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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

Matthew 1:21-23

Song of Solomon 2:1-3

Opening Hymn *

RHC 55 – “Our Great Saviour”

RHC 91 – “The Lily of the Valley”

Opening Prayer *

Joey Seow

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Gloria Patri *

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 61

Matthew 11:25-30

Second Hymn *

Psalm 61
(to the tune of St. Peter, RHC 456)

RHC 507 – “Come Unto Me With Your Heavy Load”

Announcements & Memory Verse

Joey Seow

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Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *

RHC 384 – “My Jesus I Love Thee”

Scriptural Text

Judges 16

1 Peter 5:7

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Timothy Ki

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Sermon Message

Samson's Great Prayer

Casting All Your Care

Closing Hymn *

RHC 362 – “Did You Think to Pray”

RHC 128 – “His Yoke is Easy”

Benediction / 3-Fold Amen *

Dr Stephen Scott-Pearson

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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 17

Instructions by Jesus concerning prayers

Last week, we studied the times and occasions when Jesus prayed. We also studied the actual words He uttered in His prayers. Today we are going to study some references which have instructions by Jesus concerning prayer. First, Jesus taught the disciples to pray for those who were unkind and even evil to them. Matthew 5:43-45, "Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.⁴⁴ But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;⁴⁵ That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust." Second, Jesus taught them to pray sincerely. Matthew 6:5-8, "And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.⁶ But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.⁷ But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.⁸ Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him." (1) Hypocrisy should not be allowed. (2) Prayer is practiced in private. (3) A long but meaningless repetitive babbling were not sincere prayers. Third, God answer prayers. Matthew 7:7-11, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:⁸ For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.⁹ Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?¹⁰ Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?¹¹ If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?"

Fourth, Jesus taught them that prayer would enable them to do what appeared to be impossible. Matthew 17:21, "Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting." Jesus spoke to His disciples right after He cast a demon out of a demon possessed boy. And He also taught that faith made nothing impossible. Fifth, Jesus taught them that they must pray patiently and persistently. Jesus told them that they might be discouraged while praying, but they must not stop praying. Luke 18:1, "And he spake a parable unto them *to this end*, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint." Sixth, Jesus taught them that they must pray with faith. Matthew 21:22, "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Seventh, Jesus taught them that they must pray to escape from extreme conditions in times of troubles. Matthew 24:20, "But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day." It is worthwhile that Jesus did not exclude possibilities that His people might have to suffer. Instead He told them to pray that such events would not happen during winter or on Sabbath days. Eighth, Jesus taught them to pray in order to not fall into temptations. Matthew 26:41, "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak." Ninth, Jesus taught them to pray in His name. John 14:13, "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.¹⁴ If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do *it*." John 15:7, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." John 16:24, "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." All these verses indicate that we ought to pray in the name of Jesus, and it is Jesus himself who will do what they pray. It makes a good contrast with the teaching we find from Matthew 7:11, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?"

In Matthew's passage, it is the Father who gives what they pray, while in John's passages, it is Jesus. It is an indication of the equality of the Son and the Father. The Father and the Son are one.

Examples of prayers in the Gospel of Mark

As I have been studying the instructions of the Lord concerning prayer, I began to be curious about the prayers people made to the Lord in the Gospels. Of course, I am not saying that there is any orderly prayer like the Lord's Prayer, made by the believers and seekers of Jesus. I considered any utterance to the Lord with a request as a form of prayer. Some references contain words like "besought," or "cried." The prayers we are going to find from the Gospel of Mark (which is the shortest among the Four Gospels) have their own characteristics, and their contents are unique in their own ways. It is very obvious because they spoke to the Lord face to face. We will study the prayers in the Book of Acts and epistles later, and these studies will give us great insight into prayer and teach us how to pray.

First, the disciples of Jesus were greatly shaken by storms, winds, and waves in the Sea of Galilee. They felt they were about to perish. They woke up the sleeping Lord and said in Mark 4:38, "And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?" There was no time for praises, adorations, thanksgiving or repentance in this prayer. They cried out to Him, "don't you care?" Jesus knew their hearts and said in verse 40, "And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?" (1) They prayed in fear, (2) they prayed not by faith, and (3) they prayed for immediate deliverance from dangers. If anyone wants to find any nobility from this prayer, he will fail. Many of desperate prayers have a form of desperation one way or another.

Second, I have found that many prayers in the Gospel of Mark are parents' prayers for their children's suffering. (1) Jairus, a ruler of synagogue, prayed to the Lord for his daughter. Mark 5:23, "And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: *I pray thee*, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live." (2) A Syrophenicia woman prayed to the Lord for her daughter. Mark 7:25, "For a *certain* woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell at his feet: ²⁶ The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by nation; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter." (3) A father came to Jesus for the healing of his son who was suffering because of an evil spirit. When he was inquired of his faith, he also cried to the Lord in Mark 9:24, "And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief." (4) Parents prayed to Jesus to bless their children in Mark 10:13, "And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and *his* disciples rebuked those that brought *them*." And Jesus responded to their request in favor in Mark 10:16, "And he took them up in his arms, put *his* hands upon them, and blessed them." Interestingly, I have not found a passage in which children prayed for their parents. I am sure that children are not the only ones in troubles, but Mark gives us probably a lesson that parents are to be spiritual and they must be dutiful guardians for their children. At the same time, Mark may show us that there is no love comparable to the love of parents toward their children in this world. If you have praying parents, then bless the name of the Lord. If you are parents, why don't you pray for your children?

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 11 March	7:30pm	Young Adults Fellowship Bible Study on Philipians	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We also welcome Dr Stephen Scott-Pearson who will minister God's Word today	
Sat 12 March	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		
<i>Message</i>	Prayer for Labourers	Ethics and Commandments		
<i>Text</i>	Matthew 9:35-38	Exodus 20:1-2		
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			<u>TODAY: 06/03/2011</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Pre-Lunch Bible Study: Joey will be conducting the Bible Study today. • 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, Eld George & May Chew, Margaret • Easter Camp 2011 (22/4 to 25/4): Please take note of the dates for the camp. The camp speaker is Pastor John Sherwood. More information will be provided later. 			<u>NEXT WEEK: 13/03/2011</u>	
			<i>Chairman:</i>	Joey
			<i>Organist:</i>	Anthony
			<i>Pianist:</i>	Joy
			<i>Ushers:</i>	Daniel / Evelyn
			<i>Sunday School:</i>	Jonathan / Joy
<i>Lunch:</i>	Maureen			
<i>Washing Up:</i>	Volunteers			
<i>PA Crew:</i>	Jonathan			
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £739.00, Lunch: £58.00, Mission Fund: £50, Disaster Fund: £50 Attendance - Morning: 24 (A), Evening: 14 (A)			MEMORY VERSE	
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 62				
Q: What are the reasons annexed to the Fourth Commandment?			Last Week	
<i>A: The reasons annexed to the Fourth Commandment are – God's allowing us <u>six</u> days of the week for our own employments; his challenging a special propriety in the <u>seventh</u>; his own <u>example</u>; and his <u>blessing</u> the Sabbath-day.</i>			<i>"As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."</i>	
Comments:			Romans 8:36	
The special reasons here given for the observance of the Sabbath are: 1. Our being allowed six days for work; 2. God's claim of the seventh day as specially his own; 3. God's resting on the seventh day; 4. God's blessing it.			This Week	
Scriptural Reference:			<i>"Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us."</i>	
Exodus 31:15; Genesis 2:3			Romans 8:37	
			Next Week	
			<i>"Nor I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come ,"</i>	
			Romans 8:38	