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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 08 JULY 2012

ORDER OF WORSHIP

| | <i>Morning Service – 11am</i> | <i>Evening Service – 4pm</i> |
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| <i>Prelude</i> | <i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i> | |
| <i>Call to Worship</i> | Psalm 31:1–5 | Psalm 37:1–6 |
| <i>Opening Hymn *</i> | RHC 328 – “How Firm a Foundation” | RHC 320 – “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” |
| <i>Opening Prayer *</i> | Alan Blaney | Alan Blaney |
| <i>Gloria Patri *</i> | <i>Glory Be to the Father</i> | |
| <i>Responsive Reading</i> | Psalm 122 | Romans 12:1–21 |
| <i>Second Hymn *</i> | <i>Psalm 122</i> (to the tune of Bangor) | RHC 355 – “Day by Day” |
| <i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i> | Alan Blaney | Alan Blaney |
| <i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i> | RHC 349 – “Surely Goodness and Mercy” | --- |
| <i>Scriptural Text</i> | Philippians 1:1–11 | Mark 6:1–13 |
| <i>Pastoral Prayer</i> | Rev Timothy Ki | Rev Timothy Ki |
| <i>Sermon Message</i> | <i>Partnership in Prayer</i> – Eld George Chew | <i>Disciples’ Ministry</i> – Eld George Chew |
| <i>Lord’s Supper</i> | Rev Timothy Ki | --- |
| <i>Closing Hymn *</i> | RHC 358 – “What a Friend we Have in Jesus” | RHC 400 – “Every Moment of Every Day” |
| <i>Benediction/3-Fold Amen *</i> | Rev Timothy Ki | Rev Timothy Ki |
| <i>Postlude</i> | <i>The Lord Bless You</i> | <i>May the Grace of Christ Our Saviour</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 2012 – “Have a Mind to Work” – Nehemiah 4:6

BIBLICAL SABBATH – PART 2

Last week, we had a word study of *sabbaths*. Today, we are going to consider a singular Sabbath both in the Old and New Testaments. Again, as I mentioned before, Sabbath and Lord's Day will be interchangeably used in this article.

First, not all occurrences of Sabbath in the Bible refers to the weekly Sabbath, which is the seventh day of the week. For example, Leviticus 16:31 says, "It *shall be* a sabbath of rest unto you, and ye shall afflict your souls, by a statute for ever." The Day of Atonement is considered to be a sabbath of rest. This day falls on the tenth of the seventh month, not necessarily on the weekly sabbath. However, the observance of this day is no different from the weekly Sabbath day regulations, upon which there are some more stipulations added to the day. It may widen the applications of the Sabbath concept. The notion of Sabbath must be bigger than the seventh day of a week. A Sabbath rest may be wider than just one day a week for worship.

Second, Sabbath is considered as a day of rest. This notion of Sabbath is very common and also biblical. However, when we desire to know the meaning of rest on the Sabbath day, we are confused and do not have a very clear idea. In general, the most common impression people have is that the Lord's Day is supposed to be very dull because nothing is supposed to be exciting on that day but everybody must rest all day long. People are expected to spend the day as slow as it can be, and sleeping appears to be the best option for the day. Let us find some meanings of rest on the Lord's Day. (1) It is a day of rest unto the Lord. Exodus 16:23 says, "And he said unto them, This *is that* which the LORD hath said, To morrow *is* the rest of the holy sabbath unto the LORD: bake *that* which ye will bake *to day*, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning." Exodus 35:2 also says, "Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day there shall be to you an holy day, a sabbath of rest to the LORD: whosoever doeth work therein shall be put to death." What we can see from these verses is that the Sabbath rest is a rest to the Lord. Whatever the meaning of "rest to the Lord" is, it must indicate that this rest is primarily not to us but to God. Therefore, this rest is fundamentally God-ward and spiritual and not about sleep and boredom. (2) It is also a day of rest to the people. Leviticus 23:32 says, "It *shall be* unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth *day* of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath." This Sabbath is of the Day of Atonement. It is worth noting that, though it is said of a Sabbath of rest, there is no thought of rest in terms of doing nothing. The Sabbath keepers here are expected to afflict their souls, which probably refers to fasting. And also, the last portion of the verse says of celebrating the Sabbath. Therefore, the sabbatical rest does not refer to any sense of laziness for the day. (3) A sabbatical rest implies a cessation from regular work for financial benefits or seeking pleasures in things other than the things of God. Exodus 16:25 also says, "And Moses said, Eat that to day; for to day *is* a sabbath unto the LORD: to day ye shall not find it in the field." Working in the field was forbidden. Exodus 20:10, "But the seventh day *is* the sabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates." Jeremiah 17:24 says, "And it shall come to pass, if ye diligently hearken unto me, saith the LORD, to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the sabbath day, but hallow the sabbath day, to do no work therein" (cf. verses 21, 22, 27). In particular, no business transactions are allowed on this day. Nehemiah 10:31, "And *if* the people of the land bring ware or any victuals on the sabbath day to sell, *that* we would not buy it of them on the sabbath, or on the holy day: and *that* we..."

would leave the seventh year, and the exaction of every debt.” If a person longs for the quick passing of the Sabbath day because of his desire to resume his business, he is not doing well. Amos 8:5, “Saying, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? and the sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit?”

