afraid. Thus Christ comforted them by saying, “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.”

“Troubled” could mean afraid, unrest or a feeling of agitation. The disciples had fear and they were psychologically in a state of unrest. What were the disciples afraid of?

They had been with Christ for 3½ years. The tangible presence of Christ was their pillar of strength. But now He was leaving them. He was returning to His Father in heaven. The disciples did not have much faith in an unseen Christ; what they yearn for was His physical presence.

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Christ says, "Ye believe in God, believe also in me." That means, if you believe in the unseen presence of the Father, you ought also to believe in the unseen presence of Christ. That is genuine faith. Jesus said to Thomas, "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." (John 20:29)

III PROMISE OF A PLACE IN HEAVEN (Jn 14:2-4)

These 3 verses tell us of the necessity for Christ's going away. In retrospect, we know that He had gone to the cross for our sins and His death on Calvary's hill was to fulfil God's plan of salvation for mankind.

But God's eternal plan does not end with Christ's death on the cross. He is preparing for each of us a mansion (dwelling place) in heaven. These will be allotted to every one that is saved: His promises are as follows:

1. "I go to prepare a place for you."
2. "I will come again, and receive you unto myself."
3. "That where I am, there ye may be also."

Thank God for our homes in heaven. So when it is time for us to go home, we can sing:

"This world is not my home,
I'm just a passing through.
My treasures are laid up
somewhere beyond the blue;
The angels beckon me
from heaven's open door,
And I can't feel at home
in this world any more."

Conclusion:

Here is an illustration on the assurance of salvation by Dr H.A. Ironside called "Angel of Light":

An elderly man said to H.A. Ironside, "I will not go on unless I know I'm saved, or else know it's hopeless to seek to be sure of it. I want a definite witness, something I can't be mistaken about."

Ironside replied, "Suppose you had a vision of an angel who told you your sins were forgiven. Would that be enough to rest on?"

"Yes, I think it would. An angel should be right."

Ironside continued, "But suppose on your deathbed Satan came and said, 'I was that angel, transformed to deceive.' What would you say?"

The man was speechless. Ironside then told him that God has given us something more dependable than the voice of an angel. He has given His Son, who died for our sins, and He has testified in His own Word that if we trust in Him all our sins are gone. "That ye may know that ye have eternal life." (1 John 5: 13)

Dr Ironside asked, "Is that not enough to rest on? It is a letter from heaven expressly to you."

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by Ps. James Smith

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"To comfort all that mourn" Isaiah 61:2

OUR GOD IS THE GOD OF ALL COMFORT. He comforts us in all our tribulation, in our sorrows and mourning. The Lord's people are all mourners; grace makes them mourn over sins committed, depravity discovered, comforts forfeited and lost. They mourn over the sins of others, the state of the church, and for the salvation of relatives and friends. We mourn after Jesus when we are separated from His love, and over Him for suffering on our behalf. But He has declared, "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted." Jesus Himself is anointed and appointed to be our Comforter; His is the tongue of the learned, that He may speak a word in season to them that are weary. He comforts us by pardoning our sins, subduing our iniquities, restoring the joy of our salvation, employing us in His service, and making us profitable for Him. He comforts us by His word, His servants, and His Spirit. Admire the wisdom of God in the person appointed; the love of God in the work to which He is appointed; and the faithfulness of God in the perpetuity of His office. He ever lives, and lives to comfort us, and to make intercessions for us.

Now in the Lord will I be glad,

And happy in His love;

Jesus my joy, Thou Son of God

My great salvation prove:

My Saviour will my comfort be,

For now and all eternity.

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How oft my heart's affections yield,

Scattered o'er all the world's wide field;

MY vagrant passions, Lord, reclaim.

Unite them all to fear Thy name.

In Green Pastures  
Devotional Readings for Every Day of the  
Year

By J.R. Miller, D.D.

10 September 2006

MORNING

**ACTS 28:2 "And the barbarous people shewed us no little kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received us every one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold."**

GOD'S promises never fail. Not one person was lost on the ship that bore Paul. They were saved for his sake. The men were not landed in a very easy and graceful way, but every one of them got ashore safely.

There is a great deal of human tenderness in this world, even among rude people and those who do not know Christ. Paul's company received "no little kindness" from the people on the island, though these were barbarians.

