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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 100

Psalm 106:1-3

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 27 – “Now Thank We All
Our God”

RHC 5 – “Command Thy
Blessing From Above”

*Opening Prayer **

Eld George Chew

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 74

Psalm 16

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 74 verses 1-2, 10-12
(to the tune of Lloyd, RHC 563)

RHC 321 – “He Hideth My
Soul”

*Announcements &
Memory Verse*

Eld George Chew

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*Tithes & Offerings &
Doxology **

RHC 403 – “Count Your
Blessings”

Scriptural Text

1 Samuel 1:1-28

Ruth 1:1-22

Pastoral Prayer

Mr Charles Scott-Pearson

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Sermon Message

Turning Adversity into Victory

Call me Mara

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 441 – “Faith Is the
Victory”

RHC 311 – “Does Jesus
Care?”

*Benediction / 3-Fold
Amen **

Mr Charles Scott-Pearson

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Postlude

The Lord Bless You

Lord Dismiss Us (stanzas 1 & 4)

* 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

ADMONITIONS FROM THE LAST WORDS OF JUDE

Pastor Jack Sin
Maranatha Messenger, 3rd April 2011

Introduction

Jude, the brother of James and Jesus, our Lord (Matt 13:55; Mark 6:3), writes to warn and stimulate believers to heightened spiritual vigilance against spiritual tricksters, false teachers and heretical workers abounding in the first century. This letter would possibly be written about AD 65–68 (before the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70). The letter addressed **the dangers of apostasy and immorality and sought to correct that trend with great warning and challenge (vv. 3–4)**. This important warning ministry is sadly lacking today in many churches.

Jude's last words are relevant for such a time as this, in the 21st century. **We are facing calamities, pestilence and growing ecumenical compromise and apostasy as we approach the end times.** The cultic and occultic influences are advancing with diabolical progress and prowess. Sometime ago, I heard over 93.8 FM (radio channel in Singapore) a trained psychologist was teaching hearers how to go into a light trance and regain the lost consciousness and the power within us through visualisation and meditation. New Agers believe that we are supposed to have "positive energy and cosmic power within us" to be harnessed. Crystals and some fengshui objects too are supposed to help with "corporate success and good luck." Also in these days, we hear of the charismatics encouraging active "spiritual warfare" by engaging the enemy with prayer walks, casting out of devils, and other ostentatious shows of so-called power healing leading to the belief of the physical restoration by some by the partaking the Lord's Supper. This is unbiblical, unsound and has no scriptural basis at all. Beware of this we have to humble ourselves before God. But we read in Jude 8–10, *'Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities. Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee. But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.'*

The archangel Michael did not have a big one-to-one angelic fight with Satan, but said, "The Lord rebuke thee." This is a great difference from the arrogant and aggressive self-centred liberal and charismatic leaders' approach to spiritual warfare today that is different from a biblical approach.

Negative examples of Cain and Balaam were given by Jude in verses 11, 12, to depict the wrong and apostates of the Old Testament. Jude warns of "mockers in the last time" in verse 18, who have not the Spirit of God. There will be sceptical and cynical people who will laugh and decry the Christian faith and cast doubt on the word and work of God. But as Bible-believing and defending Christians, we are not to be discouraged. Faith in Christ, vigilance and diligence are to be our attitude and spirit in these days.

There are a few salient pointers for us to take note of below:

1. Build Up Ourselves in the Most Holy Faith

In verse 20, we are advised to **build ourselves up in the most holy faith**. To do that would require a profound and practical knowledge of Scriptures. The safeguard against apostasy is to know the truth and know it well to defend it. Ignorance means vulnerability and weakness. Today many churches are suffering from biblical illiteracy. Hosea 4:6 says, *'My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.'* There is superficial understanding of the Word and this has rendered us vulnerable to the wiles and attacks of the evil one. The liberal and charismatic movement have easily misled many because of this. Our Lord quoted from the Old Testament three times during the 40 days of wilderness temptation to ward off the evil one (Matt 4). We can become easy prey to Satan's ploy if we are ignorant of God's word.

