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

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

| | <i>Morning Service – 11am</i> | <i>Evening Service – 4pm</i> |
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| <i>Prelude</i> | <i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i> | |
| <i>Call to Worship</i> | Psalm 34:1-3 | Isaiah 49:7-10 |
| <i>Opening Hymn *</i> | RHC 35 – “Through All the Changing Scenes of Life” | RHC 105 – “I Will Praise Him!” |
| <i>Opening Prayer *</i> | Jonathan Kim | Jonathan Kim |
| <i>Gloria Patri *</i> | <i>Glory Be to the Father</i> | |
| <i>Responsive Reading</i> | Psalm 39 | Psalm 91 |
| <i>Second Hymn *</i> | <i>Psalm 39 verses 1-2, 6-13</i> (to the tune of Bethlehem, RHC 251) | RHC 347 – “Under the Care of My God, The Almighty” |
| <i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i> | Jonathan Kim | Jonathan Kim |
| <i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i> | RHC 563 – “Amazing Grace” | --- |
| <i>Scriptural Text</i> | Matthew 7:1-6 | Jonah 2 |
| <i>Pastoral Prayer</i> | Rev Timothy Ki | Rev Timothy Ki |
| <i>Sermon Message</i> | <i>Lessons About Judging</i> | <i>God Who is Love</i> |
| <i>Closing Hymn *</i> | RHC 376 – “O to Be Like Thee!” | RHC 313 – “O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go” |
| <i>Benediction / 3-Fold Amen *</i> | Rev Timothy Ki | Rev Timothy Ki |
| <i>Postlude</i> | <i>The Lord Bless You</i> | <i>RHC 13 (stanzas 1 & 4)</i> |

* Congregation Stands

THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE

The Lord is in His holy temple,
The Lord is in His holy temple:
Let all the earth keep silence,
Let all the earth keep silence before Him -
Keep silence, keep silence before Him. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

THE LORD BLESS YOU

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,
and give you peace, and give you peace;
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you, be gracious,
The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen.

Church Theme 2010 – “Believers Built in Christ”

WORSHIP PART 31

I'll continue to talk about the meaning of biblical service. We have borrowed some articles from other writers for the last few weeks during my absence, and I'll return to the topic I was dealing with before I left London. It is the continuation of the seventeenth point of biblical worship. Under this heading, I have been dealing with preparations for service and worship. I am going to begin with the twelfth point under the same topic. The eleventh point was that our preparations for biblical worship must include the right manners of life. Probably this is the meaning of Romans 14:6-9, which says, "He that regardeth the day, regardeth *it* unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard *it*. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks." ⁷ For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. ⁸ For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living." Worship is not to be bound by time and locus. Our living itself is a worship of God. If we live, we live for Him. If we die, we die for Him. It is a total consecration of our whole being to God-worship and His service.

