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LORD'S DAY 18 JUNE 2017

ORDER OF WORSHIP

	<i>Morning Service – 11am</i>	<i>Evening Service – 4pm</i>
<i>Prelude</i>	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>	
<i>Call to Worship</i>	Psalm 118:28-29	Psalm 131:1-3
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 37 – "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"	RHC 242 – "Blessed Quietness"
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Jonathan Kim	Keene Chen
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	---
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 68	---
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 68 verses 32-35</i> (to the tune of CampMeeting, RHC 315)	---
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	Jonathan Kim	Keene Chen
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 286 – "O Happy Day!"	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	1 Corinthians 4:1-5	Jeremiah 24:1-10
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Measuring Faithfulness</i>	<i>Of Baskets and Figs Under Review</i>
<i>The Lord's Supper</i>	Dr Carl Martin	---
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 400 – "Every Moment of Every Day"	RHC 283 – "In Times Like These"
<i>Benediction/3-Fold Amen *</i>	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin
<i>Postlude</i>	<i>The Lord Bless You</i>	---

* 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.

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." - Proverbs 4:23

GLORIFYING GOD PRACTICALLY IN OUR LIVES

Adapted from Maranatha Messenger, Sunday 11th June 2017

Introduction

The learned and godly English puritans of the 16-18th century are masters in communicating biblical truths and here is one example, Thomas Watson's timeless advice for how we may glorify God in our lives. This list of practical tips below was first printed by the famed Puritan, Thomas Watson in 1692 in his renowned classic, *A Body of Divinity* and it is still relevant to us after more than 300 years. We hope this will challenge your hearts.

1. We glorify God when we promote the honour and glory of His Holy name.

It must all begin with our hearts which has to be dedicated to Him. What is your ultimate purpose in life? Is it to exalt and glorify God forever in all that you do or say and magnify His Mighty name? Let Him increase and we decrease in our lives daily (John 3:30).

Thomas Watson: *"It is one thing to advance God's glory, another thing to aim at it. God must be the ultimate end of all actions."*

2. We glorify God when we sincerely seek His pardoning grace and turn away from all our depravity and iniquities and live by His mercies daily.

Turn to God daily seek His face reverently in daily confession and repentance of sins truly glorifies and honours God. Remember Jonathan Edward's famous sermon, 'Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God' will awaken us to the reverence and fear for God.

Thomas Watson: *"The thief on the cross had dishonored God in his life, but at his death he brought glory to God by confession of sin."*

3. We glorify God when we believe in Christ as our Lord by faith through grace.

"He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God" (Romans 4:20).

Faith and trust in God is pleasing and acceptable to God who will honour that who dare to trust and rely on Him (Hebrews 11:1, 6).

Thomas Watson: *"Faith knows there are no impossibilities with God, and will trust him where it cannot trace him."*

4. We glorify God when we are work towards the saving of souls.

"For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me" (Psalm 69:9).

Are you zealously concerned for His name, the honour and the advancement of God's Kingdom, even to serve and suffer for Christ? It is our great privilege and honour to do so while we have breath in our nostrils.

Thomas Watson: *"When we hear God reproached, it is as if we were reproached; when God's glory suffers, it is as if we suffered."*

5. We glorify God when we bear spiritual fruit for Him despite our trial and tribulations.

“Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples” (John 15:8). Fruitfulness is a mark of true spiritual vitality and a barren Christian is a contradiction in terms. Examine yourself against the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22, 23.

Thomas Watson: *“It is not profession, but fruit that glorifies God.”*

6. We glorify God when we are fully content and not murmur nor complain in the state Providence has placed us.

“The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot” (Psalms 16:5). Do you recognise that God is sovereign and He is preserving and controlling and ruling the universe and we are to be satisfied with what He has done with no murmuring but humble submission and comfort in His providential care.

Thomas Watson: *It is God that has put me in this condition; he could have raised me higher, if he pleased, but that might have been a snare to me; he has done it in wisdom and love; therefore I will sit down satisfied in my condition.”*

7. We glorify God when we work out (not for) our own salvation with fear and trembling.

“Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling” (Philippians 2:12).

It means one who is not presumptuous but constantly seeking to live out their faith in a manner consistent with our calling as Christians and to always seek the Lord for His will and divine guidance.

Thomas Watson: *“What an encouragement is this to the service of God, to think, while I am hearing and praying, I am glorifying God.”*

8. We glorify God when we live daily and walk worthy of our calling and for His Kingdom sake.

“For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's” (Romans 14:8).

The world live for self and temporal worldly gain but the separated and consecrated child of God lives for Christ and eternity. Set your affections above and not on this earth and listen to His Word attentively and seek God first and His kingdom and not your selfish goals or desires.

Thomas Watson: *“We live to God when we live to his service, and lay ourselves out wholly for God.”*

9. We glorify God when we walk faithfully and cheerfully to exhort and edify others.

“Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God” (2 Corinthians 1:4).

“And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost” (1 Thessalonians 1:6).

Walk worthy of your vocation and walk prudently and circumspectly, redeeming the limited time that we have, fulfilling His will in our lives. Be filled with this spirit and two of the facets of the fruit are joy and peace (Galatians 5:22, 23) and exhibit it in your lives. We do not have much time left to serve the Lord before His soon return when eternity begins.

