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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*

Isaiah 12

Isaiah 64:6-8

*Opening Hymn \**

RHC 299 – “My Saviour”

RHC 175 – “For All My Sin”

*Opening Prayer \**

Alan Blaney

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*Gloria Patri \**

*Glory Be to the Father*

*Responsive Reading*

Psalm 7

Isaiah 53

*Second Hymn \**

*Psalm 7 verses 1-6*  
(to the tune of Bethlehem, RHC 251)

RHC 294 – “Grace! ‘Tis a  
Charming Sound”

*Announcements &  
Memory Verse*

Alan Blaney

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*Tithes & Offerings &  
Doxology \**

RHC 309 – “Thank You, Lord”

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*Scriptural Text*

Matthew 20:20-28

Joshua 7:1-26

*Pastoral Prayer*

Rev Timothy Ki

Rev Timothy Ki

*Sermon Message*

*Ambition and Leadership*

*Dedicated Things to God*

*Closing Hymn \**

RHC 182 – “Lead Me to Calvary”

RHC 264 – “I Am Coming to  
the Cross”

*Benediction/3-Fold  
Amen \**

Rev Timothy Ki

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*Postlude*

*The Lord Bless You*

*May the Grace of Christ Our Saviour*

\* 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 2013 – “Understand and know God” – Jeremiah 9:24**

## BIBLICAL REBUKE - PART 2

I'll continue with a few more observations from the survey of the word, "rebuke" and "reprove." I mentioned two points last week, and I'll cover a few more today. (3) There are two Greek words for "rebuke": "*epitimaō*" and "*elegcho*." The second word, "*elegcho*," is used only a few times in the Gospels (Luke 3:19; John 3:20; 16:8), translated as "reprove." When it is translated as "rebuke," it occurs mostly in the epistles beginning with 1 Timothy 5:20. Then, both words are used together in 2 Timothy 4:2, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." It means that the two words are synonyms, but there are some differences as well. We may not be able to find these minute differences between the two without the painstaking study of all the passages using these words. (4) When we come to the word, "reprove," it is always "*elegcho*," never "*epitimaō*" in the KJV. It may be an indication that "*elegcho*" has a unique meaning and that all the "reprove" passages need our careful study.

### Some preliminary remarks

We need to understand that not all occurrences of "rebuke" in the KJV are meant to have a literal sense of rebuke. There are a few examples. Jeremiah 15:15 says, "O LORD, thou knowest: remember me, and visit me, and revenge me of my persecutors; take me not away in thy longsuffering: know that for thy sake I have suffered rebuke." In both the Hebrew and Greek Bibles, we do not find a conventional Hebrew or Greek word for rebuke in this verse. Probably, "rebuke" in this verse carries the meaning of "reproach." Some English Bibles reflect this meaning in their translations (ex. ESV, NAS, or NIV). Isaiah 25:8 may belong to the same category: "He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken *it*." Both ESV and NAS employ "reproach," while the NIV uses "disgrace." These two verses use the same Hebrew word in them. Isaiah 30:17 is a good example to show how to translate a given word within a given context. It says, "One thousand *shall flee* at the rebuke of one; at the rebuke of five shall ye flee: till ye be left as a beacon upon the top of a mountain, and as an ensign on an hill." "Rebuke" in the verse comes from a Hebrew noun derived from "ga`ar," which is one of the two Hebrew words translated as "rebuke." Interestingly, the Greek Old Testament employs a word meaning "voice" or "noise." It is understood as "threat" in other translations.

### Who rebukes or reproves?

There are basically three parties that rebuke or reprove in the Bible: (1) God (Lord, Jesus, Messiah, Holy Spirit), (2) man (specific names or man in general), and (3) a figurative or spiritual subject (Light in John 3:20; Ephesians 5:13). I'll not deal with the third party, but begin with the second, which is man.

Man rebukes or reproves: (1) The book of Proverbs is probably the best example of it. It has passages talking about rebuke with an indefinite subject, which means "man" in general. Thus, he can be a wise man or a father. Proverbs 9:7, "He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame: and he that rebuketh a wicked *man* getteth himself a blot." Proverbs 9:8, "Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee." Both Reprove and rebuke come from one same Hebrew word, "yakach." These two verses do not specify who is rebuking. However, we may assume that he is a man of wisdom.

There are many more verses in Proverbs talking about rebuke in the same manner. Proverbs 15:12, "A scorner loveth not one that reproveth him: neither will he go unto the wise." Proverbs 19:25, "Smite a scorner, and the simple will beware: and reprove one that hath understanding, *and* he will understand knowledge." Proverbs 24:25, "But to them that rebuke *him* shall be delight, and a good blessing shall come upon them." Proverbs 27:5, "Open rebuke *is* better than secret love." Proverbs 28:23, "He that rebuketh a man afterwards shall find more favour than he that flattereth with the tongue." There are verses talking about rebuke without telling us about the rebukers. Proverbs 30:6, "Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar." More specifically, the wise man is mentioned as a rebuke in Ecclesiastes 7:5, "*It is* better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools."