2. Praying in the Holy Spirit

Paul says in Ephesians 6:18, *“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.”* **Prayer is battle, not prattle.** It is requisite spiritual exercise everyday. It is sustained by the Holy Spirit, not by us, and it is to be an important aspect of godly living. Daniel, David and others are good prayer warriors. Consider Ephraim in Colossians 4:12, *“Ephraim, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.”* **A prayerless Christian is a powerless one.** Remember to begin and end the day by seeking the Lord in prayer. 2 Corinthians 1:11 says, *‘Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.’*

3. Keep yourselves in the love of God

Here the word “keep” is to guard or watch or ensure that we continue in the love of God and not of men or the world. 2 Timothy 4:10 says, *“For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.”* This is the sad commentary on one who has forsaken God for the world. It has happened to many backsliding Christians. We need to watch vigilantly against worldliness and temptation and the seduction of Satan. Achan fell for it, so did Ananias and Sapphira, and Elisha’s servant, Gehazi, who was covetous and they all suffered the consequences of their sins. 1 Timothy 6:6, 10 says, *‘But godliness with contentment is great gain... For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.’*

4. Looking for the mercy of our Lord

Christian ought to have a sense of expectancy and preparedness for the second coming of Christ. It is a yearning to meet the Lord and be ready all the time. It is a constant mindset that we should have all the time. Paul and Peter speak of Christ coming suddenly as a thief in the night or as a woman caught in travail. As stewards, we must live for eternity and be ready to meet our Lord any moment. Get on our knees and pull up our socks, and pray and **work patiently and diligently until the Master comes back for us one day.** Titus 2:13 says, *“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.”* The coming of Christ is sooner than we imagine. **Keep looking up and working, watching, waiting, worshipping and witnessing at the same time** (Tit 2:13-15).

5. Others save with fear (and Compassion)

The Great Commission is not to be neglected or ignored. We are to show genuine love and compassion to all men including those who have not heard the gospel of salvation. We are to be careful not to be influenced by the indifference of the world, but be willing to share effectively the message to the saving of souls according to God’s own time and will. Today many are sluggish and indifferent to gospel witness, discipleship and evangelism. **Have we burden for the lost or have we lost the burden?** Paul says in Acts 5:20, *‘Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.’*

Paul, in Romans 1:16, says, *“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”* Paul said, *“woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!”* (1 Cor 9:16). When was the last time you gave out a tract or invite someone to YAF, Bible Study or Sabbath Service? Are you a good steward of the gospel of Christ? Do not let the Great Commission be your Great Omission this year. Do it today before it is too late for a friend or a relative prayerfully invite them to hear God’s word and to seek the Lord before it is too late.

Conclusion

Finally, Jude gave the benediction and pronounced blessings upon God’s people and that is why we do at the church every Sunday at the end of the service. Let us reflect on and remember these vital admonitions for believers today.

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 17 June	No Young Adults Fellowship		We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day, and to Mr Charles Scott-Pearson who will minister God's Word today. We like to welcome Tim Flinn to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Sat 18 June	4:00pm	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study Study on "Who is Jesus?"	
<i>Next Lord's Day</i>	<i>Morning Service</i>	<i>Evening Service</i>	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Rev Brian Green	Rev Brian Green	TODAY: 12/06/2011
Message	TBC	TBC	Chairman: Eld Chew Organist: Joy Pianist: Daniel Ushers: Yetta / Jonathan Sunday School: Joy Lunch: Constance Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Brian
Text	TBC	TBC	NEXT WEEK: 19/06/2011
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			Chairman: Eld Chew Organist: Joy Pianist: Daniel Ushers: Yetta / Jonathan Sunday School: Joy Lunch: Constance Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Brian
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Sunday Pre-Lunch Bible Study Today. • Basic Bible Knowledge: There will be no BBK course this week. • Saturday Prayer Meeting & Bible Study: Eld Chew will be leading a study next week on "Who is Jesus? A Biblical Perspective." • Pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Eld Ford, Lydia, Margaret, May Chew, Brian, Mrs Ki, Constance, Deborah Sherwood, Jonathan's Father. • Pray for those who are/will be on travel: Margret, John, Sharon & Tobias, Pastor & Mrs Ki, Daniel & Maureen, Anthony & Helen, Lee-Wei, Jia Yun, Alan & Naomi. • Pray for those seeking employment: Evelyn • Pray for those currently having exams: Matthew • Metropolitan Tabernacle School of Theology: 5th-7th July 2011, Theme: Personal Ministry & Church Leadership. 			MEMORY VERSE
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £937.20, Lunch: £44.01 Attendance - Morning: 24 (A) 2 (C), Evening: 17 (A)			Last Week
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 76			<i>"He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake."</i> Psalm 23:3
Q: Which is the Ninth Commandment? A: The Ninth Commandment is, THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST THY NEIGHBOUR. <u>Proofs:</u> Exodus 20:16			This Week
			<i>"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."</i> Psalm 23:4
			Next Week
			<i>"Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies : thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over."</i> Psalm 23:5