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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 16 JANUARY 2011

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-3

Psalm 100

Opening Hymn *

RHC 217 – *"Rejoice - the Lord Is King!"*

RHC 399 – *"I Am Thine, O Lord"*

Opening Prayer *

Joey Seow

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Gloria Patri *

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 54

Genesis 28:10-22

Second Hymn *

Psalm 54
(to the tune of Vox Dilecti, RHC 298)

RHC 348 – *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*

Announcements & Memory Verse

Joey Seow

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Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *

RHC 403 – *"Count Your Blessings"*

Scriptural Text

Matthew 9:1-8

Genesis 32

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Timothy Ki

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Sermon Message

Jesus, the Forgiver

Isaac & Jacob

Closing Hymn *

RHC 286 – *"O Happy Day!"*

RHC 307 – *"Amazing Grace"*

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 10

We studied Nehemiah's instant prayer when his king asked him about his requests. He could not spend too much time in prayer because he could not delay his answer to the king. It indicates that (1) he must have thought of his requests for a while. His answer was not a thoughtless and instant answer, though he had to answer within a short amount of time. It means that he had been thinking and praying about the needs for a while, and the Lord gave him an opportunity to let the king know of his wishes. (2) As for Nehemiah, it was his customary and godly habit to commit everything to God. Even before the throne of his king, he did not skip prayer. It demonstrates his total dependence on God's help in every moment.

Seventeenth, prayer does not exclude human responsibility. Nehemiah 4:9, "Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them." When Nehemiah returned to his homeland, living conditions in the cities were very bad. Jerusalem was not different. The city walls were broken down, and there was no security provided for the inhabitants of the city. Besides, there were enemies of the Jews who were not happy to receive Nehemiah. They knew that he came to help the Jews. Nehemiah surveyed the city in secret at night. The verse says that Nehemiah and his company prayed together. They then set a watch against the enemies who wanted to thwart the plan to rebuild the city of Jerusalem. For sure, Nehemiah and his people prayed. However, we must not forget about a very important action they did. They watched day and night. It means that he did not neglect the duty of man. Prayer is important, but we must work together with prayer. Prayer is both a means and instrument God uses for our benefits. Through prayer, we find the will of God and His path. This point is very well illustrated in 2:12, which says, "And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me; neither told I *any* man what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem: neither *was there any* beast with me, save the beast that I rode upon." God had laid some burdens in Nehemiah's heart. These burdens were related to the rebuilding of the city of Jerusalem. Instead of rebuilding the city by using His supernatural power miraculously, God moved a man, Nehemiah, by burdening his heart. This is often the way God works through our prayers. With that burden, Nehemiah surveyed the city and made a plan by setting up guards to watch for threats from the enemies. Prayer did not remove all potential threats from enemies. Instead, prayer led Nehemiah to be wise enough to continue work while running a security system. It shows us that prayer warriors also have to be faithful servants of the Lord.

Eighteenth, prayer is also a way to give thanks to the Lord. Nehemiah 11:17, "And Mattaniah the son of Micha, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, *was* the principal to begin the thanksgiving in prayer: and Bakbukiah the second among his brethren, and Abda the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun." Nehemiah 11 is a chapter about the resettlement of the people in Jerusalem. Though the city was rebuilt, if there were no citizens to live in it, it would not be a proper city. Verse 2 says, "And the people blessed all the men, that willingly offered themselves to dwell at Jerusalem." In the process of resettlement, people prayed to the Lord with thanksgiving. There are a couple of things about prayer we may need to learn. (1) Prayer is like spiritual glue to bind same minded people in the Lord. The prayer in verse 17 was not just an individual's prayer but an example of corporate prayer. With prayer, the people bonded. (2) Prayer is an expression of our hearts to God. Through prayer we express our thoughts and feelings. For the people in Nehemiah 11, it was thanksgiving they wanted to express to the Lord. How can we give thanks to the Lord? We pray.

Nineteenth, prayer is for us. The proud and wicked say as in Job 21:15, “What *is* the Almighty, that we should serve him? and what profit should we have, if we pray unto him?” But, we must know that prayer is not for God. He does not need our prayers. Instead, prayer is a privilege given to the Lord’s people for their benefit. In fact, Hebrews 4:16 expresses this thought beautifully, “Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.” Prayer is also a means God has provided to His people in order for them to meet their needs.

