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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 21 AUGUST 2016

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Joel 2:21-27

Psalm 135:1-3

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 44 – *"We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer"*

RHC 37 – *"Praise, my soul, The King of Heaven"*

*Opening Prayer **

Jonathan Kim

Joel Benjamin

*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 26

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 26 verses 1-7
(to the tune of Ortonville, RHC 68)

Announcements & Memory Verse

Jonathan Kim

Joel Benjamin

*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 332 – *"Moment by Moment" verses 1-2, 4*

Scriptural Text

Nehemiah 1

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Lim Chee Boon

Rev Lim Chee Boon

Sermon Message

The Wall of Jerusalem is Broken Down

There is a Season for Everything

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 313 – *"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"*

RHC 419 – *"Take My Life and Let It Be"*

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Rev Lim Chee Boon

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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.

"Growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" - 2 Peter 3:18

AN EMPHASIS ON FERVENT PRAYER IN PERILOUS TIMES

Adapted from Maranatha Messenger, Sunday 7th August 2016

Introduction

There are many fine examples of godly prayer warriors in the Bible in both the Old Testament and New Testament. One of the illustrious examples is none other than the prophet, Elijah, the great prophet of old who defeated the false Baal prophets at Mt Carmel (1 Kings 18). He prayed for rain and it came and when he prayed for it to stop, it did. God answers prayers and He uses His servants and their petitions to bring things to pass on His divine will. **Prayer is a means of grace and a great privilege for believers to be able to connect and commune with God with adoration, confession, thanksgiving and petitions.** Hebrews 4:16 says, "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Mark 1:35 speaks of our Lord's habit in prayer every morning with God the Father before he even begins the day (Daniel 6:10, Psalm 5:3).

James advised us, *'Is any among you afflicted? let him pray* ('; direct us to seek for the intercessions of ministers and elders in the church and all Christians are to pray one for another in obedience in God's will (James 5:13, 14).

The great advantage and efficacy of prayer are noted here : *"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. **The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much**"* (James 5:16) whether he prays for himself or for others: witness the example of Elias, v17, 18. Notice the three words: effectual, fervent and righteous. God honours a godly man's prayer. He who prays must be a righteous man with Christ's righteousness imputed on us; (not righteous in an absolute sense) not loving nor approving of any known iniquity.

The prayer of the upright is God's delight. And the merciful Father is nigh to all who call upon Him. **The prayers of the saints should be a zealous and persistent one.** It must be a pouring out of the soul to God with importunity and it must come from true faith in God. Such prayer, God will honour and will answer and it will be pleasing and acceptable to God. It is important to know that our prayers are to be brought to the presence of God in heaven (Revelation 5:9). We should strive to be humble and right with God first, in order to be effectual in prayer. The power of prayer is seen in Elijah's ministry. This may be encouraging to us even in common cases, if we consider that Elijah was a man like us with strengths and weaknesses. He was a gifted and capable servant of God (James 5:16) but he had his infirmities and was subject to weakness in his passions like us. There are much struggles and testings in the life of the servant of God (i.e. he nearly wanted to give up and die under great depression). In prayer, we do not look to the merit of man, but to the sovereign mercy and grace of God alone. We should learn from Elijah how he prayed earnestly depending on God alone and emulate Him. Matthew 21:22 says, *'And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.'*

It is not enough to say a prayer superficially (i.e. making sure that we mean it when we say grace before food meaningfully) but must intercede importunately in our prayers and learn to pray as a family as well with your children. **Make it a Godly habit daily and see their lives changed by the Lord. Our thoughts must be fixed, our desires firm and ardent.** When we thus pray together in one spirit in prayer as Paul in Romans 15:30 says, *“Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ’s sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me.”* Elijah prayed that it might not rain and God heard him in his pleading against an idolatrous persecuting country, so that it rained not on the earth for the space of 3½ years (1 King 19:1-4). Again he prayed three times and the heaven gave rain. Prayer can be the key which opens and shuts heaven as God wills. This should not be seen as a magic formula in prayer as taught by Bruce Wilkerson in his book on the *Prayer of Jabez* (read the sound booklet written by Spurgeon on the same theme instead). **This instance of the extraordinary efficacy of prayer is recorded for encouragement even to ordinary Christians to be instant and earnest in prayer.** If Elijah by prayer could do such great and wonderful things, surely this should encourage more prayers from us to the same God today. Where there may not be supernatural signs in God’s answering our prayers, yet there must be much dependence on His sovereign grace when we ask according to His will. 1 John 5:14-15 says, *“And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.”*

