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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>Prelude</i>	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>	
<i>Call to Worship</i>	Psalm 106:1-5	Psalm 95:6-7a
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 29 – “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”	RHC 19 – “Come, We That Love the Lord”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 29	Lamentations 3:1-66
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 29 verses 1-4</i> (to the tune of Belmont, RHC 22)	RHC 47 – “Great is Thy Faithfulness”
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 420 – “I Surrender All”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Matthew 6:9-15	Jeremiah 12:1-17
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>The Lord's Prayer - Part 5</i>	<i>Jeremiah's Faith – Part 2</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 359 – “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”	RHC 335 – “Keep on Believing”
<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 28

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

Seventeen, service needs to be prepared as in 2 Chronicles 35:16, "So all the service [*leitourgia* added by me] of the LORD was prepared the same day, to keep the passover, and to offer burnt offerings upon the altar of the LORD, according to the commandment of king Josiah." The Hebrew word for prepare (*kuwn*) used in this verse occurs 219 times in the Old Testament. It is translated as *prepare* (85 times), *establish* (58), *ready* (17), *stablish* (5), *provide* (5), *right* (5), *fixed* (4), *set* (4), *direct* (3), *order* (3), *fashion* (3), *variant* (2), *certain* (2), *confirmed* (2), *firm* (2), *preparation* (2), and others (17). In general, I think that Christians know that they need to prepare themselves to serve and worship God. However, sometimes their thoughts are vague and unclear, which means that they do not know how to prepare or what to prepare in order to serve and worship the Lord. The word *prepare* occurs 201 times with 8 forms (such as prepared, prepared, preparation, prepareth, etc) in 193 verses in our English Bible. Not all of these occurrences come from the same Hebrew word we find from 2 Chronicles 35:16. Thus, I am going to exclude all the references in our English Bible that do not have the word, *prepare*, coming from the same Hebrew word from this study. Also, the word occurs in the context that God is the subject. I am going to exclude most of those verses from my considerations, for my concern at this stage is on the preparations on the part of the worshippers. Hopefully, at the end of the day, we will have some ideas on how to prepare ourselves for the Lord's service or what to prepare. There are roughly eighteen points I need to study about the worshippers' preparations for the Lord's service. Again, the number eighteen in these eighteen points does not mean anything except that it is used for our study purposes.

One, preparation includes activities which hear God's commandments and to follow them. For example, Exodus 16:5 says, "And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare *that* which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily." The children of Israel complained about food in Exodus 16:3. Listen to their complaint: "And the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, *and* when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger." In response to their complaint, God promised to give them bread from heaven in verse 4. Then, He said that on the Sabbath day, the children of Israel were not allowed to go out to collect the food. Instead, they will be able to collect a double portion on the sixth day in preparation for the seventh day. Thus, all the necessary food preparations would be done on the sixth day, and on the seventh day they would not need to go out for food collection. It was God's command, and they had to prepare themselves accordingly. In this case, preparation involves hearing God's commandment and completing all the necessary work. There is no preparation apart from God's own instructions. We are to be prepared with His Word. Ephesians 6:15, "And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace."

Two, preparation includes certain activities which fulfill any further work that God assigns us to do. Deuteronomy 19:3 says, "Thou shalt prepare thee a way, and divide the coasts of thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee to inherit, into three parts, that every slayer may flee thither." When the children of Israel conquered the land, there were some further works to be done such as making cities of refuge. Roads needed to be built in order to further the work of God. Thus, preparation may include anything that prepares us for the furtherance of God's ministry.

Three, preparation includes activities for us to be ready to fulfill the task. Examples are plenteous. Joshua 1:11 says, "Pass through the host, and command the people, saying, Prepare you victuals; for within three days ye shall pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land, which the LORD your God giveth you to possess it." In order to possess the land God had given them, the children of Israel had to cross the Jordan River. They needed to prepare sufficient amounts of food to continue on their journey. 1 Kings 5:18, "And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders did hew *them*, and the stonesquarers: so they prepared timber and stones to build the house." In order to build the Temple for the Lord, the relevant individuals had to make necessary preparations in order to be ready to fulfill the task before them.