Third, Sabbath days must be observed with the right attitude. Isaiah 58:13, “If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, *from* doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking *thine own* words.” (1) We do not spend the Lord’s Day with pleasure seeking activities. (2) We call the Lord’s Day a delight. (3) We honor the Day of the Lord. (4) By observing the Lord’s Day honorably, we may honor the Lord. (5) We neither do our own ways nor speak out own words (speaking idely).

Fourth, Sabbath day is holy. (1) God blessed and hallowed the Sabbath. Exodus 20:11, “For *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.” (2) Sabbath day is holy. Exodus 31:14, “Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it *is* holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth *any* work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people.” Exodus 35:2, “Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day there shall be to you an holy day, a sabbath of rest to the LORD: whosoever doeth work therein shall be put to death.” Deuteronomy 5:12, “Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee.” Nehemiah 9:14, “And madest known unto them thy holy sabbath, and commandedst them precepts, statutes, and laws, by the hand of Moses thy servant.”

Fifth, Sabbath can be defiled. The holiness attached to the Sabbath day implies that it can be defiled, if we do not carefully observe it. Isaiah 56:2, “Blessed *is* the man *that* doeth this, and the son of man *that* layeth hold on it; that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.” Isaiah 56:6, “Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the LORD, to serve him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant.” Polluting also can be understood as desecrating or profaning.

Sixth, there are some things that defile, profane, or pollute the Sabbath day. (1) Selling and buying things on the Sabbath day desecrates the sabbath day. Nehemiah 13:15-17, “In those days saw I in Judah *some* treading wine presses on the sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and lading asses; as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all *manner of* burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath day: and I testified *against them* in the day wherein they sold victuals. ¹⁶ There dwelt men of Tyre also therein, which brought fish, and all manner of ware, and sold on the sabbath unto the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem. ¹⁷ Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, What evil thing *is* this that ye do, and profane the sabbath day?” (2) Working on the Sabbath day desecrates the Sabbath day. Jeremiah 17:21-22, “Thus saith the LORD; Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the sabbath day, nor bring *it* in by the gates of Jerusalem; ²² Neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the sabbath day, neither do ye any work, but hallow ye the sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers.” (3) Heartless and only ritualistic Sabbath day observance defiles the Sabbath. Isaiah 1:13, “Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; *it is* iniquity, even the solemn meeting.”

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 |
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| Wed 11 July | 10:30am | Mid-Week Bible Study | We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We do hope that you have a blessed time of worship on this day. |
| Fri 13 July | --- | No Young Adults Fellowship | |
| Sat 14 July | 4:00pm | Bible Study & Prayer Meeting "Eschatology" – Rev Timothy Ki | |
| Next Lord's Day | Morning Service | Evening Service | LORD'S DAY DUTIES |
| Preacher Message Text | Rev Timothy Ki Focus of Faith Matthew 17:14–23 | Rev Timothy Ki Sin of Complaints Numbers 13:25 – 14:38 | <u>TODAY: 08/07/2012</u> Chairman: Alan Organist: Joy Pianist: Jasmine Ushers: Tom / Constance Sunday School: Jonathan / Joy Lunch: Mrs Ki Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Scott <u>NEXT WEEK: 15/07/2012</u> Chairman: John Organist: Anthony Pianist: Jasmine Ushers: Alan / Yetta Sunday School: Jonathan / Joy Lunch: Volunteers Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Jonathan |
| NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Pre-Lunch Bible Study: Pastor Ki will continue the study on "Anthropology" – The Doctrine of the Man • Pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Eld Ford, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Deborah, Mrs Ki, Lai Kheng, Susan, Dr Carl Martin, Dr Scott-Pearson, Elizabeth, Tom, Venise, Pastor Ki • Pray for those on travel: Sonia, Nana, Daniel, Maureen, John, Sharon, Tobias, Anthony, Helen, Yang Fan, Hannah, Lee Wei • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Michelle | | | |
| Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £893.50, Lunch: £40.95 Attendance - Morning: 23 (A) 2 (C), Evening: 18 (A) 2 (C) | | | |
| SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 25 | | | |
| Q: How doth Christ execute the office of a priest? <i>A: Christ executeth the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself A SACRIFICE, to satisfy Divine justice, and reconcile us to God; and in making continual intercession for us.</i> | | | |
| Comments: The duties of a priest were to offer sacrifices and pray for the people; and this is what Christ, as our priest, does for us. When he was here on earth, he offered himself as a sacrifice, and now that he is in heaven, he intercedes for us with his Father. We are here told, likewise, that the purposes for which Christ offered himself as a sacrifice were: 1. To satisfy the justice of God on account of our sin; and 2. To bring us back to God as dear children. | | | |
| Proofs: Hebrews 4:14, Hebrews 9:28, Colossian 1:20, Hebrews 7:25 | | | |
| MEMORY VERSE | | | |
| Last Week <i>"Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD."</i> Psalm 119:1 | This Week <i>"Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart."</i> Psalm 119:2 | Next Week <i>"They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways. Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently."</i> Psalm 119:3–4 | |