The breath of godliness is prayer. We should also strive to pray fervently with faith and perseverance and reach out to others with the gospel and as the Lord leads, to save souls from eternal death! When was the last time you gave a gospel tract or shared the gospel with someone or invite someone to church? Bring someone to the quarterly MBPC gospel Sunday or the evening Chinese Service. That may just save someone from eternal condemnation as the Lord wills.

Conclusion

The emphasis of our church includes practical Christian living based on the Word of God and the important aspect of persevering effectual prayer for one another and the need for gospel outreach in the conversion of souls in these last days.

Let us strive to come for the church Wednesday night prayer meeting and meet with others to intercede for God’s people. Let us live a godly life of faith, doing works pleasing to God and a life of gospel witness and fruitful and faithful stewardship for the Lord each day till He comes (which may be sooner than we think, in these perilous times of international conflict, terrorism, unrest and impending wars, widespread deception and pestilences) (Romans 14:13).

- Pastor Jack Sin

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
Weds 24th Aug	7pm	Mid-Week Outreach 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 27th Aug	4pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Rev Lim Chee Boon	Rev Lim Chee Boon	<u>TODAY: 21/08/2016</u>
Message	Let Us Rise Up And Build	The Living Which Walk Under The Sun	Chairman: Jonathan / Joel
Text	Nehemiah 2:1-20	Ecclesiastes 4:1-16	Organist: Anthony
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			Pianist: Keene
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be no Pre-lunch Bible Study today. • Basic Bible Knowledge Class, 2.30pm: Rev Lim will continue the series of studies aimed at those wishing to become church members. • Pulpit Ministry: Pray for Dr Martin as he serves as the minister and as he seeks guidance for his PhD studies. • Ladies Fellowship: This will be held after lunch next Lord's Day. • Registry of Members & Gift Aid Forms: Please can all members of the congregation complete and return the forms to John <u>as soon as possible</u>. • Postponement of Annual Congregational Meeting till Sunday 28th August 2016: One item of discussion will be the appointment of Daniel Poh as a Trustee of the Church as he steps down from the Task Force. 			Ushers: Tom / Yetta
			Sunday School: Rachael / Hannah / Keene
			Lunch: Shami
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: Scott
			<u>NEXT WEEK: 28/08/2016</u>
			Chairman: Peter / Keene
			Organist: Anthony
			Pianist: Anthony
			Ushers: Tom / Margaret
			Sunday School: Rachael / Hannah / Keene
			Lunch: Maureen
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: Scott
Worship Service Collections – Last Sunday: £1343.52, Famine Relief: £25 Attendance - Morning: 74 (A) 16 (C), Evening: 24 (A) 6 (C)			

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 28

Q: Wherein consisteth Christ's exaltation?

A: Christ's exaltation consisteth in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

Comments:

Exaltation means a rising from meanness to greatness. Christ's exaltation consists in the following particulars: 1. In rising from the dead; 2. In ascending up into heaven; 3. In sitting at God's right hand; 4. In being appointed to judge the world. This is the state in which our Saviour is now.

Scriptural Reference:

Matthew 28:6, Mark 16:19, Matthew 25:31-32

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week

*"Shew me thy ways, O Lord;
teach me thy paths.
Lead me in thy truth, and teach me:
for thou art the God of my salvation;
on thee do I wait all the day."*

Psalm 25:4-5

This Week

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

Galatians 2:20

Next Week

*"The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
the Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?"*

Psalm 27:1