Thomas Watson: *“It brings glory to God, when the world sees a Christian has that within him that can make him cheerful in the worst times.”*

10. We glorify God when we stand up for and defend or declare His Word of truth without fear and favour of man.

“Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints” (Jude 3).

The defence of the precious faith is needful in the last days of compromise. As soldiers of Christ, we need to be committed and stand up and contend for the propagation of sound Christian doctrines of our faith that was given to us especially when it is being undermined by critics and sceptics. We need to contend for the faith and be not afraid of the evil one nor of his diabolical devices.

Thomas Watson: *“When we are advocates for truth we glorify God.”*

11. We glorify God when we worship and praise Him in a God honouring manner.

“Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God” (Psalms 50:23).

“I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore” (Psalms 86:12).

Thanksgiving (and thanks living) in our lives, families, workplace and churches honours God and let us learn to cultivate the attitude of gratitude.

Thomas Watson: *“Praising God is one of the highest and purest acts of religion. In prayer we act like me; in praise we act like angels.”*

12. We glorify God when we are zealous in our love and actions for His name sake.

The name of God is synonymous with the Lord Himself and let us cherish and revere this precious name and exalt and praise the name of the Lord from our hearts.

Thomas Watson: *“Zeal is impatient of God’s dishonor; a Christian fired with zeal takes a dishonor done to God worse than an injury done to himself.”*

13. We glorify God when we remember to thank God in all we do including our eating and drinking.

“Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God” (1 Corinthians 10:31).

Even in daily duties like eating drinking, driving, sleeping and working, let us pray and give God the glory and let us shine as light and salt in this fallen world (Matthew 5:16).

Thomas Watson: *“A gracious person holds the golden bridle of temperance; he takes his food as a medicine to heal the decays of nature, that he may be fitter, by the strength he receives, for the service of God.”*

14. We glorify God when we labour to draw others to God; seek their soul's conversion, and so make them instruments of glorifying God as the Lord's will.

"My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you" (Galatians 4:19).

Thomas Watson: *"It is a great way of glorifying God, when we break open the devil's prison, and turn men from the power of Satan to God."*

15. We glorify God when we are willing to suffer for God and bear our trials and testings patiently, and still serve and share the pure gospel without fail.

Thomas Watson: *"The glory of Christ's kingdom does not stand in worldly pomp and grandeur, as other kings'; but it is seen in the cheerful sufferings of his people."*

16. We glorify God when we give God all the honour and glory for all that we do or achieve and not ourselves (if any).

"But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me" (1 Corinthians 15:10).

We are beneficiaries of so much from God but we often take it for granted and let us pause for a moment and remember the grace of God and live with a grateful heart always.

Thomas Watson: *"As the silkworm, when she weaves her curious work, hides herself under the silk, and is not seen; so when we have done anything praiseworthy, we must hide ourselves under the veil of humility, and transfer the glory of all we have done to God."*

17. We glorify God when we live a life of fervent prayer and daily consecration.

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light" (1 Peter 2:9).

Holy and faithful living is an imperative for all Christians and a sanctified heart and mind is God's delight. Do not conformed to this world but be transformed by the Word of God and let it change your lives forever and impact others as well.

Thomas Watson: *"Though the main work of religion lies in the heart, yet our light must so shine that others may behold it."*

Modified from: Thomas Watson, *A Body of Divinity*, 10-18 (and expanded from <http://www.churchleaders.com/daily-buzz/247512-17-biblical-ways-glorify-god-life.html>)

- Rev 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 21st June	7pm	Mid-Week Outreach Bible Study Sovereign Grace Advent Testimony	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 23rd June	7pm	<i>"The Glory of God - Studies in Ezekiel"</i> Mr Ivan Foster	
Sat 24th June	4pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin	<u>TODAY: 18/06/2017</u>
Message	What do you Have?	An Invitation we must Hear	Chairman: Jonathan / Keene
Text	1 Corinthians 4:6-7	Jeremiah 25:1-14	Organist: Anthony
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			
<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>. • Study of the Book of Psalms (3pm): Dr Martin will lead the study using the book <i>"The Flow of the Psalms"</i> by Palmer Robertson. • Pulpit Ministry: Pray for Dr Martin as he serves as the minister and for the continuation of his PhD studies. • Ladies Fellowship: This will be held after lunch next Lord's Day. • Metropolitan Tabernacle School of Theology: 4th-6th July 2017. The theme this year is <i>"Our Glorious Reformation Legacy - 500th Anniversary"</i> • The Task Force would like to wish all Fathers a "Blessed Fathers' Day". 			Pianist: Anthony Ushers: John / Yetta Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael Lunch: Joseph Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Scott / Joel <u>NEXT WEEK: 25/06/2017</u> Chairman: John Organist: Anthony Pianist: Joel Ushers: Daniel / Margaret Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael Lunch: Hannah Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Keene
Worship Service Collections – Last Sunday: £1081.50; Lunch: £54.04			Church Maintenance Fund Total: £3,390.50

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 71

Q: What is required in the Seventh Commandment?

A: The Seventh Commandment requireth the preservation of our own and our neighbour's chastity, in heart, speech, and behaviour.

Scriptural Reference:

2 Timothy 2:22; Ephesians 5:11-12

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<i>"But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness."</i> 1 Timothy 4:7	<i>"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me."</i> John 5:39	<i>"And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."</i> Luke 11:9