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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 10 MAY 2015

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 47:6-9

1 John 2:1-2

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 41 – “Before Jehovah’s Awful Throne”

RHC 64 – “Jesus! The Sinner’s Friend”

*Opening Prayer **

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 119:17-32

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 119 verses 25-32
(to the tune of All Saints, RHC 438)

Announcements & Memory Verse

Jonathan Kim

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 128 – “His Yoke is Easy”

Scriptural Text

Acts 5

Psalm 121

Pastoral Prayer

Mr Charles Scott-Pearson

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Sermon Message

The Counsel of Gamaliel

The Sinner’s Help

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 327 – “All Things Work Out for Good”

Psalm 121
(to the tune of Crimond, RHC 344)

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Mr Charles Scott-Pearson

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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

From the pastor's heart...

WAIT FOR GOD (PART - 20)

Adapted from Weekly Lively Hope Newsletter, Sunday 3rd May 2015

Isaiah 49:23, "And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with their face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me."

Isaiah 30:18, "And therefore will the LORD wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the LORD is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him."

As we open up another talk about waiting for God, we may learn some invaluable lessons from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: ² A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; ³ A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; ⁴ A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; ⁵ A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; ⁶ A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; ⁷ A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; ⁸ A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace." "Wait" and "times" are closely interrelated in this passage. There are times for everything, which reflects the wisdom and providence of God. Some of the life events listed in the passage are pleasant, including births, planting, healing, building, laughing, dancing, gathering, embracing, loving, or having peace. However, there are sad and desperate times like dying, plucking up, killing, weeping, breaking down, casting away, and so on, which are times to wait for God's sustaining grace and His comforting presence.

Returning to the first two verses quoted from the book of Isaiah, we find great promises from the Lord in times when we ought to wait for God. These are the times of struggles and trials. Even without going into the context of such verses, they themselves are indicating this point quite clearly. For example, Isaiah 49:23b says, "for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me." "Be ashamed" means "to be put to shame," "be disconcerted," or "be disappointed." Verse 14 in the same chapter speaks of the condition of the people of God when they had to wait for God: "But Zion said, The LORD hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me." We may see an implication from the verse that the evil situation was beyond breakable and that there was no possibility of deliverance, humanly speaking. It was the time when God invited His people to wait for Him. It is a spiritual dilemma that the people of God fail to wait for Him when they need Him the most. They depart from God in despair and disappointment, and they are suppressed under the burdens of life. They need Him the most in those circumstances but fail to keep their eyes on Him and to trust in Him. They fail to believe in God because they fail to believe in who and what He is. We are often doing the same thing. We look at the circumstances and judge God and His wisdom accordingly, as if God is not beyond our circumstances. While we believe in God, we fail to see His unfailing love for us and His unchangeable attributes. His promises are based on His attributes.

Westminster confession of Faith 2.1 says of God as following: "There is but one only living and true God, who is infinite in being and perfection, a most pure spirit, invisible, without body, parts, or passions; immutable, immense, eternal, incomprehensible, almighty, most wise, most holy, most free, most absolute, working all things according to the counsel of..."

His own immutable and most righteous will, for His own glory; most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin, the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him; and withal, most just, and terrible in His judgments; hating all sin, and who will by no means clear the guilty.” If we understand and believe in God in the way that this confession explains, there is no way that we cannot wait for God in times of our desperate situations, even critical moments like life and death situations.

God who has revealed Himself to us with such attributes has promised with His own Word that all who wait for Him will not be ashamed. Isaiah 30:18b says, “blessed are all they that wait for him.” Who will doubt it when God promises? How slow we are to learn this lesson! Though we have seen and experienced His helps and interventions so many times before, we are still hesitant to wait for Him to act in all our circumstances for His glory. There are at least three attitudes we must develop to practice what we have just learnt: (1) the spirit of dependence on God, (2) unceasing yielding to Him for His perfect will, and (3) firm conviction and faith that he who waits for God is blessed.

We need to look into the minds of the people waiting for God in times of troubles. Are they fearful? Of course. Are they despondent? Of course. Are they frustrated and discouraged? Of course. Are they anxious? Surely. We are living with lots of uncertainties including job securities, shaky relationships, health issues, world economy and politics, or current situations we are facing. There are many uncertain things in life.

We must not forget that uncertainties in life do help us see the strength of our faith in God. Or, God gives us a test through uncertainties, by which He sees if we truly trust in Him. It is a test of our dependence on Him. Waiting for God in times of troubles is a means to exercise our faith. Deuteronomy 8:1-3 is a good example: “All the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers. 2 And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no. 3 And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.”

We must know that the living God has given His promises to His people, by which He binds Himself to them. That’s why the promises of God are precious, and we ought to cherish them by faith. He calls us to wait for Him. We often measure our faith with wrong measurements. Sometimes we think we have great faith in God because we have some beautiful thoughts and visions of God. We even attempt to convince ourselves that our faith is great. We say words of faith and praise of our own faith. However, all of them are wrong measurements. As the Lord revealed in Isaiah passages we have been studying, we shall know of our faith by knowing that we are trusting in His promises in times of uncertainties. Our faith will tell us that we are blessed if we wait for Him. Our faith will speak to us that we shall not be ashamed if we wait for Him. Though you and I may have to wait for God now, we are the blessed ones, because it is the promise of God. If you are struggling with trials and challenges now, know that it is a time to wait for Him. Let our hearts continually sing a song of God’s promises: “blessed are all they that wait for him.”

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
Thurs 14 May	No Mid-Week Bible Study		We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We welcome Aster Asnake to our worship service last Lord's Day.
Sat 16 May	4:00pm	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 Jeffrey Khoo	Dr Jeffrey Khoo	<u>TODAY: 10/05/2015</u> Chairman: Jonathan Organist: Keene Pianist: Keene Ushers: Tom / Daniel Sunday School: Keene / Rachael Lunch: Maureen Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Scott <u>NEXT WEEK: 17/05/2015</u> Chairman: John Organist: Anthony Pianist: Anthony Ushers: Daniel / Yetta Sunday School: Keene / Rachael Lunch: Volunteers Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Josias / Scott
Message	God's Providence in England I: The Bible	God's Providence in England II: The Confession	
Text	Psalm 12:6-7	1 Timothy 4:16	
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-lunch Bible Study: Today's pre-lunch bible study will be led by Mr Charles Scott-Pearson • 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, Sarah, Matthew, Toby, Ellie, Kalel, Maureen. • Pray for expecting mothers: Sharon, Magdalene, Helen. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Nana. • Pray for those on travel: Anthony & Helen, Dr Martin. • Pulpit Ministry: Pray for Dr Martin as he serves as interim minister. • Lord's Supper, 17th May: Please come with hearts prepared • Metropolitan Tabernacle School of Theology: 7th-9th July 2015. Theme - "Pathway to Power". 			
Worship Service Collections – Last Sunday: £919.07, Lunch: £36.00 Attendance - Morning: 25 (A) 6 (C), Evening: 20 (A) 6 (C)			

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 67

Q: What is the Sixth Commandment?

A: The Sixth Commandment is, THOU SHALT NOT KILL.

Scriptural Reference:

Exodus 20:13, Deuteronomy 5:17

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week

"This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

Matthew 22:38-39

This Week

"For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ."

John 1:17

Next Week

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

John 3:36