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

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**LORD'S DAY 02 JANUARY 2011**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Morning Service – 11am**

**Evening Service – 4pm**

**Prelude**

*The Lord Is in His Holy Temple*

**Call to Worship**

Isaiah 6:1-4

John 14:1-4

**Opening Hymn \***

RHC 8 – *"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

RHC 227 – *"O Glorious Day"*

**Opening Prayer \***

Joey Seow

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**Gloria Patri \***

*Glory Be to the Father*

**Responsive Reading**

Psalm 52

Genesis 17

**Second Hymn \***

*Psalm 52*

(to the tune of Forest Green, RHC 172)

RHC 28 – *"The God of Abraham Praise"*

**Announcements & Memory Verse**

Joey Seow

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**Tithes & Offerings & Doxology \***

RHC 137 – *"Thanks to God!"*

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**Scriptural Text**

Matthew 8:23-27

Genesis 22

**Pastoral Prayer**

Rev Timothy Ki

Rev Timothy Ki

**Sermon Message**

*Jesus, the Calmer*

**God's Covenant with Abraham - Part 2**

**Closing Hymn \***

RHC 329 – *"We Have an Anchor"*

RHC 253 – *"Standing on the Promises"*

**Benediction / 3-Fold Amen \***

Rev Timothy Ki

Rev Timothy Ki

**Postlude**

*The Lord Bless You*

*RHC 80 (stanzas 1 & 5)*

\* 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 2011 – "Continue in the Word"**

## **BIBLICAL PRAYER – PART 8**

As we march into the new year, we have a new theme for the church. It is “to continue in the Word” based on 2 Timothy 3:14, “But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned *them*.” The primary reason we must continue in the Word is because the Christian faith is based on the Word, the infallible and inerrant Word of God. However, false teachers and false prophets have made attempts to pervert and twist the Word. God gave us His revelations, which are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. The Word of God enables believers to be perfect and thoroughly furnished unto all good works. Therefore, we cannot possibly consider the Christian faith and life apart from the Word. In order to continue in the Word, there are two things that must be done. One, we must learn the Word. Without learning, how can we continue in it? The Christian faith is not a natural religion, but a revelatory religion. God has revealed Himself to mankind. Without revelation, we cannot possibly know God as we know Him today. Therefore, if anyone depends on his intuition or academics on the ivory tower, he will never get to the Christian faith. Christian faith is based and grounded on the Word of God. John 5:39 says, “Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.” Salvation is to be found from the Scriptures, because the scriptures are the testimonies of Jesus. Thus, we do not depend on any other means including dreams, experiences, or visions but on the revelation of God in the Scriptures for our salvation. Therefore, we must learn from the Word. If I add one more element to the learning part, I must say that we must learn from the right people. Paul says in the last part of 2 Timothy 3:14, “knowing of whom thou hast learned them.” The person who teaches us may influence us. Therefore, we must join a Bible believing church and learn from there. Two, we must be assured of what we have learnt. Though teachers may be godly, spiritual, and Bible believing, if we do not add faith to the Word we study, learning itself will not lead us to God. We must be convinced by what we have studied from the Word. Then, we may continue in the Word. Therefore, everyone who desires to continue in the Word must make special efforts to study the Scriptures with me throughout this year. I’d like to encourage you not to miss any opportunity to study the Scriptures with me. I’ll be fully committed to study the Bible and to faithfully teach you as long as I have opportunities. In order to help you jump start studying, there will be two new programs for you in 2011. One, I am going to offer you a beginner’s Bible study course. It will be a basic Bible knowledge course. This course will cover all the major doctrines we must know and understand. It is not an in-depth study but a comprehensive study. If you want to know about the Christian faith, be baptized, or be a church member, you are welcome to join me for this study. The classes will be held after lunch for about an hour. It will be an interactive study too. Three Sundays a month, we will have these classes. Two, our ladies will have their prayer meeting and fellowship. It is just for the ladies. It will be held on the last Sunday of each month. I hope that all our ladies will come and be gathered for fellowship and prayer. I trust that it will be a great encouragement to them. Of course, Saturday Bible study and prayer meetings and Friday evening young people Bible studies will be continued.

Having talked about this year’s new plans, now I need to return to my old topic about Biblical prayer. Last week, we looked at king Hezekiah’s prayer. Today, we will study different passages.

Eleventh, King Hezekiah sent his messengers to all Israel and encouraged them to come to the house of the Lord in Jerusalem. He planned to keep the Passover, which had not been kept for a very long time. 2 Chronicles 30:18-20, “For a multitude of the people, *even* many of Ephraim, and Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet did they eat the passover otherwise than it was written.

