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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>
	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>	
<i>Prelude</i>		
<i>Call to Worship</i>	Psalm 111:1-4	Psalm 134:1-3
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 32 – “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”	RHC 28 – “The God of Abraham Praise”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 26	Deuteronomy 7:1-26
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 26 verses 1-6, 11-12</i> (to the tune of Azmon, RHC 61)	RHC 47 – “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 22 – “When All Thy Mercies, O My God”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Isaiah 6:1-13	Isaiah 49:1-26
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>The Call of God to Faithful Service</i> - Dr Carl Martin	<i>The God Who Calls & Remembers</i> - Dr Carl Martin
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 465 – “I’ll Go Where You Want Me To Go”	RHC 311 – “Does Jesus Care?”
<i>Benediction / 3-Fold Amen *</i>	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin
<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 25

I'll continue to talk about the meanings of biblical service. Today, I'll begin with the tenth point.

Ten, serving God is an opportunity. Numbers 4:30, "From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old shalt thou number them, every one that entereth into the service, to do the work of the tabernacle of the congregation" (cf. 4:35, 39, 43; 8:25). I wonder whether the age limit indicates that the servants of God are required of both maturity and strength. On the other hand, the intensity of the service requires a certain age group. It is indicated in the expression, "everyone that entereth into the service." As explained before, the Hebrew word for service in this expression comes from a noun referring to army service or warfare. I cannot emphasize enough of the importance of this lesson that service is an opportunity. Noah Webster's 1828 English Dictionary defines opportunity as "fit or convenient time; a time favorable for the purpose; suitable time combined with other favorable circumstances." "Suitableness of time is the predominant signification, but it includes generally circumstances of place and other conveniences adapted to the end desired." This word definition gives us two lessons: (1) Everything has its own time, and (2) there is a time that is favorable for the purpose. As a minister, many a time I have been privileged to minister to the dying or the sick. Some expressed their regrets that they had failed to serve the Lord while they had opportunities. Many of them went to be with the Lord without having further opportunities to serve Him. Sometimes the sick expressed their desire to serve God, if He would give them opportunities to serve Him. One of my classmates from my Bible college years lost his voice because of illness. He was a good preacher and had also a successful ministry. However, he became proud of himself and did some wrongs against God. Somehow he became ill and eventually lost his voice. He repented and regretted, but his voice did not come back. He lost his opportunity to serve the Lord again as a preacher, though he cried for a second chance. Some regretted that they had not been generous to the Lord, but their businesses already went down or they had already lost their jobs. Esther was a queen, and Mordecai aptly advised her in Esther 4:14b, "who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Who knows you are reading this article for God's divine purpose? Now is the time for you to serve the Lord.

Eleven, service indicates performances as in Numbers 4:32, "And the pillars of the court round about, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords, with all their instruments, and with all their service: and by name ye shall reckon the instruments of the charge of their burden" (cf. Numbers 7:7, 8). The Greek word, *leitourgema*, is used for service. After all, service is something that is actually performed or done. People may dream, imagine, suggest, or plan to serve. However, we also do know that not many people are actually serving. There are many people like withered fig trees, without actual bearing of fruits. People may talk about the importance of serving, and know the ways to serve. But churches are full of people who do not actually serve. I cannot imagine that pillars and sockets in the tabernacle give away and do not perform what they are supposed to do. If they do not serve as prescribed, the tabernacle cannot remain standing. Service for God requires and demands all servants of the Lord to render actual performances. They are required to be faithful.

Twelve, service has many references. It is in reference to (1) the tabernacle of the congregation in Numbers 7:5, "Take it of them, that they may be to do the service [*ergon* added by me] of the tabernacle of the congregation; and thou shalt give them unto the Levites, to every man according to his service [*leitourgia* added by me]" (cf. 8:15, 22, 24; 18:23);...

(2) the sanctuary as in Numbers 7:9, "But unto the sons of Kohath he gave none: because the service of the sanctuary [*leitrougema* added by me] belonging unto them was that they should bear upon their shoulders"; (3) the Lord as in Numbers 8:11, "And Aaron shall offer the Levites before the LORD for an offering of the children of Israel, that they may execute the service [*ergon* added by me] of the LORD"; (4) the tabernacle as in Numbers 18:4, "And they shall be joined unto thee, and keep the charge of the tabernacle of the congregation, for all the service of the tabernacle [*leitourgia* added by me]: and a stranger shall not come nigh unto you"; (5) the children of Israel as in Numbers 8:19, "And I have given the Levites as a gift to Aaron and to his sons from among the children of Israel, to do the service [*ergon* added by me] of the children of Israel in the tabernacle of the congregation, and to make an atonement for the children of Israel: that there be no plague among the children of Israel, when the children of Israel come nigh unto the sanctuary"; (6) the tabernacle of the house of God as in 1 Chronicles 6:48, "Their brethren also the Levites were appointed unto all manner of service of the tabernacle of the house of God" (cf. 23:24). 1 Chronicles 28:20, "And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD." If we convert the above points to be relevant to our churches today, we may do so. There are services for Sunday School, choir or church music, hospitality ministry, visitation and evangelism, kitchen duties, and cleanup of the church premises including sanctuary, fellowship hall, toilets, passages, and others. Christian service does not have to be focused only on preaching. There are God's appointed people for preaching and teachings, and every worship needs to share the burdens of God's ministry together.

