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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 50:1-6

Psalm 23

Opening Hymn *

RHC 45 – “We Gather Together”

RHC 345 – “The Lord is My Shepherd”

Opening Prayer *

Jonathan Kim

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Gloria Patri *

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 69

Psalm 22

Second Hymn *

Psalm 69 verses 30-36
(to the tune of Bethlehem, RHC 251)

RHC 43 – “God is Still on the Throne”

Announcements & Memory Verse

Jonathan Kim

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Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *

RHC 22 – “When All Thy Mercies, O My God”

Scriptural Text

Luke 24:13-35

Psalm 22-24

Pastoral Prayer

Elder George Chew

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Sermon Message

Emmaus Experience

Song of Victory

Closing Hymn *

RHC 246 – “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

RHC 37 – “Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Benediction / 3-Fold Amen *

Elder George Chew

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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

Worship in Spirit and in Truth

By Rev. Ken Jones, Adapted from TABLETALK from Ligonier Ministries – May 2010

John's narrative of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman is striking at a number of levels. In the first place, we are told in John 4:4 that *"he must needs go through Samaria."* Since Samaria was between Galilee and Judea, this seems to make logistical sense.

But keeping in mind the fact that the intense hostility between the Jews and Samaritans caused many Jews to cross the Jordan River twice rather than pass through Samaria once, makes this verse stand out. Furthermore, we are told in verse 6 that Jesus comes to Jacob's Well at about the sixth hour (noon) and there finds a Samaritan woman alone at the well drawing water. Later in the narrative we discover that the woman has had five husbands and is presently with a man who is not her husband. John tells us that Jesus, a Jew, went through Samaria and not only had a conversation with a woman (which was bad enough) but a Samaritan woman (which made matters worse), and not merely a Samaritan woman but a Samaritan woman whom other Samaritans were uncomfortable to be around (which was worst of all). This is the setting of our discussion on worship.

The climax of this discussion is seen in verses 23–24: *"But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."* The first thing to note about Jesus' word here is His reference to an *"hour cometh"* and *"now is."* The peculiar phrase no doubt refers to the substance identified in the types and shadows of the Mosaic law. The sacrifices and rituals associated with the Mosaic law, along with the priestly office and functions, pointed to the fulfilment in the coming Messiah. The Samaritans, whose worship was a mixture of Jewish law and pagan influences, maintained messianic expectations just as the Jews did (vs. 25). So in saying the *"hour cometh"* and *"now is"*, Jesus is not only indicating the provisional nature of Mosaic worship, He is also announcing its annulment.

Earlier in verse 10, when the woman responds incredulously to Jesus' request for a drink of water. He says, *"If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water."* John Calvin suggests that *"if thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee"* is better understood by replacing *"and"* with *"namely."* Thus, it would read, *"if thou knewest the gift of God, namely, who it is that saith to thee"*. This indicates that Jesus is the gift of God.

These are three important things associated with this gift of God in the context of this narrative. In the first place, since Jesus identifies Himself as the anticipated Messiah (verse 26), the giving of *"living water"* in verse 10 obviously refers to the giving of the Holy Spirit (see John 7:37–39).

Second, the contrast between Jesus and Moses is not one of truth versus falsity – Moses as the lawgiver gave what came from God. John says that *"the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ"* (John 1:17). But in keeping with our subject, Moses via the Law gave commandments and rituals that pointed to the coming Messiah. As the substance of the types and shadows of the Mosaic law, Jesus is the truth from which these laws were derived and to which they pointed. He is the gift of God through whom acceptable worship is offered and received by the Father.

Third, the incarnation of Jesus confirmed that the coming hour was indeed at hand. Rather than Samaritans looking to Mount Gerizim or Jews looking to Mount Zion as the place of acceptable worship, those who worship God are to look to the gift of God in whom truth is personified. He is also the truth spoken of in the elements of worship in the Mosiac system.

