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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 24 AUGUST 2014

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 118:18-29

Psalm 73:23-28

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 83 – “*This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made*”

RHC 314 – “*Nearer, Still Nearer*”

*Opening Prayer **

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 83

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 83 Verses 1-4, 12-18
(to the tune of No Other Plea, RHC 301)

Announcements & Memory Verse

Jonathan Kim

Jonathan Kim

*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 120 – “*Now I Belong to Jesus*”

Scriptural Text

Amos 9:1-6

John 14:4-7

Pastoral Prayer

Dr Carl Martin

Dr Carl Martin

Sermon Message

When the Creator Confronts

Way – Truth – Life!

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 561 – “*Come with Contrite Hearts*”

Hymn – “*The Lord our Savior is the way*”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Dr Carl Martin

Dr Carl Martin

Postlude

The Lord Bless You

* 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 2014 – “Waiting for God” – Isaiah 30:18

WAITING ON GOD – PART 3

Psalm 104 speaks of the greatness of God the Creator and the absolute necessity of the dependency of His creatures on Him. This very truth gives us the third reason for us to wait on God always. The earth is satisfied with the fruit of the work of God (verse 13, “He watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works”). God provides vegetation for His creatures as described in Psalm 104:13-18. The psalmist says that it is the Lord’s work providing the hills with water. It is God who causes grass to grow in order to feed the cattle and offers vegetation for our food in verse 14. He calls the trees “the trees of the Lord” in verse 16. The Lord also plants the cedars of Lebanon. Though some trees may not bear fruits for our consumption, they provide shelters for birds. The birds have their nests on the trees, too. God provides high mountains for the mountain goats, and rocks for conies in verse 18. I have seen wild goats in the mountain areas. In fact, it was very impressive for me to see that they were able to climb up sharp hills and to walk at the edges of the cliffs. Conies are small and do not have any means to defend themselves. Their paws are not able to dig the ground but climb the rocks. Thus, they build their homes in the rocks, which become their shelter and refuge from wild animals. God made and ordained the Sun and the Moon to give us light. He also provides us night for our rest in verses 19-23. Both the earth and the sea are full of the works of God as described in verses 24-36. There are some heart moving and touching verses in this psalm. For example, read verse 21, “the young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God.” Verses 27-27 say, “These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest give *them* their meat in due season. ²⁸ *That* thou givest them they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good. ²⁹ Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.” Having thought of all these things, the psalmist was moved to give his personal reflection in verse 31. “The glory of the LORD shall endure for ever: the LORD shall rejoice in his works.” Whether it is animal kingdom, universe, or man after God’s own image, there is one common underlying truth: everything waits upon God for His help and provision.

We find many names from the natural kingdom in this psalm. There are both small and great animals. There are leviathan (v. 26), lions (v. 21), beast of the field and wild asses (v. 11), and beasts of the forest (v. 20). There are creeping things (v. 25) and flying birds (vv. 12, 17). Whatever and whoever they are, all wait upon God as verse 27 says. It is God who created all of them, and it is also God who keeps and maintains them all. It implies that the waiting on the Lord is a very act of true confession of faith in and dependency on Him. Through waiting on Him, we do acknowledge that He is the creator, provider, and sustainer. Waiting upon God reflects our inner attitude that we are incapable of doing anything without Him. It is almost the same confession as the Lord taught us that we are nothing and cannot do anything without Him John 15:5.

Related to the thought that God is not only the Creator but also the provider for all our needs, there are some more thoughts and lessons we must consider. The first thought is a very fact that it is God who has given us life. He gave us not only the life itself by making us “living souls.” He is the only and unique life-sustainer. He provides water to the hills, causes grass to grow, and offers plants and trees for food and shelters, Sun and Moon for day and night, and food for everyone. The second thought is that waiting on Him is a sign of our blessedness not of misery. We may look at such a state in which we must wait on God from two perspectives. We wait on Him for our daily needs. It is because He is able to provide all our needs. It is a privilege to wait on Him, because this waiting comes from a very...

personal relationship with and intimate knowledge of Him. On the other hand, there are times when we may have to cry to Him for help, because we have needs. We may face such trying and difficult times that cause us to agonize and cry over them. They are sad moments in our lives. However, waiting on God offers us a hope with certainty that all knowing and loving God will help us. We find strength even in our helplessness through the help of the Lord.