Twentieth, prayer can be made on behalf of other people. Job 42:8, “Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you: for him will I accept: lest I deal with you *after your folly*, in that ye have not spoken of me *the thing which is right*, like my servant Job.” It is necessary to analyze the background of this teaching a bit. (1) Job’s three friends falsely accused Job about the reasons for his suffering. (2) In the meanwhile, they tried to tell Job that the God they knew could not but punish him with such severity because of his sins. In their accusations, they exposed their theologies. (3) God was very displeased with them because of their wrong thoughts about Him. (4) When God revealed Himself, He made it clear that He would not accept their follies. However, He was willing to forgive them with one condition. (5) They would bring their offerings to Job, and he would offer them for his friends and pray for them. Then, God would forgive them. That’s what Job did and God forgave them. It is worthy of our notice that the three friends were not punished for their wrongs but gently rebuked and encouraged to rectify the problem by asking Job to offer their sacrifices and to pray for them. In this way, God corrected them and restored Job to be respected by them. God used prayer for both purposes.

Twenty-first, prayer is to call upon the Lord. Psalm 4:1, “Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me *when I was* in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer” (cf. 39:12; 42:8; 54:2; 55:1; 61:1; 65:2). (1) David says that prayer is a calling. The called is none other than God Himself. David calls God the God of his righteousness. Psalm 5:2 may be a good supplement to the verse, which says, “Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray” (cf. 86:6). (a) David says his prayer is the voice of his cry. (b) David calls God his king and his God. (c) The word for *cry* in this verse refers to a cry for help. (2) David also requests the Lord to hear him. The word for *hear* in this verse means to answer. Thus, God’s answer is expected. (3) David remembers God’s past grace in his prayer. God enlarged him when he was in distress. It means that God gave him relief in times of trouble. (4) David prays for God’s mercy.

Twenty-second, prayer is made with an earnest heart. Psalm 5:3, “My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct *my prayer* unto thee, and will look up.” (cf. 66:19, 20; 69:13). David mentions the timing of his prayer, *morning*, twice in this verse. It may mean both morning as a time and sign of earnestness. Psalm 55:17 complements 5:3 by saying, “Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.” Our prayer is not limited to any time frame. We are to pray without ceasing. We need to pray earnestly and diligently. Earnest prayer is also expressed by the way that David prayed. He cried aloud.

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 21 January	No YAF meeting		We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Maria Conceição to our worship services last Lord's Day.		
Sat 22 January	4:00pm	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study			
<i>Next Lord's Day</i>	<i>Morning Service</i>	<i>Evening Service</i>			
Preacher	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki	LORD'S DAY DUTIES		
Message	Matthew Called	Joseph			
Text	Matthew 9:9-13	Genesis 45			
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			Today: 16/01/2011		
<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, Pastor Ki will continue on the series of studies based on "The Doctrine of Church." • Remember to pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Eld Ford, Lydia, Margaret, May, Tobias, Brian • Remember to pray for those who are/will be travelling: Samuel (S'pore) • Thank God for Journey Mercies: Daniel, Angeline (UK to S'pore), Lee-Wei (S'pore to UK) • Basic Bible Knowledge: Each Sunday Pastor Ki will be leading a BBK course after lunch. Please see Pastor Ki if you are interested in attending. 			Chairman: Joey Organist: Anthony Pianist: Joy Ushers: Daniel / Yetta Sunday School: Jonathan / Joy Lunch: Maureen Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: John / Joshua		
			Next Week: 23/01/2011		
			Chairman: Jonathan Organist: Anthony Pianist: Joy Ushers: Daniel / Joey Sunday School: Jonathan / Joy Lunch: Constance Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Lee-Wei / Joshua		
			MEMORY VERSE		
			Last 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					
This Week					
<i>"What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?"</i>					
Romans 8:31					
Next Week					
<i>"He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?"</i>					
Romans 8:32					
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £1867.60, Lunch: £70.00 Attendance - Morning: 34 (A) 4 (C), Evening: 23 (A) 2 (C)					
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 55					
Q: What is forbidden in the Third Commandment? <i>A: The Third Commandment forbiddeth all <u>profaning</u> or <u>abusing</u> of anything whereby God maketh himself known.</i> Comments: The Third Commandment forbids us to use irreverently or wrongly any of the names or things which more especially express and declare God. Everything connected with <i>him</i> should be sacred. Proofs: Matthew 5:34-35					