Suffering touches hearts everywhere, making all kin. Nobleness of character reveals itself in all circumstances. Through all the terrible voyage Paul's rare personality shone out. Here on the island we find him gathering sticks for the fire. One of Christ's promises to the disciples was that if they took up serpents they should not be hurt. This was fulfilled to Paul.

If in doing our duty we are required to be among things that are dangerous, we may trust God and not be afraid. Nothing can harm us if we are doing God's will.

EVENING

**SILENT WORK**

ALL the greatest work of this world goes on noiselessly. Only little workers clatter. God, both in nature and in grace, works silently. The angels go about noiselessly on their blessed ministries. So the best work any of us do is what we do without noise. Our words give forth sound, but it is not the sounds that do good, that brighten people's sad faces, that change tears to laughter, that stimulate hope, that put courage into fainting hearts; it is not the noise of our words, but the thoughts which the words carry. The best part of any good man's life is his influence—that strange, impalpable something which goes out evermore from his character like fragrance from a flower, like light from a star; and influence works always in silence, without words.

**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. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

| Worship Services                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                            |                                                               | WELCOME                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <b>Morning</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Today: 10/09/2006</b>   | <b>Next Week: 17/09/2006</b>                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We also welcome Irma Gashi to our worship service last week.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <i>Chairman:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Jonathan Kim               | Seetoh Yoong Chiang                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <i>Speaker:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Mok Chee Cheong            | Mok Chee Cheong                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <i>Message:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Opposition From The World  | The Comforter Has Come                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <i>Text:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | John 15:18 – 16:4          | John 16:5-24                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <i>Organist:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Yanning                    | Anthony                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <i>Chairman:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Jeff Pun                   | John Poh                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <i>Speaker:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Mok Chee Cheong            | Mok Chee Cheong                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <i>Message:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | The Second Commandment     | The Third Commandment                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <i>Text:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | WLC Questions 107-110      | WLC Questions 111-114                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <i>Pianist:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Anthony                    | Yanning                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Other Duties                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                            |                                                               | NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Today</b>               | <b>Next Week</b>                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Thank God for journey mercies:</b> For Rev Lim and Ming Yann, who made it safely back to S'pore.</li> <li>• <b>Ushers:</b> For all ushers and those who desire to be ushers, please take note that there will be a meeting next week after am worship service.</li> <li>• <b>Maasai Mission:</b> Pray for the settlement of the land title and the safety of the workers. Continue to pray for Sis Pui Meng as she ministers to the Maasai community.</li> <li>• <b>Areas of Service:</b> For those who are interested to serve (as ushers, Sunday school teachers, pianists, organists, kitchen, ...), please see Mok, Jonathan or Daniel.</li> <li>• <b>RPG:</b> The RFP for Oct to Dec is now available. Please take a copy for your personal devotion.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">~~~~~</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>The Lord's Prayer</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Our Father, who art in heaven,<br/> Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done,<br/> On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.</i></p> |
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| <i>Ushers</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Jeff/Yoong Chiang          | Alvin/Daniel                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <i>Sunday Sch:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Lyn                        | Esmeralda                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <i>Lunch:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Maureen                    | Maureen                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <i>Washing-up:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | YAF Group 2                | YAF Group 1                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <i>Bible Study:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | DHW – Genesis 27           | DHW – Genesis 28                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Appointments of the Week                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                            |                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Wed 13 Sep                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 7:30 pm                    | <b>Mid Week Prayer Meeting:</b><br>C'man: Mok                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Fri 15 Sep                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 7.00 pm                    | <b>Young Adults Fellowship:</b><br>Led by Jeff/Anthony        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Sat 16 Sep                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 4.00 pm                    | <b>Prayer Meeting &amp; Bible Study:</b><br>Spkr/C'man: Alvin |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <u>Last Week's Worship Service Collections</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                            |                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Offering:</b> £391.71                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Hospitality:</b> £80.00 |                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <p><b>Evening Service: Westminster Larger Catechism</b></p> <p><u>This week:</u></p> <p><i>Q107. Which is the second commandment?</i></p> <p><i>Q108. What are the duties required in the second commandment?</i></p> <p><i>Q109. What are the sins forbidden in the second commandment?</i></p> <p><i>Q110. What are the reasons annexed to the second commandment, the more to enforce it?</i></p> |                            |                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |