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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 23 JANUARY 2011

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 111

Psalm 91:1-2, 14-16

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 24 – “Praise to the Lord,
The Almighty”

RHC 101 – “Leaning on the
Everlasting Arms”

*Opening Prayer **

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 55

Ezekiel 34

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 55 verses 1-6, 16-18, 21-22
(to the tune of Carol, RHC 154)

RHC 354 – “God Leads Us
Along”

*Announcements &
Memory Verse*

Jonathan Kim

Jonathan Kim

*Tithes & Offerings &
Doxology **

RHC 390 – “Something for
Thee”

Scriptural Text

Matthew 9:9-17

Genesis 45:1-8

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Timothy Ki

Rev Timothy Ki

Sermon Message

Matthew Called

Joseph

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 407 – “Jesus Calls Us”

RHC 327 – “All Things Work
Out for Good”

*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 11

Last week we studied David's prayer. He prayed three times a day, and I assume that was his regular prayer routine. However, his prayers could not have been limited to just three times a day. Prayer is a constant communion with the Lord, and we talk to Him at anytime, both in silence and with loud voices. Children have the privilege of access to their parents to talk and fellowship.

Twenty-third, prayer is to let God hear our needs. I do not mean to encourage you to become need-based Christians. In fact, I have been discouraged to see many professing Christians who have never outgrown their need-based level of spiritual infancy. They think they love God because their needs have been met. When there are in need in particular situations, they cry and agonize before the Lord, but when everything goes well everything stops there. Their fellowship with the Lord stops at the door of needs. They measure their faith or relationship with the Lord by their needs levels. I am quite disheartened by seeing their immaturity and superstitious forms of faith. They really do not understand what a personal relationship with the Lord means. Having said that, God knows our infirmities and weaknesses, and He also knows our needs. We are weak and imperfect beings. God knows that we have needs. He gives us opportunities and privileges to let our needs known to Him with prayers. (1) When we are sick, we pray. Psalm 35:13, "But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom." In this verse, David talks about his prayers for his friends' illnesses. It is an honorable act of faith for us to pray for our sick friends. Of course, when we are sick, we pray for ourselves too. Prayer is also made with fasting. Before I move to the next point, I'd like to make a few points about biblical fasting. (a) It is not too much to say that fasting is not an unusual practice done by some unusual people. It appears that fasting is one of many expected disciplines. We know that Moses fasted, and Jesus fasted too. John's disciples fasted, and even the disciples of the Pharisees fasted. Jesus indicated that His disciples would fast after He departed (Matthew 9:14-17). David says in Psalm 109:24, "My knees are weak through fasting; and my flesh faileth of fatness." The Lord said in Jeremiah 36:6, "Therefore go thou, and read in the roll, which thou hast written from my mouth, the words of the LORD in the ears of the people in the LORD'S house upon the fasting day: and also thou shalt read them in the ears of all Judah that come out of their cities." 1 Corinthians 7:5, "Defraud ye not one the other, except *it be* with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency." (b) Fasting is a way to humble ourselves before God. Psalm 35:13 is an example. (c) Fasting is another way to express repentance. Nehemiah 9:1, "Now in the twenty and fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sackclothes, and earth upon them." Joel 2:12, "Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye *even* to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning." (d) The combination of fasting and prayer often indicates desperation of the people of God in times of troubles. Esther 4:3, "And in every province, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, *there was* great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes." The Jews were in danger of losing their lives. They prayed, wept, and fasted. David says in Psalm 69:10, "When I wept, *and chastened* my soul with fasting, that was to my reproach." (e) When God's people seek the face of God seriously, they fast. Daniel 9:3, "And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes." (f) Fasting and prayer are two important means God uses for us to experience His power. Matthew 17:21, "Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting" (cf. Mark 9:29). Acts 10:30, "And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing."

(g) When church office bearers are appointed and ordained, God's people need to fast and pray for them. Acts 14:23, "And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed." The appointment of church workers or office bearers is not a light matter. They must meet biblical qualifications, and the church needs to commit them to the Lord with prayer and fasting.

