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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

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 150:1-6

Psalm 134

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 75 – “Come, Christians,
Join to Sing”

RHC 15 – “How Shall I Sing
That Majesty”

*Opening Prayer **

John Poh

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 65

Psalm 96:1-13

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 65 verses 1-4
(to the tune of Belmont, RHC 22)

RHC 19 – “Come, We That
Love the Lord”

*Announcements &
Memory Verse*

John Poh

John Poh

*Tithes & Offerings &
Doxology **

RHC 419 – “Take My Life and
Let It Be”

Scriptural Text

Matthew 10:32-42

Exodus 20:1-17

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Timothy Ki

Rev Timothy Ki

Sermon Message

Public Relations of the Twelve

Idolatry - Part 2

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 425 – “Take the World,
but Give Me Jesus”

RHC 429 – “We Have Not
Known Thee as We Ought”

*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” – 2 Timothy 3:14

BIBLICAL PRAYER – PART 21

Since last week we have been studying how to pray for church leaders. We will continue that study.

(h) We need to pray for their prayer lives. Being a church leader does not make one a naturally spiritual person. Of course, by all means, we want to find spiritual individuals to take up leadership roles. However, they also need to improve themselves by spiritual discipline including having a regular prayer life. Therefore we need to pray for them to become men of prayer for their people. Colossians 1:9, “For this cause we also, since the day we heard *it*, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.” In his busy ministry, Paul did not forget to pray for his people.

(i) We need to pray for their courage to stand for the faith. There are temptations from false teachings, false intellectualism, false ideas about church unity, or desire for recognition, which may lead them to compromise what they have believed. Let us uphold them to stand firmly on the truth of God and to defend the faith once delivered to the saints. Jude 1:3, “Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort *you* that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.” It is also important for us to pray for them to be able to teach us from the Word well. It is not a light matter to pray for. As we have seen before, one of the qualifications to be a pastor is apt to teach. For such matters, we need to pray for wisdom and their diligent studies. At the same time, providing means for them to get access to books and seminars is a practical help. Let them get educated in order to teach us.

(j) We need to pray for them to be soul-lovers and soul-winners. They can be caught up with many busy works. If they are too busy to give their time to the needy souls, and they do not love souls, they are either too busy or totally confused about the ministry of God. Jesus is our perfect example. He was busy in teaching and preaching. He proclaimed the truth of God to the needy souls. However, one unforgettable truth about Him is that He proved Himself a lover of souls. He loved His people till the end. In the past, I have heard from some people that they were too afraid to speak to their pastors or elders in their churches. If they are afraid of getting access to their church leaders, I wonder what kind of leaders they are. There is no more important thing than souls in the heart of the church leaders. The soul-winning is an expression of their love for the souls. Philemon 1:6, “That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.” James 5:19-20, “Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him;²⁰ Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.”

(k) We need to pray for them to be godly. It includes their good character. It is not desirable to neglect the importance of good character when we discuss the qualifications of good church leaders. It may be true that good character is a sign of the work of God in their hearts. If we look at the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23, we cannot but think of a good character. 1 Timothy 4:6-9, “If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.⁷ But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself *rather* unto godliness.⁸ For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.⁹ This *is* a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance.”

(l) We need to pray for their family life. If church leaders are not able to take care of their own families, how can they look after God's churches? 1 Timothy 3:4, "One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity." I believe that their family life includes their relationship with their spouses and children. I see these elements very important. It is because their spouses and children are the ones who know them most. They may be hypocritical to other people who meet them once in a while and see only their appearances, but they cannot be hypocritical all the time before spouses and children at home. As for me, all my weaknesses and shortcomings are well known to my wife, and I cannot hide anything from her. My children have seen things from me that others have never seen. If church leaders fail to receive respect and honor from their spouses and children, probably their family life also suffers. Having said this, I also do acknowledge that things do happen beyond our control. A wicked son was born from a godly man, Hezekiah. A great prophet Samuel did not have honorable sons, either. Therefore, I would say that we should not be judgmental. All I can say is that we need to pray for the families of church leaders. It also gives us a thought that we may need to provide their needs for better family life, while praying.