But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, The good LORD pardon every one <sup>19</sup> *That* prepareth his heart to seek God, the LORD God of his fathers, though *he be not cleansed* according to the purification of the sanctuary. <sup>20</sup> And the LORD hearkened to Hezekiah, and healed the people.” (1) Hezekiah prayed for the people who were not ritually clean to partake of the Passover. Each household was supposed to prepare the Passover lamb, but many families from some tribes were not sanctified to kill the Passover animals. To support them, the Levites did the killing of the Passovers, and everybody was able to eat, though they were not clean. Hezekiah pray for such people. (2) The king prayed for God’s pardon for them. These people were not cleansed according to the rules of the purification of the sanctuary. However, they did partake of the Passover and Hezekiah prayed for God’s forgiveness. There are a few things we need to consider. (a) There are rules for the purification of the sanctuary. I understand that some Christians do not like rules or any regulations in their churches. They say that they must be free from rules because they are free in Christ Jesus. However, Christian liberty does not refer to no-boundaries. Christians are bound by the laws of Christ (cf. Galatians 6:2). There are such things that Christian churches must uphold. There was an issue of public prayer during worship by women in 1 Corinthians 11. Paul says in 11:16, “But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God.” God is not the author of confusion. Thus, we ought to learn how to behave in the house of God (1 Timothy 3:15). (b) When the heart of man is prepared to seek God and he has made an unwanted offence or sin against God, he needs forgiveness. In this regard, God is the God of love and understanding. (3) When Hezekiah prayed to God, He healed His people. There is a time to pray for those who have sinned but want to do the right thing. In the last part of this event, the priests and the Levites prayed for the people and it reached even unto heaven. 2 Chronicles 30:27, “Then the priests the Levites arose and blessed the people: and their voice was heard, and their prayer came *up* to his holy dwelling place, *even* unto heaven.”

Twelfth, God is the God of mercy by hearing and answering Manasseh’s prayers. 2 Chronicles 33:18-19, “Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer unto his God, and the words of the seers that spake to him in the name of the LORD God of Israel, behold, they *are written* in the book of the kings of Israel. <sup>19</sup> His prayer also, and *how God* was intreated of him, and all his sin, and his trespass, and the places wherein he built high places, and set up groves and graven images, before he was humbled: behold, they *are written* among the sayings of the seers.” Manasseh was an evil man. 2 Chronicles 33:2, “But did *that which* was evil in the sight of the LORD, like unto the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel.” 2 Chronicles 33:9-10 says, “So Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to err, *and* to do worse than the heathen, whom the LORD had destroyed before the children of Israel. <sup>10</sup> And the LORD spake to Manasseh, and to his people: but they would not hearken.” Such an evil man repented of his sins and prayed for God’s forgiveness. God forgave him. We need to pay attention to the fact that he humbled himself before God and prayed. What motivated him to humble himself before God? What caused him to seek God’s face? The answer is found in verse 12, “And when he was in affliction, he besought the LORD his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers.” The cause of his afflictions was God’s divine judgment as we find from verse 11. Foreign invaders captured him and bound him in fetters. He was taken to Babylon. In affliction, he humbled himself and prayed to God. Psalm 119:67, “Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.”

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 07 January	No YAF meeting		We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day.
Sat 08 January	No Prayer Meeting & Bible Study		
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<b>Preacher</b>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki	<b><u>Today: 02/01/2011</u></b>
<b>Message</b>	Jesus, the Liberator	The Ethical Faith	<b>Chairman:</b> Joey
<b>Text</b>	Matthew 8:28-34	Genesis 18-19	<b>Organist:</b> Anthony
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			<b>Pianist:</b> Anthony
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>No Saturday Prayer Meeting &amp; Bible Study next week.</b></li> <li>• <b>Sunday Pre-Lunch Bible Study:</b> Today, Pastor Ki will continue the series of studies on "The Doctrine of Church."</li> <li>• <b>Remember to pray for those who are sick:</b> Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Eld Ford, Lydia, Margaret, May, Mrs Ki, Joey &amp; Family.</li> <li>• <b>Remember to pray for those who are/will be travelling:</b> Yetta (S. Africa), Lee Wei &amp; Joy (S'pore), Brian (M'sia), Elizabeth, Scott &amp; Venice (HK)</li> <li>• <b>The Church Theme for 2011 is "Continue in the Word"</b> taken from 2 Timothy 3:14</li> <li>• <b>Lord's Supper:</b> Please note that we will be observing the Lord's Supper next Lord's Day.</li> <li>• <b>Basic Bible Knowledge:</b> From next Sunday, Pastor Ki will be leading a BBK course every Sunday after lunch. For more information please speak to Pastor Ki.</li> </ul>			<b>Ushers:</b> Daniel / Evelyn
			<b>Sunday School:</b> Jonathan
			<b>Lunch:</b> Maureen
			<b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers
			<b>PA Crew:</b> John / Joshua
			<b><u>Next Week: 09/01/2011</u></b>
			<b>Chairman:</b> John
			<b>Organist:</b> Anthony
			<b>Pianist:</b> Anthony
			<b>Ushers:</b> Joey / Jonathan
<b>Sunday School:</b> Jonathan			
<b>Lunch:</b> Mrs Ki			
<b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers			
<b>PA Crew:</b> Brian / Joshua			
<b>Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £518.59, Christmas Service: £695.35</b>			<b>MEMORY VERSE</b>
<b>Attendance - Morning: 21 (A) 2 (C), Evening: 19 (A), 2 (C)</b>			<b>Last Week</b>
<b>SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 53</b>			<i>"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren."</i>
<b>Q: Which is the Third Commandment?</b>			<b>Romans 8:29</b>
<b>A: The Third Commandment is, THOU SHALT NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD THY GOD IN VAIN: for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.</b>			<b>This Week</b>
<b>Comments:</b>			<i>"But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;"</i>
This commandment tells how to treat the Name of God, and by his <i>Name</i> is meant everything by which he is named to us, or specially made known. To take God's name in vain is to use it for a vain or frivolous purpose; and we break this command by profane swearing, or by irreverently using God's name. We recognise the command when we pray – <i>Hallowed be thy Name.</i>			<b>2 Timothy 3:14</b>
			<b>Next Week</b>
			<i>"Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified."</i>
			<b>Romans 8:30</b>