Spiritually, waiting on God offers countless learning opportunities. First of all, we learn to depend on God. When we wait on God, we deny our self-sufficiency. In fact, while we are waiting on God, we confess that we are only limited and feeble beings who must depend on Him. Life itself testifies of the insufficiency of our strength. Matthew 6:34, "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day *is* the evil thereof." We do not have power to direct our own path, to prevent all challenges from happening, and to provide all our needs. If we read this verse literally, we may think that human beings are not really much better than birds in the air and flowers on the earth, which seem to live one day at a time. Today is not tomorrow, and today's sorrow is sufficient for the day, but there will be another unknown day tomorrow. However, the ones waiting on God have sure hope in God that He is the very present help in times of needs. 2 Corinthians 3:5 says, "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency *is* of God." Waiting on God provides the sufficiency we need, which will lead us to depend on Him.

Second, we learn to be in the place we ought to be. The attitude of waiting on God will provide us with invaluable lessons about us, His creatures, for example. Even young lions wait on God for their preys. Birds wait on God for their nests. In fact, Jesus says in Matthew 6 about birds in the air and lilies in the field. God feeds the birds and clothes the lilies with beauty and glory. The cattle in the field wait on God for their food. The psalmist strikes on that very point in Psalm 104:27, "These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest give *them* their meat in due season." They all wait on God. Then, why don't we? The place of waiting on Him is the place where we ought to be. We are not the master and ultimate provider for our lives. We are not the commanders who demand God what He must do. We are the ones who humbly wait on Him for His grace and provision. We confess our helplessness and wait on His boundless grace and mercy. The whole nature proclaims and declares the message to us: "Wait on Him."

Third, we learn to live by faith. Waiting on God implies and presupposes that there are times we must depend on Him wholly and sincerely. We may not be able to see the light in darkness. We may suffer with many lacks and shortages in supply. However, waiting on God is an expression of the exercise of our faith in such times. Paul says in 2 Corinthians 5:7 that we walk by faith, not by sight. There are times we must show that our walk is only by faith. It is the time to wait on Him. Andrew Murray says, "Waiting on God, unceasing and entire dependence upon Him, is the only true faith in heaven and earth, the one unalterable and all-comprehensive expression for the true relationship to the ever-blessed One in whom we live."

"My soul, wait thou only upon God!"

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
Tues 26 Aug	No Ladies 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 29 Aug	No Young Adults Fellowship		
Sat 30 Aug	No Bible Study & Prayer Meeting		
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Dr Brian Green	Dr Brian Green	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TODAY: 24/08/2014</u></p> <p>Chairman: Jonathan</p> <p>Organist: Jasmine</p> <p>Pianist: Jasmine</p> <p>Ushers: Tom / Yetta</p> <p>Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael</p> <p>Lunch: Magdalene</p> <p>Washing Up: Volunteers</p> <p>PA Crew: Scott</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>NEXT WEEK: 31/08/2014</u></p> <p>Chairman: John</p> <p>Organist: Anthony</p> <p>Pianist: Jasmine</p> <p>Ushers: Daniel / Tom</p> <p>Sunday School: No Sunday School</p> <p>Lunch: Maureen</p> <p>Washing Up: Volunteers</p> <p>PA Crew: Jonathan</p>
Message	Tba	Tba	
Text	Tba	Tba	
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-lunch Bible Study: Dr Martin will lead this week's study. • Pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Deborah, Pastor & Mrs Ki, Susan, Dr Carl Martin, Dr Scott-Pearson, Nina, Helen, Eld Chew's mother, Rev Colin Wong, Patricia, Hannah, Shirley, Daniel. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Patricia, Magdalene. • Pray for those on travel: Evelyn, Margaret, Constance, Anthony & Helen, John & family, Dr Carl Martin, Madeline. • Pulpit Ministry: Please pray for the church's sponsorship application and Pr Mok Chee Cheong's visa. • Ladies Fellowship: The meeting will be held after lunch next week. • Bereavement: The Church extends her condolences to Dr Martin and his family following the recent passing away of his mother-in-law. Do keep the family in your prayers. 			
<p>Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £865.10</p> <p>Attendance - Morning: 24 (A) 4 (C), Evening: 19 (A) 2 (C)</p>			

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 30

Q: How doth the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?

A: The Spirit applieth to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.

Comments:

The last answer tells us *by whose* agency we become possessed of salvation; this one tells us of the method of it. It tells us that Christ's salvation becomes ours by union with him – that we are united to him by faith – and that this faith by which we commit ourselves to Christ, is the effect of the working of God's Spirit in our hearts. Faith in Christ means *trust* in Christ, and brings about *union* with him.

Scriptural Reference:

John 15:26, 1 Corinthians 12:3, John 15:5

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p><i>“Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.”</i></p> <p>1 John 4:17</p>	<p><i>“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.”</i></p> <p>1 John 4:18</p>	<p><i>“And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;”</i></p> <p>Ephesians 2:1</p>