(m) We need to pray for their financial and physical needs. 1 Timothy 5:17-18, "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. ¹⁸ For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer *is* worthy of his reward." It is difficult for church pastors and preachers to speak about their own financial needs to their congregations. However, we must recognize that they are also people living just like everyone else. They may have health issues. They need places to live. They need to educate their children. Probably, they also need to take breaks to rest and recharge. Besides, pastors are the ones who should be hospitable. Unless churches provide a separate fund for hospitality ministry, they use their own personal fund to cover the expenses. For sure, there are many unwritten and unnoticed expenses they have to take care of. I have met some Christians who want to demand their pastors to live a certain kind of life. They even set the rule for pastors how to spend their money. They also insist that their pastors must live by faith, while providing minimum salaries. They say that pastors must be poor. All I can say is that we must provide all their needs and share all good things with them. Galatians 6:6, "Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things."

(n) We need to pray to know what we can do for them as co-workers in the ministry of God. There were people who ministered to the Lord with their substance. Luke 8:3, "And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance." Philippians 4:16-18, "For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity. ¹⁷ 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."

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 08 April | 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 May Yeong and Magdalene to our worship services last Lord's Day. | | |
| Sat 09 April | 4:00pm | Prayer Meeting & Bible Study Study on Shorter Catechism | | | |
| <i>Next Lord's Day</i> | <i>Morning Service</i> | <i>Evening Service</i> | LORD'S DAY DUTIES | | |
| <i>Preacher</i> | Rev Timothy Ki | Rev Timothy Ki | TODAY: 03/04/2011 | | |
| <i>Message</i> | A Confused Question | Idolatry – Part 3 | Chairman: John | | |
| <i>Text</i> | Matthew 11:1-15 | Exodus 20:1-17 | Organist: Anthony | | |
| NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS | | | Pianist: Joy | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Pre-Lunch Bible Study: Pastor Ki will continue the series of studies on <i>"The Doctrine of the Church."</i> • Basic Bible Knowledge: Pastor Ki will lead the BBK course after lunch at the manse. • Saturday Prayer Meeting & Bible Study: Come and join us to pray and to study God's Word. • Pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Eld Ford, Lydia, Margaret, May Chew, Brian, Mrs Ki, Constance • Pray for those who are/will be on travel: Barbara, Joey & Family, Jasmine (Joy's sister), Justin, Matthew • Easter Camp 2011 (22/4 to 25/4): The camp speaker will be Pastor John Sherwood. Please see Lee Wei for camp registration forms. • ACM: Members please take note that the Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for 10th April 2011. • Lord's Supper: We will be observing the Lord's Supper next week. Please come with hearts prepared. | | | Ushers: Jonathan / Evelyn | | |
| | | | Sunday School: Jonathan / Joy | | |
| | | | Lunch: Maureen | | |
| | | | Washing Up: Volunteers | | |
| | | | PA Crew: Lee-Wei | | |
| | | | NEXT WEEK: 10/04/2011 | | |
| | | | Chairman: Jonathan | | |
| MEMORY VERSE | | | | | |
| Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £989.61, Lunch: £74.50 | | | Last Week | | |
| Attendance - Morning: 32 (A) 4 (C), Evening: 19 (A) | | | <i>"But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;"</i> | | |
| SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 66 | | | 2 Timothy 3:14 | | |
| Q: What is the reason annexed to the Fifth Commandment? | | | This Week | | |
| <i>A: The reason annexed to the Fifth Commandment is a <u>promise of long life and prosperity</u> (as far as it shall serve for God's glory and their own good) to all such as keep this commandment.</i> | | | <i>"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful."</i> | | |
| <u>Comments:</u> | | | Psalm 1:1 | | |
| The Fifth Commandment stands at the head of the second table of the law. It requires us to honour our parents, to render due respect and obedience to all who are superior to us, and, in a word, to pay heed to the claims of those who are <i>related</i> to us in any way. | | | Next Week | | |
| This commandment bids us always show a certain respect to those above us in station, and requires certain duties to be discharged to all, whether above, beneath, or equal to us. It forbids us to refuse to pay honour to whom honour is due, or to neglect to discharge any of the duties we owe to our friends or neighbours. The special reason it gives for its observance is that God has promised to lengthen the days of those who keep it. | | | <i>"But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night."</i> | | |
| <u>Proofs:</u> | | | Psalm 1:2 | | |
| Ephesians 6:2-3 | | | | | |