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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am Evening Service – 4pm

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

<i>Prelude</i>	Psalm 145:1-3	Psalm 145:17-21
<i>Call to Worship</i>	RHC 37 – “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”	RHC 42 – “Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him”
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	Joey Seow	Joey Seow
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>		<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>		Daniel 1
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 27	RHC 323 – “Trust and Obey”
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 27</i> (to the tune of St Anne, RHC 21)	
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	Joey Seow	Joey Seow
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 384 – “My Jesus, I Love Thee”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Matthew 6:9-15	Hebrews 11:32
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>The Lord's Prayer - Part 3</i>	<i>Daniel's Faith</i>
<i>Lord's Supper</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	---
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 182 – “Lead Me to Calvary”	RHC 354 – “God Leads Us Along”
<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>

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.

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.

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.

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”

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART.....

WORSHIP PART 26

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

Fifteen, service involves many things. I feel that this point needs to be considered seriously. It is because many people appear to misunderstand what Christian service is. Some say that it must be related to teaching and preaching. Thus, only the preachers or teaching elders are honored, as if they are the only ones rendering services to God. Or some think that those who are in church offices are the ones who serve the Lord. However, this may not be so. Biblical service involves everybody for everything. Biblical service includes: (1) song as in 1 Chronicles 6:31, "And these *are they* whom David set over the service of song in the house of the LORD, after that the ark had rest." There is no Hebrew word for service found, but the idea of service is there. The Hebrew phrase for "service of song" may be literally translated as "the hands of song." The Septuagint (the LXX) also literally translates it as "the hands of song." Its primary idea is about service through songs or music. It may be closely related to our music ministry such as the church choir. Being a choir member should not be casually considered, because what he or she does is a service rendered unto God. Obviously, it also indicates that music is an important part of worship; (2) any workmanship in the house of God as in 1 Chronicles 28:21, "And, behold, the courses of the priests and the Levites, *even they shall be with thee* for all the service [*leitourgia* added by me] of the house of God: and *there shall be* with thee for all manner of workmanship every willing skilful man, for any manner of service [*pragmateia* meaning *affair, undertaking* as in 2 Timothy 2:14, all added by me]: also the princes and all the people *will be* wholly at thy commandment." If I translate it into today's church setting, I may say that it includes everything that we must do for the church ministry. For example the church needs people who are familiar with computers. They may design and maintain the church websites. We need to prepare church bulletins through editing, proofreading, and printing them out. We need good Sunday school teachers who can invest their time and efforts to educate little ones to learn from the Scriptures. We need people who are able to do hospitality ministry, visitation for comforts, and transportation ministry. All of them are necessary for church ministries, and to secure more informed and prepared worship. Some people know about flowers, and they may help with the gardening work. Some know of music, and they may help the worship by providing their music skills and knowledge. If we have to list the skills we need in our church, I am sure that we will be able to talk about lots of areas of service; (3) any temple maintenance work as in 2 Chronicles 24:12, "And the king and Jehoiada gave it to such as did the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and hired masons and carpenters to repair the house of the LORD, and also such as wrought iron and brass to mend the house of the LORD." Church property or buildings need constant care and repair work. Of course, the maintenance work involves cleanup before and after the services. Such work is needed not only for the sanctuary, but also for every room, kitchen, dining hall, and even toilets. The lighting, speakers, and any auxiliary items used for worship must be well kept and maintained. Kitchen utensils and cooking pots and pans must be clean and well prepared for various occasions for worship and fellowship. Hymn books or Bibles are often placed behind the pews, and they need to be clean and well kept, too; (4) worship such as offerings and sacrifices as in 2 Chronicles 29:35, "And also the burnt offerings were in abundance, with the fat of the peace offerings, and the drink offerings for *every* burnt offering. So the service [*ergon* added by me] of the house of the LORD was set in order." 2 Chronicles 35:2, "And he set the priests in their charges, and encouraged them to the service of the house of the LORD." In a word, worship is a service to God. Whosoever serves the Lord is also His worshipper.

It gives us a sense of warning when we serve God. Service cannot precede worship. If someone is too busy with serving God to worship Him, he is not doing well. Serving and worshipping God cannot be separated; (5) seeking God and His law as in 2 Chronicles 31:21, "And in every work that he began in the service [*ergasia* meaning *practice, pursuit* as in Ephesians 4:19; *Trade, business* as in Acts 19:25, all added by me] of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did *it* with all his heart, and prospered." Our service to God must be in accordance with the teachings and truth of God. Then, we should know that obedience to His holy Word must be a precondition to all our services to Him. Though we may offer lots of things to the Lord, if we do not obey His Word, what is the point of offering them to the Lord? Haven't we known that to obey is better than to offer sacrifices? On the other hand, it also indicates that we need to know of God's law and commandment to serve Him more effectively. Ignorant zeal may lead us to serve God in our own ways; (6) an act of giving as in 2 Corinthians 9:12, "For the administration of this service [*diakonia* added by me] not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God." 2 Corinthians 11:8, "I robbed other churches, taking wages of *them*, to do you service [*diakonia* added by me]."⁷ Making financial contributions to the needy believers is a good service to the Lord. Being compassionate and providing for the needy and poor brethren is the right thing to do; (7) providing the needs of the servants of God in His ministry as in Philippians 2:30, "Because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his life, to supply your lack of service [*leitourgia* added by me] toward me." I do not think that I can emphasize this point too much. Especially the ones who are sharing God's Word with us are worthy of our respect. 1 Timothy 5:17, "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine." One of the ways that we can show our respect to them is to share all of our good things with them. Galatians 6:6-7 says, "Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things."⁷ Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." I hope that we are able to see the relationship between those two verses. It gives me so much pleasure to meet up with God-fearing, Bible believing and preaching preachers. It is because there are not too many these days. The scarcity of such preachers in these days makes them even more valuable to my eyes. Last days are characterized by apostasy, false teachings and teachers, and false prophets. To be able to have a godly and Bible believing and preaching man of God is not a common privilege any more. If we can supply the needs of God's ministers with our very best, it is our privilege. Of course, providing their needs also means to supply the needs for their ministries. It is not easy to teach the believers about their duty and privilege to provide their ministers' needs. They may see the matter only from dollars and cents perspectives. They may misunderstand my motive and purpose of teaching them such a matter. However, my heart desire is the same as Paul's in Philippians 4:17-19, "Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account."¹⁸ But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things *which were sent* from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God.¹⁹ But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." The application of this principle is vast and broad. This teaching is not just for pastors. There are missionaries in many parts of the world. We need to pray for them, but we should not stop with prayers. We ought to do our services by supplying their needs. Missionaries also have their families and children. Consider them too. There are seminary students who will go into the ministry. They may have needs. Sometimes, school fees, transportation fees, food and accommodations, and books may be burdens. Can we share their burdens with them? There are ministers' families whose fathers or husbands have passed away. When pastors, ministers or missionaries pass away, the remaining families suffer. They should be able to live, and their children should not be deprived of educational opportunities. If I begin to list their needs, they will be countless.

Well, it is enough for today. I'll continue next week. God bless!

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.