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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 09 JANUARY 2011

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Prelude

Call to Worship

Isaiah 56:1-7

Psalm 63:1-4

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 85 – “O Day of Rest and Gladness”

RHC 197 – “All Glory, Laud and Honor”

*Opening Prayer **

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 53

Genesis 18

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 53
(to the tune of Arlington, RHC 83)

RHC 375 – “Speak, Lord, in the Stillness”

Announcements & Memory Verse

Jonathan Kim

Jonathan Kim

*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 532 – “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Scriptural Text

Matthew 8:28-34

Genesis 19

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Timothy Ki

Rev Timothy Ki

Sermon Message

Jesus, the Liberator

Ethical Faith

Lord’s Supper

Rev Timothy Ki

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 182 – “Lead Me to Calvary”

RHC 372 – “More Holiness Give Me”

*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 9

Though Manasseh was one of the most evil kings in the history of Israel, when he humbled himself and prayed to the Lord in affliction, his prayers were answered. The Lord used affliction or His divine judgment as a means to correct Manasseh. Then, we must know that not all afflictions are bad. If God answered Manasseh's prayers, how much more He must be interested in our prayers. I wonder whether we have not received because we have not asked (cf. James 4:2b). Manasseh's prayer must be a good challenge to all of us to pray.

Thirteenth, even pagans expect that prayer must be offered for their sake. Ezra 6:10, "That they may offer sacrifices of sweet savours unto the God of heaven, and pray for the life of the king, and of his sons." When the remnants of Israel returned to their homeland, they were given permission by King Cyrus to rebuild the temple. However, the discouraged Israelites due to opposition and affliction in the land stopped rebuilding for a while. God's prophets Haggai and Zechariah challenged and encouraged them to resume work. King Darius issued a decree to allow them to continue building (Ezra 6). He decreed the priests to resume their duties, including sacrificing to the Lord and praying for the king and his sons. The pagan king knew the importance and value of prayer. Prayer is not a spiritual exercise for only Christians. In fact, prayer has been commonly practiced by people who want to be connected to a god or spirit. It has been practiced by individuals or communities. It has taken various forms including certain rituals, hymn songs, or spontaneous utterances. I have seen people praying in various places like fields, on rocks, in mountains, in private prayer rooms, or even on planes. I have seen various groups from Christians to witch doctors praying. It reminds me of three simple but important truths about prayer and praying people. (1) Man has an innate sense of his dependence on higher beings. Thus, prayer is not an outcome of religious teachings. We do not pray because we have learnt to pray. Instead, we may say that prayer is almost like a spontaneous response within us to certain conditions or situations. (2) Man's desire to pray is an indication that man is a spiritual being. (3) Man does not believe in his self-sufficiency. The idea of man's self-sufficiency is a product of secular and humanistic education. Suppose that we leave people alone without any influences. Then, see whether they will make any spiritual pursuit or not. We know that every tribe and every civilization has had its religious and spiritual practices. Some people may say that being spiritual or religious is an outcome of brain washing by religious groups. Some people say Christians are bad influences to the minds of people. Thus, some psychologists and psychotherapists say the Christian faith is evil. Even before Abraham was called by God in Genesis 12, his ancestors were already idol worshippers. There was no time when man felt his sufficiency without God. King Darius, though he was a conquering king, asked the remnants in Israel to pray for him and his sons. This must be an encouragement for us to pray even more. After all, we are serving the God of the Bible, the true and unique God. If pagans pray to their unknown gods or goddesses, the products of their minds, why do we not pray to God who has revealed Himself to his people more fervently?

Fourteenth, when the children of God suffered, the godly prayed. Nehemiah prayed for his countrymen. Nehemiah 1:4, "And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned *certain* days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven." Having heard from Hanani and others about Jerusalem and the people in Israel, Nehemiah prayed. (1) There were a few things accompanying his prayers. He wept, mourned and fasted. His prayer with mourning continued for a few days. Nehemiah 1:5 says, "And said, I beseech thee, O LORD God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments." (2) He prayed to the Lord who kept covenants.

(3) When Nehemiah prayed, he demonstrated his personal and inner relationship with the Lord. He mentioned that God preserves the ones who loves Him and observes His commandments. Then, he said in verse 6, "Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: both I and my father's house have sinned." (4) He prayed day and night. (5) He prayed for the children of Israel. (6) He confessed their sins. Nehemiah had a good job and comforts in a foreign land, but he did not forget his suffering people in Israel. This must give us at least two lessons: (a) We ought to remember our fellow believers in pain and suffering. Their suffering may be both physical and spiritual. They may be hungry or persecuted. (b) We ought to be loyal and patriotic citizens of our countries. We should pray for our countries and their leaders. When there is no reliable government, the whole nation suffers. We have seen it in so many places. Some countries do not have strong governments, while some countries have strong but corrupt governments. Whatever the case is, when there is not an honest and efficient government, people suffer. Thus, we need to pray for our governments. (7) He identified himself with the suffering people in his homeland through his prayer. I do not want to close this paragraph without making an application for every one of us. If what I have said is correct, then we need to ask a question: are we praying for fellow believers in suffering? What have we done for them?

