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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 15 MAY 2011

ORDER OF WORSHIP

	<i>Morning Service – 11am</i>	<i>Evening Service – 4pm</i>
	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>	
<i>Prelude</i>		
<i>Call to Worship</i>	Psalm 95:6-7a	Psalm 30:1-4
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 2 – “O Worship the King”	RHC 86 – “Safely Through Another Week”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 70	Psalm 92
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 70 second version</i> (to the tune of St Anne, RHC 21)	RHC 81 – “Lord of the Sabbath”
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 384 – “My Jesus I Love Thee”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Matthew 11:1-19	Exodus 20:8-11
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Rejection of Jesus</i>	<i>The Fourth Commandment</i>
<i>Lord’s Supper</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	---
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 173 – “There Is A Fountain”	RHC 80 – “The Day Thou Gavest, Lord”
<i>Benediction / 3-Fold Amen *</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Postlude</i>	<i>The Lord Bless You</i>	<i>RHC 13 (stanzas 1 & 4)</i>
* 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 24

We have been studying passages in relation to our prayers for fellow believers. Now we are going to turn our attention to ourselves. Though I have not checked every instance of biblical prayer, it must not be too much to say that the majority of prayers in the Bible are for the people praying. How or what should we pray for us? One of the most outstanding prayers for self is found in 1 Chronicles 4:10, "And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested." Such examples are numerous. Psalm 106:4-5, "Remember me, O LORD, with the favour *that thou bearest unto thy people*: O visit me with thy salvation; ⁵ That I may see the good of thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation, that I may glory with thine inheritance." Hebrews 5:7, "Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared."

First, we pray for our physical needs. I want to be careful beginning with praying for our physical needs. It is because there are two extreme positions people take concerning prayers for physical needs. On one hand, there are people praying for never-ending prosperity. On the other hand, there are people refusing to pray for physical needs because of their pietistic attitude. However, we must not neglect our physical needs, and the Lord also knows that we have physical needs. The believers of Jesus are not super-humans. Jesus taught His disciples to pray in Matthew 6:11, "Give us this day our daily bread." (1) Shorter Catechism question 104 asks, "What do we pray for in the fourth petition?" Its answer is "In the fourth petition (which is, *Give us this day our daily bread*) we pray, That of God's free gift we may receive a competent portion of the good things of this life, and enjoy his blessing with them." The two supporting verses are Proverbs 30:8, "Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me"; 1 Timothy 4:4-5, "For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer," and Proverbs 10:22, "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it." (2) Thomas Watson aptly explains prayer for physical needs in his book, *Body of Divinity*, "The second thing in the petition is, the matter of it. 'Give us this day our daily bread.' The sum of this petition is, that God gives outward things as he sees most excellent for us. It is much like that prayer of Augur, 'Feed me with food convenient for me;' give me a viaticum, a bait by the way, enough to bear my charges till I come to heaven, and it suffices. Proverbs 30: 8. Let me explain the words, 'Give us this day our daily bread.' The good things in this life are the gifts of God; he is the donor of all our blessings. 'Give us.' Not faith only, but food is the gift of God; not daily grace only is from God, but 'daily bread;' every good thing comes from God. 'Every good gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights.' James 1: 17. Wisdom is the gift of God. 'His God does instruct him to discretion.' Isaiah 28: 26. Riches are the gift of God. 'I will give thee riches.' 2 Chronicles 1: 12. Peace is the gift of God. 'He maketh peace in thy borders.' Psalm 147: 14. Health, which is the cream of life, is the gift of God. 'I will restore health unto thee.' Jeremiah 30: 17. Rain is the gift of God. 'Who giveth rain upon the earth.' Job 5: 10. All comes from God; he makes the corn to grow, and the herbs to flourish" It is clear that God is pleased with prayers for our genuine physical needs.

Second, we pray for physical healing. As the previous point was about our material needs, this point is about our physical healing. Illness and sickness are a part of life. The Lord knows our physical infirmities, and He healed many sick ones during His earthly ministry.