Twelve, preparation includes readiness of the use of anything for God's service: (1) The temple vessels, 2 Chronicles 29:19, "Moreover all the vessels, which king Ahaz in his reign did cast away in his transgression, have we prepared and sanctified, and, behold, they *are* before the altar of the LORD"; (2) The chambers in the house of God, 2 Chronicles 31:11, "Then Hezekiah commanded to prepare chambers in the house of the LORD; and they prepared *them*"; (3) The people, 2 Chronicles 35:14, "And afterward they made ready for themselves, and for the priests: because the priests the sons of Aaron *were busied* in offering of burnt offerings and the fat until night; therefore the Levites prepared for themselves, and for the priests the sons of Aaron." This thought is based on our recognition that everything belongs to God. We are talking about His ownership. If everything is His, then we ought to give everything to His service. I am not exaggerating. Consider the followings: (1) We are God's as Job 33:4 says, "The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life." (2) We obey His law as Nehemiah 10:29, "They clave to their brethren, their nobles, and entered into a curse, and into an oath, to walk in God's law, which was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the LORD our Lord, and his judgments and his statutes" (cf. Exodus 13:9); (3) Both heaven and earth are God's as Matthew 5:34-35 say, "But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne: ³⁵ Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King" (cf. Exodus 9:29; Deuteronomy 10:14; 1 Corinthians 10:26, 28); (4) We are God's elect as Romans 8:33 says, "Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? *It is* God that justifieth"; (5) The ones in authority are God's ministers as Romans 13:6 says, "For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing," and we obey the laws in this world for the Lord's sake as 1 Peter 2:13 says, "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme"; (6) We are God's as 1 Corinthians 3:9, "or we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, *ye are* God's building," and both our body and spirit are His as 1 Corinthians 6:20 says, "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (cf. Romans 14:8); (7) Our offering is also God's as Exodus 35:21 says, "And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, *and* they brought the LORD'S offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all his service, and for the holy garments" (cf. 35:24; Leviticus 3:16; 23:5; 27:26, 30); (8) The Temple belongs to God as 2 Chronicles 7:2 says, "And the priests could not enter into the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD'S house" (cf. Jeremiah 26:2; Haggai 1:2; 2:18; Zechariah 14:20); and (9) We live by God's mercy as Lamentation 3:22 says, "*It is of* the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not." This short list clearly indicates that God must be in the centre of our lives, and that He is worthy of using all in all within us for His purpose. Our service for God must begin with this recognition that all belongs to Him.

Thirteen, preparation involves God. It may sound a bit strange to you, but what it says is that we must depend on God in order to serve Him. It means that even serving the Lord is not our right but our privilege. God must enable us to serve Him. Thus, we cannot but be thankful to be able to serve Him and be faithful to Him. 2 Chronicles 29:36, "And Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, that God had prepared the people: for the thing was *done* suddenly." Psalm 10:17, "LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear." Then, we must acknowledge that serving God is originated from God Himself, which is a sign of His grace upon His wretched creatures. This particular thought may have many implications. For example, we cannot but think of His calling. God called Saul, a rebel and persecutor of God's church, and made him Paul. Paul clarified it even further in Ephesians 3:7-8, "Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. ⁸ Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ." It also reinforces what Jesus has said in John 15:5b, "Without me, ye can do nothing." The grace of God initiates our service for Him and enables us to glorify God through our dedicated service unto Him. Thus, all true and spiritual servants will say what is found in Luke 17:10, "So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do." It is "For of him, and through him, and to him, *are* all things: to whom *be* glory for ever. Amen" (Romans 11:36).

Fourteen, preparation follows instruction. 2 Chronicles 35:4, "And prepare *yourselves* by the houses of your fathers, after your courses, according to the writing of David king of Israel, and according to the writing of Solomon his son." 2 Chronicles 35:6, "So kill the passover, and sanctify yourselves, and prepare your brethren, that *they* may do according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses." 2 Chronicles 35:10, "So the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their place, and the Levites in their courses, according to the king's commandment." I hope that we will pay more careful attention to this particular point. The fact that there are instructions we must follow in order to prepare ourselves for His service, implies many important lessons. For example, we must know that we are not left alone in order in figuring out how to serve Him. These instructions are provided by the Lord. We all know the story of the tabernacle construction from Exodus 25. Listen to verses 8-9, which says, "And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. ⁹ According to all that I shew thee, *after* the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make *it*." David said about his preparations for the Solomon temple in 1 Chronicles 28:11-19, "Then David gave to Solomon his son the pattern of the porch, and of the houses thereof, and of the treasuries thereof, and of the upper chambers thereof, and of the inner parlours thereof, and of the place of the mercy seat, ¹² And the pattern of all that he had by the spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD, and of all the chambers round about, of the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries of the dedicated things: ¹³ Also for the courses of the priests and the Levites, and for all the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and for all the vessels of service in the house of the LORD. ¹⁴ *He gave* of gold by weight for *things* of gold, for all instruments of all manner of service; *silver also* for all instruments of silver by weight, for all instruments of every kind of service: ¹⁵ Even the weight for the candlesticks of gold, and for their lamps of gold, by weight for every candlestick, and for the lamps thereof: and for the candlesticks of silver by weight, *both* for the candlestick, and *also* for the lamps thereof, according to the use of every candlestick. ¹⁶ And by weight *he gave* gold for the tables of shewbread, for every table; and *likewise* silver for the tables of silver: ¹⁷ Also pure gold for the fleshhooks, and the bowls, and the cups: and for the golden basons *he gave gold* by weight for every bason; and *likewise silver* by weight for every bason of silver: ¹⁸ And for the altar of incense refined gold by weight; and gold for the pattern of the chariot of the cherubims, that spread out *their wings*, and covered the ark of the covenant of the LORD. ¹⁹ All this, said David, the LORD made me understand in writing by his hand upon me, even all the works of this pattern."