Thirteen, service for the Lord will be rewarded as in Numbers 18:31, "And ye shall eat it in every place, ye and your households: for it is your reward for your service in the tabernacle of the congregation." Thus, the Levites were paid as in Numbers 18:21, "And, behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service [*leitourgia* added by me] which they serve, even the service of the service [*leitourgia* added by me] tabernacle of the congregation." God knows and remembers what service we have done for Him as in Revelation 2:19, "I know thy works, and charity, and service [*diakonia* added by me], and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first." God sees everything we are doing. Besides, He evaluates what we are doing. Serving God may require temporary sacrifice, but the just and righteous God will reward His servants. Bearing the cross and following Jesus may not be easy, but He knows and rewards accordingly. Forsaking all other things in order to follow Him may cost us, but nothing will be in vain.

Fourteen, service is also a choice by faith as in Joshua 22:27, "But that it may be a witness between us, and you, and our generations after us, that we might do the service of the LORD [*leitourgia* added by me] before him with our burnt offerings, and with our sacrifices, and with our peace offerings; that your children may not say to our children in time to come, Ye have no part in the LORD." Philippians 2:17, "Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service [*leitourgia* added by me] of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all." It means that serving God is a matter of obedience to His command in addition to the act of worship as in Romans 12:1, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service [*latreia* added by me]."

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	
Fri 09 July	7:30pm	Young Adults Fellowship: Bible Study on Philippians	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Joelle Wang and Ravina to our worship services last Lord's Day.	
Sat 10 July	4:00pm	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study: Shorter Catechism (led by Rev Ki)		
<i>Next Lord's Day</i>	<i>Morning Service</i>	<i>Evening Service</i>	LORD'S DAY DUTIES	
Preacher	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki	Today: 04/07/2010	
Message	The Lord's Prayer - Part 3	Isaiah's Faith	Chairman:	John Poh
Text	Matthew 6:9-15	Hebrews 11:32-40	Organist:	Anthony
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			Pianist:	Joy
<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 "<i>The Doctrine of Church.</i>" • Remember to pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Eld Ford, Lydia, Margaret, May Chew and Deborah Sherwood. Also, pray for Brian upcoming radiotherapy sessions. • Remember to pray for those who are/will be travelling: Eka & family (Nigeria), Lydia (Paris), Joshua (S'pore), Auntie Jay (US), Jonathan's parents (UK). Thank God for the safe arrival of Daniel & Maureen and Prema. • School of Theology at Metropolitan Tabernacle – 6th to 8th July: The theme for this year programme is "Winning & Keeping Souls from the World". 			Ushers:	Daniel / Evelyn
			Sunday School:	Jonathan / Joy / Grace
			Lunch:	Grace
			Washing Up:	Volunteers
			PA Crew:	Joshua
			Next Week: 11/07/2010	
			Chairman:	Joey Seow
			Organist:	Anthony
			Pianist:	Joy
			Ushers:	Jonathan / Sharon
			Sunday School:	Jonathan / Joy / Grace
			Lunch:	Maureen
			Washing Up:	Volunteers
			PA Crew:	John
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £741.70, Lunch: £42.05			MEMORY VERSE	
Attendance - Morning: 28 (A) 3 (C), Evening: 16 (A) 2 (C) Prayer Meeting (03/07): 9 (A)			Last Week	
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 27			<i>"For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:"</i>	
<p>Q: Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist? <i>A: Christ's humiliation consisted in his <u>being born</u> and that in a <u>low condition</u>, made <u>under the law</u>, undergoing the <u>miseries of this life</u>, the <u>wrath of God</u>, and the <u>cursed death of the CROSS</u>; in being <u>buried</u>, and <u>continuing under the power of death</u> for a time.</i></p> <p><u>Comments:</u> <i>Humiliation</i> means coming down from a high rank to a low. Christ did so for us. He descended from his throne in heaven, and became a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. In this answer we are told the various particulars in which his humiliation consisted. It consisted: 1. In being born; 2. In being born poor; 3. In being subject to the law; 4. In suffering the sorrows of life; 5. In suffering the hiding of God's countenance; 6. In being crucified; 7. In being buried; 8. In remaining in the grave for three days. All these things were borne by Christ, and on our behalf.</p> <p><u>Proofs:</u> Luke 2:7, Matthew 27:46, Philippians 2:6-8, Matthew 12:40</p>			Romans 8:3	
			This Week	
			<i>"That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."</i>	
			Romans 8:4	
			Next Week	
			<i>"For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit."</i>	
			Romans 8:5	