The Bible does not promise that all the sick will be healed. In fact, Paul, who was able to heal others, was not able to receive healing from his physical illness. Some of his associates suffered with illnesses. A few good examples are Epaphroditus and Timothy. However, it is God's will for us to pray for the sick. If we are sick, we are privileged to pray for healing. James 5:14, "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord." Matthew 8:2-3, "And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. ³ And Jesus put forth *his* hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed." Hezekiah prayed for healing in Isaiah 38:1-5, "In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came unto him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die, and not live. ² Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, ³ And said, Remember now, O LORD, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done *that which is* good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore. ⁴ Then came the word of the LORD to Isaiah, saying, ⁵ Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years."

Third, we pray for the Lord's guidance. Life is uncertain, at least, from man's point of view. There are many blurry moments in which we are confused, and we want to know what the will of the Lord is in such moments. Psalm 27:11, "Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies." Psalm 31:3, "For thou *art* my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me." Jeremiah 33:3, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."

Fourth, we pray for wisdom. *Noah Webster's 1828 English Dictionary* defines wisdom as "The right use or exercise of knowledge; the choice of laudable ends, and of the best means to accomplish them. This is wisdom in act, effect, or practice. If wisdom is to be considered as a faculty of the mind, it is the faculty of discerning or judging what is most just, proper and useful, and if it is to be considered as an acquirement, it is the knowledge and use of what is best, most just, most proper, most conducive to prosperity or happiness. Wisdom in the first sense, or practical wisdom, is nearly synonymous with discretion. It differs somewhat from prudence, in this respect; prudence is the exercise of sound judgment in avoiding evils; wisdom is the exercise of sound judgment either in avoiding evils or attempting good. Prudence then is a species, of which wisdom is the genus." This definition shows us the importance of wisdom. Knowledge alone will not make us wise. The Scripture tells us that we ought to pray for wisdom. James 1:5, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." Probably, the most famous prayer for wisdom is in 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12, "In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee. . . . ⁷ And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I *am but* a little child: I know not *how* to go out or come in. ⁸ And thy servant *is* in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude. ⁹ Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people? ¹⁰ And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. ¹¹ And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment; ¹² Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee."

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 20 May	7:30pm	Young Adults Fellowship Bible Study on Philippians	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day.	
Sat 21 May	4:00pm	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study Study on Shorter Catechism		
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES	
Preacher	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki	<u>TODAY: 15/05/2011</u>	
Message	Biblical Church	The Fourth Commandment	Chairman:	John
Text	1 Corinthians 2:1-5	Exodus 20:8-11	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, Deborah Sherwood, Jonathan's Father. • Pray for those who are/will be on travel: Barbara, Sharon & Tobias, Daniel & Lorena, Jonathan. • Church 15th Anniversary: Sunday 22nd May 2011. 			Ushers:	Jonathan / Yetta
			Sunday School:	Joy
			Lunch:	Maureen
			Washing Up:	Volunteers
			PA Crew:	Lee-Wei
			<u>NEXT WEEK: 22/05/2011</u>	
			Chairman:	John
			Organist:	Anthony
			Pianist:	Daniel
			Ushers:	Daniel / Constance
			Sunday School:	Joy
			Lunch:	Mrs Ki
			Washing Up:	Volunteers
			PA Crew:	Brian
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £823.95, Lunch: £62.40			MEMORY VERSE	
Attendance - Morning: 27 (A) 2 (C), Evening: 20 (A)			Last Week	
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 72			<i>"For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish."</i>	
<p>Q: What is forbidden in the Seventh Commandment?</p> <p><i>A: The Seventh Commandment forbiddeth <u>all unchaste thoughts, words, and actions.</u></i></p> <p><u>Comment:</u></p> <p>This commandment respects <i>purity</i>. It commands us to be pure in thought, word and deed. It forbids all unchastity and immodesty. It acknowledges God as the owner of the body as well as of the soul, and the right he has to command that both of them should be kept pure and holy for himself.</p> <p><u>Proofs:</u></p> <p>Matthew 5:28, Ephesians 5:4</p>			Psalm 1:6	
			This 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	
			Next Week	
<i>"The LORD is my shepherd ; I shall not want."</i>				
Psalm 23:1				