Four, preparation includes appointments of people over works for God: (1) for the testimony of God, as Joshua 4:4 says, "Then Joshua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the children of Israel, out of every tribe a man." These twelve men were appointed and told to take a stone per person from the middle of the river. Those twelve stones were laid in Gilgal as a sign of God's divine work of letting them to cross the river. The twelve men's appointment for a task is a preparation for service; (2) for specific tasks, as 1 Chronicles 9:32 says, "And *other* of their brethren, of the sons of the Kohathites, *were* over the shewbread, to prepare *it* every sabbath." For temple services, different groups of people were appointed for different sets of work. One of the things Paul told Titus to do in his ministry was mentioned in Titus 1:5, "For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee." Acts 6:3, "Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business." God appoints His people for their appointed works. Acts 22:10, "And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do." Likewise, the church of God needs His appointed servants for His worship and service. Thus, if anyone wants to be prepared for the Lord's appointed services, he needs God's appointment (calling), the church's recognition (through qualifications test as prescribed in 1 Timothy 3 and Acts 6), and the church leader's recognition (through appointing and ordaining, Acts 14:23; Titus 1:5; 1 Timothy 5:22). All of them will work together. Acts 6:3 is educational: "Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business." The apostles told the congregation to find their leaders from among themselves. It means that they were within the church and people had seen their lives. It shows us a pattern for choosing our church leaders. They must have been seen by us and recognized us. It shows us the importance of local churches and our involvement in local church ministries. Especially in times like this, we need to prove men and women before they are appointed to be in charge of any ministry. It also means that they have been taught by leaders in their churches too. I am not just talking about lay leaders. This principle must be extended to local pastors. They should have not only seminary training but also local church training. They must be recognized by their own congregations and their pastors and leaders before they can take up any pastoral duties. Otherwise, they may ruin not only themselves but also many more souls. Raising and training Christian workers in local churches is an important mission. Thus, if you have a heart to serve the Lord, make sure that you are willing to be trained first. All of us need to be taught before serving with responsibilities.

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 30 July	7:30pm	Young Adults Fellowship: Bible Study on Philipians	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Stephen Tay, Jonathan's Parents, Elder Chew's granddaughters, Velda Airawn, Felicia Singson, Malsawmtluangi Pachuau and Lalhriat Puia to our worship services last Lord's Day.			
Sat 31 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>				
Preacher	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki	LORD'S DAY DUTIES			
Message	The Lord's Prayer - Part 6	Isaiah's Faith				
Text	Matthew 6:9-15	Isaiah 6:1-13				
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			Today: 25/07/2010			
<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 "<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), Constance (Ghana). Thank God for the safe arrival of Dr Martin in Florida. • Pray for the repairs to the manse roof: Please pray that the work completes speedily and fixes the problem. 			Chairman: John Poh Organist: Anthony Pianist: Joy Ushers: Daniel / Joey Sunday School: No Sunday School Lunch: Mrs Ki Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Jonathan			
			Next Week: 01/08/2010			
			Chairman: Joey Seow Organist: Joy Pianist: Anthony Ushers: Jonathan / John Sunday School: Jonathan / Joy Lunch: Maureen Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: John			
			Worship Service Collections Last Sunday: £518.70, Lunch: £43.50			MEMORY VERSE
			Attendance - Morning: 27 (A) 3 (C), Evening: 17 (A) 0 (C) Prayer Meeting (24/07): 9 (A)			Last Week <i>"For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."</i> Romans 8:6 This Week <i>"Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be."</i> Romans 8:7 Next Week <i>"So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God."</i> Romans 8:8
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 30						
Q: How doth the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ? <i>A: The Spirit applieth to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and thereby <u>uniting us to Christ</u> in our effectual calling.</i> Comments: The last answer tells us <i>by whose</i> agency we become possessed of salvation; this one tells us of the method of it. It tells us that Christ's salvation becomes ours by union with him – that we are united to him by faith – and that this faith by which we commit ourselves to Christ, is the effect of the working of God's Spirit in our hearts. Faith in Christ means <i>trust</i> in Christ, and brings about <i>union</i> with him. Proofs: John 15:26, 1 Corinthians 12:3, John 15:5						