(2) There are some individuals who rebuked. The most ironical incident happened when Peter rebuked the Lord in Matthew 16:22 (cf. Mark 8:32): "Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee." As we know, he was rebuked for it, because he really did not know what he was talking about. He was considered under the influence of evil powers when he did it. We cannot but think of the disciples themselves who rebuked in Matthew 19:13 (cf. Mark 10:13; Luke 18:15): "Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put *his* hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them." Parents with little children sought for the Lord's blessing upon their children. The disciples rebuked them. However, Jesus reminded them that their rebuke was not appropriate. A multitude of people rebuked in Matthew 20:31 (cf. Luke 18:39): "And the multitude rebuked them, because they should hold their peace: but they cried the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, *thou* Son of David." They rebuked the two blind men crying to the Lord for help. In such cases, we see that man's rebuke may not be righteous. People make their own subjective judgments, according to which they become harsh to other people. The Pharisees asked the Lord to rebuke His disciples in Luke 19:39, "And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples." It shows that man is not faultless. The Pharisees thought they had all the right reasons to accuse the disciples of Jesus. They were emboldened even to make a request to Jesus to rebuke His disciples out of their religious convictions. However, they were wrong.

In contrast, we find a criminal's rebuke against another criminal on the cross in Luke 23:40, "But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?" John the Baptist reprovved Herod over his illegitimate wife Herodias in Luke 3:19, "But Herod the tetrarch, being reprovved by him for Herodias his brother Philip's wife, and for all the evils which Herod had done." Abraham reprovved Abimelech over a well in Genesis 21:25, "And Abraham reprovved Abimelech because of a well of water, which Abimelech's servants had violently taken away." However, surprisingly Abimelech reprovved Abraham about his lie over Sarah in Genesis 20:16, "And unto Sarah he said, Behold, I have given thy brother a thousand *pieces* of silver: behold, he *is* to thee a covering of the eyes, unto all that *are* with thee, and with all *other*: thus she was reprovved." A criminal against another criminal, a prophet against a king, a righteous man against an unrighteous man, and vice versa, people rebuked and were rebuked. It appears that all men may make mistakes and need to be rebuked for their wrongs. A man of faith does not necessarily mean that he is always right as we can see from Abimelech's rebuke of Abraham. A man of sin may have an insight to rebuke another man of sin as we see from two thieves on the cross. However, it is also a blessing to be rebuked by the righteous. Psalm 141:5, "Let the righteous smite me; *it shall be* a kindness: and let him reprove me; *it shall be* an excellent oil, *which* shall not break my head: for yet my prayer also *shall be* in their calamities." I'll continue on this next week.

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
Wed 06 Mar		No Ladies Mid-Week Bible Study	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Edwin Tan to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Fri 08 Mar	7:00pm	Young Adults Fellowship <i>"Quieting the Noisy Soul"</i>	
Sat 09 Mar	4:00pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<b>Preacher</b>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>TODAY: 03/03/2013</u></b></p> <p><b>Chairman:</b> Alan</p> <p><b>Organist:</b> Joy</p> <p><b>Pianist:</b> Jasmine</p> <p><b>Ushers:</b> Daniel / Evelyn</p> <p><b>Sunday School:</b> Hannah / Joy</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Maureen</p> <p><b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers</p> <p><b>PA Crew:</b> Yangfan</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>NEXT WEEK: 10/03/2013</u></b></p> <p><b>Chairman:</b> Jonathan</p> <p><b>Organist:</b> Anthony</p> <p><b>Pianist:</b> Jasmine</p> <p><b>Ushers:</b> John / Constance</p> <p><b>Sunday School:</b> Hannah / Joy</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Mrs Ki</p> <p><b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers</p> <p><b>PA Crew:</b> Scott</p>
<b>Message</b>	Faith: Enabling Grace	Passing Generations and Eternal Covenant	
<b>Text</b>	Matthew 20:29-34	Joshua 24:1-33	
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pre-Lunch Bible Study:</b> Pastor Ki will continue the study on "Anthropology" – The Doctrine of the Man.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those who are sick:</b> Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Deborah, Mrs Ki, Susan, Dr Carl Martin, Dr Scott-Pearson, Nina, Helen, Pastor Ki, Hannah, Eld Chew's mother, Jonathan.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those on travel:</b> Sharon &amp; Elliora, Eld &amp; Mrs Chew, Margaret.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those seeking employment:</b> Yetta, Eleanor.</li> <li>• <b>Lord's Supper:</b> We will be observing the Lord's Supper next week. Please come with hearts prepared.</li> <li>• <b>Church Easter Camp: Fri 29th March - Mon 1st April 2013:</b> See Jonathan or John for more information.</li> </ul>			
<p><b>Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £550.31</b> Lunch: £45.11, Kenya: £60</p> <p><b>Attendance - Morning: 27 (A) 5 (C), Evening: 25 (A) 4 (C)</b></p>			

## SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 59

**Q: Which day of the seven hath God appointed to be the weekly Sabbath?**

*A: From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly Sabbath; and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the CHRISTIAN Sabbath.*

Comments:

The Patriarchal and Jewish Sabbath was held on the *Saturday*, because that was the day on which God rested from Creation. The Christian Sabbath is held on the *Sunday*, because that is the day on which our Saviour arose from the grave. The change was made in accordance with the practice of the Apostles and the early Church.

Proof:

Genesis 2:3, Acts 20:7, Revelation 1:10

## MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p><i>"They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment;"</i></p> <p><b>Hebrews 1:11</b></p>	<p><i>"But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord."</i></p> <p><b>Jeremiah 9:24</b></p>	<p><i>"And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail."</i></p> <p><b>Hebrews 1:12</b></p>