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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 09 AUGUST 2015

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-4

Proverbs 3:5-6

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 88 – *“Praise Him! Praise Him!”*

RHC 113 – *“It Is Glory Just to Walk with Him”*

*Opening Prayer **

John Poh

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 123

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 123

(to the tune of Evan, RHC 379)

Announcements & Memory Verse

John Poh

John Poh

*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 27 – *“Now Thank We All Our God”*

Scriptural Text

Colossians 4:16-17

John 17:13-15

Pastoral Prayer

Dr Carl Martin

Dr Carl Martin

Sermon Message

Sustaining a Faithful Ministry

God’s Word, Confrontation or Comfort?

Lord’s Supper

Dr Carl Martin

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 201 – *“According to Thy Gracious Word”*

RHC 258 – *“Lord, Thy Word Abideth”*

Benediction/3-Fold

Dr Carl Martin

Dr Carl Martin

*Amen **

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 2015 – “Build a God-Honouring Family” – Joshua 24:15b

CHRIST THE JUDGE

Adapted from Maranatha Messenger - 02 August 2015 - Elder Dr Lim Yew Cheng

"When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:" (Matthew 25: 31).

The churches meditated on the subject watch and pray. Never before in history, have we witnessed in recent years, a slew of end time events, happening before our very eyes - the Tsunamis, the earthquakes, the Middle East conflict, the rising tide of Islamic militancy, culminating in the senseless beheading of innocent lives and the very real threat of a nuclear holocaust hanging over us, like the sword of Damocles! Why are we so slow in reading the signs of the times, when we are so discerning in our weather forecasting? Do we not fit into the description of the Pharisees and also the Sadducees, who were sharply rebuke by our Lord Jesus?

Matthew 16: 2-3, *"He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, it will be fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, it will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowring. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?"*

The End Time Signs

The end time signs are clearly evident. Apart from the catastrophes we see around us, we also witness the re-gathering of Israel as a nation, the fig tree sign (Matthew 24: 32); the days of Noah (Matthew 24: 37) and the emergence of False Christs and false prophets (Matthew 24: 5,11,24). There will be *"...a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition"* (2 Thessalonians 2: 3).

All these signs only point to the imminence of His Return but we cannot tell precisely of the day and the hour. The Scripture makes it very clear in Matthew 25: 13, *"Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."* Ours is not to know the precise hour but ours only is to live each day in anticipation.

Watch and Pray

We can ill-afford to be like the five foolish virgins, recorded for us in Matthew 25. They were denied admission into the Marriage feast because they were not obedient; without oil (Holy Spirit); not discerning and not prepared.

We need to be careful of the danger of the subtlety blending into the age, as to have ourselves anaesthetized to the reality of eternity. The end result is to have ourselves shut out from the Presence of God into a Christless and hopeless eternity! Slumbering 'Christians' it is imperative that we remain alive and alert. It is *"...high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed."* (Romans 13: 11)

Luke 21: 36 - *"Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."* (This is the theme of the EBPC for the year 2015).

Christ, the Judge

"When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:" (Matthew 25: 31) Matthew described Christ: For the first time He referred Himself to be a king. Not only will the Son come as King of glory, He will come to be the Judge. He will come in glory and all the holy angels with Him and He will be on throne of glory. These are prophetic words. He will no longer be as a babe, born in the lowly surroundings of a manger, with only Mary and Joseph in attendance and to be visited later only by the poor shepherds and then the wise men.

Rather, He would be coming in all the majesty of a King. He will come in the very glory He shared with His Father. And He will be the Judge of all nations and all people, for God, the Father has committed all judgment to Him.

Yet little did we know that within 3 days of His bold statement in v31, He would be crucified and yet, He spoke so triumphantly of the glory surrounding His return!

What Will the Judge Do?

"And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:" (Matthew 25:32) Every individual from Adam until now will stand before Him. There will not be one sheep among the goats and not one goat among the sheep. He will judge perfectly. How will He judge?

Commendation

"To the sheep, on the right" the Judge said. Matthew 25:36, 37-40 - *"Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. "Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?... saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."* Matthew 25: 34 - *"Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:"*

Condemnation

"To goats on the left", for the same deeds of kindness, our Lord's comments to them in Matthew 25: 45, *"Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me."* Matthew 25: 41 *"Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:"*

It is also interesting to note that whether it be commendation or condemnation, the period of time was the same - Matthew 25:46 *"And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal."* The same Greek word is used for the word "everlasting" and "eternal."

Where do you stand?

"Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:" Matthew 25:41

Dearly beloved, the everlasting fire was not specifically prepared for us. The Word tells us that the everlasting fire was prepared for the devil and his angels. We are headed to that place only when we choose to disobey God. It only becomes our curse, without God and without hope, when we choose to disobey Him and align ourselves with the evil one. Obedience is the key. It cannot be replaced by the hypocrisy of lips service "Lord, Lord", which immediately draws the sharp rebuke of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May God help us to be people that we ought to be!

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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
Thurs 13th Aug	7pm	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.
Sat 15th Aug	4pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting <i>Study on the Life of Joseph</i>	
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin	<u>TODAY: 09/08/2015</u>
Message	Just a Letter Carrier?	This World is Not Your Final Home	Chairman: John
Text	Colossians 4:18	John 17:16	Organist: Anthony
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			Pianist: Anthony
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-lunch Bible Study: This week, Dr Martin will continue with the study on "<i>Building Firm Foundations</i>". • 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, Hannah, Shirley, Daniel, Dr Tow, Jonathan's father, Matthew. • Pray for expecting mothers: Magdalene, Helen. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Nana. • Pray for those on travels this week: Matthew, Yangfan, Michael, Daniel & Maureen, Tan Family. • Pulpit Ministry: Pray for Dr Martin as he serves as the interim minister. 			Ushers: Keene / Yetta
			Sunday School: Keene / Rachael / Hannah
Worship Service Collections – Last Sunday: £1163.50, Lunch: £37.70 Attendance - Morning: 22 (A) 4 (C), Evening: 18 (A) 4 (C)			Lunch: Hannah
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: Josias
			<u>NEXT WEEK: 16/08/2015</u>
			Chairman: John
			Organist: Anthony
			Pianist: Anthony
			Ushers: Margaret/Yetta
			Sunday School: Keene / Rachael / Hannah
			Lunch: Volunteers
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: Keene

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 81

Q: What is forbidden in the Tenth Commandment?

A: *The Tenth Commandment forbiddeth all discontentment with our own estate, envying or grieving at the good of our neighbour, and all inordinate motions and affections to any thing that is his.*

Comments:

This commandment refers to the *desires* of our heart. It tells us that we ought not to *covet* – that is, to cherish an unlawful desire for anything belonging to another. And it is put here to warn us that the Law of God is *spiritual*, and is broken by a wrong thought as well as by a wrong act. It commands us to be content with our position in life, whatever that may be. And it forbids us to be fretful over our own want of success or envious at the good success of others. To cherish a spirit of *good-will* is the best safeguard of this command.

Scriptural Reference:

1 Timothy 6:8, Hebrew 13:5

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.” Romans 1:16	“For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.” Romans 1:17	“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:” Romans 5:12