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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*

Psalm 30:1-4

Psalm 111:1-4

*Opening Hymn \**

RHC 36 – *"High in the Heavens, Eternal God"*

RHC 217 – *"Rejoice - the Lord is King!"*

*Opening Prayer \**

Peter Koy

Keene Chen

*Gloria Patri \**

*Glory Be to the Father*

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*Responsive Reading*

Psalm 27

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*Second Hymn \**

*Psalm 27 verses 1-6, 14*  
(to the tune of St Agnes, RHC 57)

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*Announcements & Memory Verse*

Peter Koy

Keene Chen

*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology \**

RHC 348 – *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*

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*Scriptural Text*

Nehemiah 2

Ecclesiastes 4:1-16

*Pastoral Prayer*

Rev Lim Chee Boon

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*Sermon Message*

*Let Us Rise Up and Build*

*The Living Which Walk Under the Sun*

*Closing Hymn \**

RHC 450 – *"To the Work!"*

RHC 357 – *"Precious Promise"*

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen \**

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*Postlude*

*The Lord Bless You*

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\* 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***

# **THE CV OF A GODLY WOMAN**

## **(PROVERBS 31)**

Adapted from Maranatha Messenger, Sunday 21st August 2016

### **1. Virtue in Character**

A redeemed person with a morally undefiled character is a prerequisite when we choose a husband or wife. Ethical infidelity and unfaithfulness are intolerable in any marital relationship and a heterosexual and monogamous one is biblically sanctioned. The marriage vows have to be jealously observed and kept with all our hearts. How many homes have been wrecked by brokenness and unhappiness because of sin and the wiles in this world. Beware of the subtle temptation of the world and the evil one (2 Timothy 2:22). Flee youthful lusts and pursue after righteousness. Virtue encompasses all moral goodness and the sanctified Christian strives to live above reproach, blameless in a crooked and perverse generation.

### **2. Heart Work and Diligence (v 13-15, 18-22)**

One of the greatest joys and benefits of marriage is having an industrious and disciplined spouse. There is nothing like seeing the home spick and span or a cooked meal, clean floor and well-ironed clothes. As for the husband, he works hard to support the family and helps to repair things in the home, beautify the place, teach the children the Word of God and set an example of industry for them to follow. The spouse here in Proverbs 31:12-15, rises up early, works diligently with her hands. She is energetic and zealous of good works and she labours tirelessly everyday for the home and her Lord. She is not idle (V27) and there is a great curse for the slothful.

### **3. Wisdom and Godly Discretion (v16)**

She considers a field or possible investment with her resources and then buys it. She is patiently prudent and discreet and has a good sense of judgement. This is important as a kind of spiritual and practical wisdom in life is necessary. Wisdom comes with the fear of God (Psalm 111:10) and by prayer (James 1:5). A man or woman is thoroughly blessed when he / she has a wise and judicious spouse. Wisdom can be acquired through the Word of God. In v25, she opened her mouth with wisdom. The choice of words like what Nabal's wife Abigail did to avert bloodshed by David from killing her husband. Herein is wisdom as careful and soft words can turn away wrath (Proverbs 15:1).

#### **4. Companionship and Kindness (w 20, 26)**

She shows kindness and love to the needy and strangers and poor and there is a law of love and tenderness in her heart. This is important as she will also impart this to the children and this work of Christian hospitality in our homes will bless many saints and strangers. We are told in Romans 12:13, 14, *'Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.'* She enhances the good reputation of her husband that he is well regarded by others (v23). Do you bring shame and dishonour to your spouses or a good report and testimony to him? Be a blessing to others, be careful with your words, actions, conduct that will influence the good name of God, your husband and God's family.

#### **5. Love and Fear of God and His Word (v30)**

Finally, the most important quality of a good spouse is that she is redeemed and justified and has the reverence and fear for God. This is evident in her conduct and desires. The fear of God is clean and it brings joy, blessing and prosperity to the home. It keeps them from sin and the moral pollution of the world. It is something that we are to cultivate according to 2 Corinthians 7:1, *'Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.'*

#### **Conclusion**

The measure of happiness in a Christian home is directly proportional to the godliness of both spouses with or without the children. The closer we are to Christ, the closer we will be as a family. Every believer should strive to develop and nurture the fruit of the Spirit, good Christian character and demeanour both at home and the office / school. Let us seek the wisdom of Christ and endeavour to build up good Christian attributes in ourselves and others through the sanctification by the Spirit of God.

- 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
Thurs 1st Sept	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 3rd Sept	4pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<b>Preacher</b>	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>TODAY: 28/08/2016</u></b></p> <p><b>Chairman:</b> Peter / Keene  <b>Organist:</b> Anthony  <b>Pianist:</b> Anthony  <b>Ushers:</b> Tom / Margaret  <b>Sunday School:</b> No Sunday School  <b>Lunch:</b> Maureen  <b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers  <b>PA Crew:</b> Joel</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>NEXT WEEK: 04/09/2016</u></b></p> <p><b>Chairman:</b> John / Joel  <b>Organist:</b> Anthony  <b>Pianist:</b> Keene  <b>Ushers:</b> Tom / Evelyn  <b>Sunday School:</b> Rachael / Hannah / Keene  <b>Lunch:</b> Hannah  <b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers  <b>PA Crew:</b> Scott</p>
<b>Message</b>	Does God Really Love Me?	What Do We Do with Human Corpses?	
<b>Text</b>	Malachi 1:1-5	John 19:32-40	
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Church Annual Congregational Meeting will be held immediately after Morning Service in the Sanctuary.</i></li> <li>• <i>There will be no Pre-lunch Bible Study today.</i></li> <li>• <i>Basic Bible Knowledge Class, 2.30pm:</i> Rev Lim will continue the series of studies aimed at those wishing to become church members.</li> <li>• <i>Pulpit Ministry:</i> Pray for Dr Martin as he serves as the minister and as he seeks guidance for his PhD studies.</li> <li>• <i>Ladies Fellowship:</i> This will be held after lunch today.</li> <li>• <i>Registry of Members &amp; Gift Aid Forms:</i> Please can all members of the congregation complete and return the forms to John <b>as soon as possible</b>.</li> <li>• <i>Trinitarian Bible Society AGM, Saturday 17th September, 11am.</i> This will be held at Metropolitan Tabernacle.</li> <li>• <i>The Church would like to congratulate Rachael &amp; Joel on the announcement of their engagement.</i></li> </ul>			
<p><b>Worship Service Collections</b> – Last Sunday: £488.66, Lunch: £52.02  <b>Attendance</b> - Morning: 40 (A) 14 (C), Evening: 21 (A) 4 (C)</p>			

## SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 29

**Q: How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?**

*A: We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by his Holy Spirit.*

Comments:

Having seen, in the previous questions, how salvation has been brought within our reach, we now come to learn the way in which we may become possessed of it. In this answer we are told, that while it is Christ who has purchased redemption for us, it is the Holy Spirit who puts us actually in possession of it.

Scriptural Reference:

John 16:13, Romans 8:14

## MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p><i>"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."</i></p> <p><b>Galatians 2:20</b></p>	<p><i>"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?"</i></p> <p><b>Psalms 27:1</b></p>	<p><i>"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."</i></p> <p><b>James 1:22</b></p>