(2) When we are in afflictions, dangers or fear, we need to pray. (a) David prays for God's protection. Psalm 64:1, "Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy" (cf. 84:8; 102:1). (b) There was a time when enemies spoke against David. They lied to him and about him. They fought him without any cause and did not hesitate to show their hatred towards him. He showed them love, but they returned it with enmity. In such times, David prayed. Psalm 109:4, "For my love they are my adversaries: but I *give myself unto prayer*." (c) When God is the one who is angry with God's people, they ought to pray. Psalm 80:4, "O LORD God of hosts, how long wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people?" When God chastens His people, they ought to pray to Him. Isaiah 26:16, "LORD, in trouble have they visited thee, they poured out a prayer *when* thy chastening *was* upon them." (d) If God is for us, then why do we not pray to Him? Psalm 6:9, "The LORD hath heard my supplication; the LORD will receive my prayer" (cf. 143:1). Psalm 88:2, "Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry." Psalm 102:17, "He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer." (e) When we are reminded of God in times of trouble, we should pray. Jonah remembered God in the fish's belly and prayed to Him. Jonah 2:7, "When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple."

Twenty-fourth, prayer is a sacred duty as well as a privilege. I hope that you may pay attention to the two words, "sacred" and "duty." They indicate that God's people must pray, and that their prayers must be right. (1) The prayer of the wicked is sinful. Psalm 109:7, "When he shall be judged, let him be condemned: and let his prayer become sin." In the meanwhile, the prayer of the godly is God's delight. Proverbs 15:8, "The sacrifice of the wicked *is* an abomination to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright *is* his delight." Proverbs 15:29 also says, "The LORD *is* far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous." (2) The prayer of the disobedient is only an abomination. Proverbs 28:9, "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer *shall be* abomination." One good example is Moab. Isaiah 16:12, "And it shall come to pass, when it is seen that Moab is weary on the high place, that he shall come to his sanctuary to pray; but he shall not prevail." Moab would be judged within three years according to 16:14. The prayers of Moab would not be heard. (3) Praying to wrong objects is useless. Isaiah 45:20, "Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye *that are* escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god *that* cannot save." Such prayers do not produce any desired effects. (4) It is possible that even the people of God pray to Him out of ignorance or even with anger. Jonah was one of them. Jonah 4:2, "And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, *was* not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou *art* a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil." He did not understand God's way of working and did not want to understand it either. He prayed in anger, which was wrong. His wish was not granted, but God's work was accomplished.

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 28 January	7:00pm	Sovereign Grace Advent Testimony The Inspiration of the Bible - Mr Brian Green	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day.	
Sat 29 January	4:00pm	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study		
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES	
Preacher	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki	<u>Today: 23/01/2011</u>	
Message	The Lord's Purpose	Moses - Man of God's Revelation	Chairman:	Jonathan
Text	Matthew 9:9-17	Exodus 3:1-21	Organist:	Anthony
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			Pianist:	Joy
<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, Joey will be leading a study on "Honouring God" • Remember to pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Eld Ford, Lydia, Margaret, May, Brian, Daniel Ki • Remember to pray for those who are/will be travelling: Samuel (S'pore to Australia) • Thank God for Journey Mercies: Samuel (UK to S'pore), Daniel (S'pore to Australia) • No Basic Bible Knowledge today: Next Sunday Pastor Ki will continue with the BBK course after lunch. Please see Pastor Ki if you are interested in attending. • Ladies Fellowship: This will be held after lunch today. Please see Mrs May Chew for more information. 			Ushers:	Daniel / Joey
			Sunday School:	Jonathan / Joy
			Lunch:	Constance
			Washing Up:	Men
			PA Crew:	Lee-Wei / Joshua
			<u>Next Week: 30/01/2011</u>	
			Chairman:	Joey
Organist:	Anthony			
Pianist:	Joy			
Ushers:	John / Constance			
Sunday School:	Jonathan / Joy			
Lunch:	Maureen			
Washing Up:	Volunteers			
PA Crew:	Jonathan / Joshua			
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £565.16, Lunch: £62.01			MEMORY VERSE	
Attendance - Morning: 35 (A) 5 (C), Evening: 17 (A) 1 (C)			Last Week	
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 56			<i>"What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?"</i>	
<p>Q: What is the reason annexed to the Third Commandment?</p> <p><i>A: The reason annexed to the Third Commandment is, That however the breakers of this commandment may escape punishment from <u>men</u>, yet THE LORD OUR GOD will not suffer them to escape <u>his</u> righteous judgment.</i></p> <p><u>Comments:</u></p> <p>The special warning here held out to us is, that although men may permit us to break this commandment with impunity, yet God will assuredly not do so. <i>He</i> will not fail to judge us.</p> <p><u>Proofs:</u></p> <p>Deuteronomy 28:58-59</p>			Romans 8:31	
			This 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	
			Next Week	
			<i>"Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth."</i>	
			Romans 8:33	