Fifteenth, prayer is for holy causes. Nehemiah 1:11, "O Lord, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who desire to fear thy name: and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. For I was the king's cupbearer." Some people misunderstand that prayer is a means to meet an end, whatever the end may be. Let me suppose that a thief prays for his successful business tonight, a gambler for prosperous gambling, and a heavy drinker for good health. It is an honor to pray to God. However, if we know that our prayers are to be heard by God, who is holy and righteous, we also need to know that our prayers must be offered in a holy and righteous manner. When Nehemiah prayed, he called himself God's servant, and also he was one of the people who desired to fear the name of the Lord. As for such people, Nehemiah prayed to the Lord to prosper them. In his prayer, Nehemiah's thoughts were very clear and specific. He wanted to see his king and talk to him about his desire for the king. However, making this request was precarious as an officer before the king. Thus, he asked the Lord for His mercy on him so that his king might show him special favor. Nehemiah did not risk his life for his own profit, but for the benefit of his own people. It was a holy cause. We do not pray for evil and wicked gains. Prayer is not made to the holy God in order to fulfill our evil purposes. Thus praying people ought to examine themselves too. It is no wonder that the praying ones are also the godly and spiritual ones.

Sixteenth, we pray for any moment as needs arise. Nehemiah 2:4, "Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven." As Nehemiah prayed, the Lord gave him an opportunity to speak to the king. The king saw his sad and sorrowful face in 2:2 and asked him a reason why, which opened a door of opportunity for Nehemiah to speak to the king of his wishes. He was supposed to give a best and precise answer on the spot in the presence of the king. Nehemiah did not hesitate to give his answers, but in that very critical moment he did not forget to pray. Probably, he was able to make such spontaneous and silent prayer on that very moment because prayer was constant and it was his custom to pray for everything.

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 14 January	No YAF meeting		We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Alan & Naomi Blaney, The Tan Family, The Chung Family, Bernardita Contesse and Francisco Molina to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Sat 15 January	4:00pm	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study	
<i>Next Lord's Day</i>	<i>Morning Service</i>	<i>Evening Service</i>	
<i>Preacher</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki	
<i>Message</i>	Jesus, the Forgiver	Isaac & Jacob	
<i>Text</i>	Matthew 9:1-8	Genesis 28:10-22 & 32	
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday Prayer Meeting & Bible Study: Come and join us to pray and to study God's Word • Sunday Pre-Lunch Bible Study: Today, Daniel Ki will conclude his short talk on "<i>Creation / Evolution</i>". • Remember to pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Eld Ford, Lydia, Margaret, May, Tobias, Brian (operation on 11/1) • Remember to pray for those who are/will be travelling: Lee Wei, Angeline and Daniel (S'pore) • Thank God for Journey Mercies: Yetta (S. Africa), Joy (S'pore), Brian (M'sia), Pastor Ki & family (Paris) • Basic Bible Knowledge: Starting from this Sunday, Pastor Ki will be leading a BBK course. Please see Pastor Ki if you are interested to attend 			Today: 09/01/2011
			Chairman: Jonathan Organist: Anthony Pianist: Anthony Ushers: Joey / Daniel Sunday School: Jonathan Lunch: Mrs Ki Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Brian / Joshua
			Next Week: 16/01/2011
			Chairman: Joey Organist: Anthony Pianist: Joy Ushers: Daniel / Yetta Sunday School: Jonathan / Joy Lunch: Maureen Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: John / Joshua
			Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £991.17, Lunch: £40.00
Attendance - Morning: 42 (A) 3 (C), Evening: 16 (A), 2 (C)			
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 54			MEMORY VERSE
Q: What is required in the Third Commandment? <i>A: The Third Commandment requireth the holy and reverent use of God's name, titles, attributes, ordinances, Word, and works.</i> <u>Comments:</u> The Third Commandment bids us use in very reverent manner – 1. God's names, such as <i>the Lord</i> ; 2. His titles, such as <i>King of Kings</i> ; 3. His attributes, such as <i>holiness</i> ; 4. His ordinances, such as <i>prayer</i> ; 5. His Word, or <i>the Bible</i> ; 6. His works, such as <i>man</i> . <u>Proofs:</u> Psalm 29:2, Ecclesiastes 5:1, Job 36:24			Last 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 This Week <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> Romans 8:30 Next Week <i>"What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?"</i> Romans 8:31