Lovingly,

Your Pastor

WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

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.

| APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK | | | WELCOME | | | |
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| Fri 08 October | 7:30pm | No Young Adults Fellowship | We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Mr & Mrs Wong + Serena, Dr & Mrs Gong + Joyce, Joe, Daniel & Lorena to our worship services last Lord's Day. | | | |
| Sat 09 October | 4:00pm | Prayer Meeting & Bible Study: (led by Pastor Ki) | | | | |
| <i>Next Lord's Day</i> | <i>Morning Service</i> | <i>Evening Service</i> | | | | |
| <i>Preacher</i> | Dr Tow Siang Hwa | Dr Tow Siang Hwa | LORD'S DAY DUTIES | | | |
| <i>Message</i> | Heaven | The Forgotten Reformation | | | | |
| <i>Text</i> | | | | | | |
| NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS | | | Today: 03/10/2010 | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday Prayer Meeting & Bible Study: Come and join us every Saturday to pray and study God's Word. • Sunday Pre-Lunch Bible Study: Today, Pastor Ki will continue on the series of studies based on "The Doctrine of Church." • Dr Tow Siang Hwa: By Gods' grace we are fortunate to have Dr Tow preaching at New Life London for the following fortnight. Next Sunday he will be preaching on "Heaven" and "The Forgotten Reformation". The following Sunday he will be preaching on "The Lord Is Coming!" and "The Falling Away". Please invite your family and friends to come along and listen to the messages. • Saturday 16th October: Dr Tow will be leading a special study on "Why King James Bible?" The session will commence at 3pm. • Remember to pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Eld Ford, Lydia, Margaret, May Chew, Daniel, Maureen, Anthony, Mrs Ki, Sonia. • Remember to pray for those who are/will be travelling: Eka & family (Nigeria), Nick (Belgium), Lydia (Paris), Dr Tow Siang Hwa (S'pore to London) • Thank God for journey mercies: Brian (M'sia to UK) • Lord's Supper: Please note that we will be observing the Lord's Supper next Lord's Day. | | | Chairman: Jonathan Organist: Anthony Pianist: Joy Ushers: Daniel / Evelyn Sunday School: No Sunday School Lunch: Maureen Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: John / Joshua | | | |
| | | | Next Week: 10/10/2010 | | | |
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| | | | MEMORY VERSE | | | Last Week |
| | | | Worship Service Collections Last Sunday: £829.26, Lunch: £32.00 Attendance - Morning: 36 (A) 2 (C), Evening: 20 (A) 2 (C) Prayer Meeting (02/10): 13 (A) | | | <i>"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:"</i> Romans 8:16 |
| | | | | | | This Week <i>"And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together."</i> Romans 8:17 |
| | | | | | | Next Week <i>"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."</i> Romans 8:18 |
| SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 40 | | | | | | |
| Q: What did God at first reveal to man for the rule of his obedience? <i>A: The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience, was THE MORAL LAW.</i> Proofs: "For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, not having the law, are a law unto themselves." Romans 2:14 | | | | | | |