How, then, does one worship God according to what He has revealed in His Word? Only through the Holy Spirit who illumines the riches of God's grace in Jesus. Evangelicals commonly glean from John 4:24 the importance of worshipping God according to the truth of His written Word and with all our hearts as opposed to mere physical formalities. These observations are indeed true, but the passage says much more. God is spirit (immaterial), but Jesus is the Messiah – the Word made flesh, full of grace and truth. The Holy Spirit enables us to comprehend and appropriate that grace and truth so that we can worship the Father in an acceptable manner. Acceptable worship is not an inherent trait of fallen men and women. In our fallen state of corruption, we are still inclined to worship, but have lost the ability to worship properly. And like the Jews and the woman at the well, who had the law of Moses, even when given detailed instructions on who and how we are to worship, we are prone to miss what is being communicated and required. While they were to look forward to Jesus, who provided the guarantee of access to the Father, we today can look back and forward to the One in whom God is well pleased as our access and surety in worshipping the Father in spirit and truth.

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Sermon notes:

Morning – “Emmaus Experience” – Luke 24:13-36

- 1) Despair
- 2) Hope - 1 Corinthians 13:7; Hebrews 6:19; Romans 15:13
- 3) Joined by a stranger - John 12:24
- 4) Lesson from the Master
- 5) Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God - Romans 10:17; Genesis 3:15; Luke 24:27; 2 Corinthians 5:19
- 6) Revelation - Revelation 3:19-20

Evening – “Song of Victory” – Psalm 22-24

Psalm 22: Triumph Through Suffering

Psalm 22:1 = Matthew 27:46
Psalm 22:14-16 = John 20:25, Matthew 27:35
Psalm 22:19-20 = Hebrew 2:12

Psalm 23: The Good Shepherd

verse 1: 2 Samuel 7:13-16
verse 2: 1 Timothy 1:7; John 7:37
verse 3: Isaiah 5:36; 1 Peter 2:21; John 14:6
verse 4: Hebrew 9:27
verse 5: Hebrew 4:15; Ephesians 3:20
verse 6: Luke 9:23

Psalm 24 Exaltation to the Sovereign Saviour

Exodus 20:3; 34:14
Worship by: Abraham (Genesis 22:5); Jacob (Hebrews 11:21); Moses (Exodus 34:8), Joshua (Joshua 5:14); David (2 Samuel 12:20); Woman at well (John 4:23)
Worship: Earth is the Lord
Right relationship with God
Respectful reverence
Offer a relevant response 2 Samuel 6:10-17; Romans 8:34

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 |
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| Fri 13 May | 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 Maryn uld Maas to our worship services last Lord's Day. |
| Sat 14 May | 4:00pm | Prayer Meeting & Bible Study Study on Shorter Catechism | |
| <i>Next Lord's Day</i> | <i>Morning Service</i> | <i>Evening Service</i> | |
| <i>Preacher</i> | Rev Timothy Ki | Rev Timothy Ki | LORD'S DAY DUTIES |
| <i>Message</i> | Rejection of Jesus | The Fourth Commandment | TODAY: 08/05/2011 |
| <i>Text</i> | Matthew 11:1-19 | Exodus 20:8-11 | Chairman: Jonathan Organist: Anthony Pianist: Joy Ushers: Daniel / Yetta Sunday School: Jonathan / Joy Lunch: Mrs Ki Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: John |
| NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS | | | <u>NEXT WEEK: 15/05/2011</u> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Pre-Lunch Bible Study: Eld Chew will be leading the pre-lunch study on "The sale of the vineyard - 1 Kings 21:1-16". • 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, Deborah Sherwood, Jonathan. • Pray for those who are/will be on travel: Barbara, Sharon & Tobias, Daniel & Lorena. • Lord's Supper: We will be observing the Lord's Supper next week. Please come with hearts prepared. • Church 15th Anniversary: Sunday 22nd May 2011. | | | Chairman: John Organist: Anthony Pianist: Joy Ushers: Jonathan / Yetta Sunday School: Jonathan / Joy Lunch: Maureen Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Lee-Wei |
| Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £1419.50, Lunch: £82.83 Attendance - Morning: 33 (A) 3 (C), Evening: 19 (A) | | | MEMORY VERSE |
| SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 71 | | | Next Week <i>"But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;."</i> 2 Timothy 3:14 |
| Q: What is required in the Seventh Commandment? A: <i>The Seventh Commandment requireth the preservation of our own and our neighbour's <u>chastity</u>, in heart, speech, and behaviour.</i> Proofs: 2 Timothy 2:22; Ephesians 5:11-12 | | | |

Psalm 1

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.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.