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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Afternoon Service – 2pm

Call to Worship

Psalm 27:14

Psalm 28:7

Opening Prayer

John Poh

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Responsive Reading

Psalm 65

Scriptural Text

James 3:13-18

Malachi 3:13-4:3

Pastoral Prayer

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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Sermon Message

Cultivating a Biblical Mind

Improper Motives of Service

Benediction

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NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note that due to instructions from the government with regards to the ongoing Corona Virus epidemic, we will be suspending our Activities and Sunday Worship Services in the Church premises with immediate effect.

Instead we will be streaming the sermons via a video conferencing facility each Sunday.

Please email *admin 'at' newlifebpc.org.uk* for more information.

Tithes & Offerings – these can be by cheque made payable to: New Life Bible-Presbyterian Church. For direct bank transfer to the church account, please contact the treasurer, Mr Tom Tan.

Bi-Weekly Bible Study will next be held online on Wednesday 24th June, 3:30pm. After which it will be held on Friday evenings at 7pm – starting Friday 10th July. Please speak with Pr Mok for more information.

The Task Force would like to wish all fathers a "Blessed Father's Day".

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 16

Q: Did all mankind fall in Adam’s first transgression?

A: The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity; all mankind – descending from him by ordinary generation – sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression.

Comments:

The agreement which God made with Adam did not affect himself alone, but all his descendants. When Adam sinned, therefore, the whole of the human race, except Christ, incurred along with him his punishment – the punishment of death. They ‘sinned in him and fell in him’. This result is in strict keeping with the plan on which all the world’s affairs are conducted, for we still see children suffering on account of the misdeeds of their parents.

Scriptural Reference:

Romans 5:18-19, 1 Corinthians 15:22

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week

*“Hearken, my beloved brethren,
Hath not God chosen the poor of
this world rich in faith, and heirs of
the kingdom which he hath
promised to them that love him?”*

James 2:5

This Week

*“And did not he make one? Yet had he
the residue of the spirit. And wherefore
one? That he might seek a godly seed.
Therefore take heed to your spirit, and
let none deal treacherously against the
wife of his youth.”*

Malachi 2:15

Next Week

*“But the wisdom that is from
above is first pure, then
peaceable, gentle, and easy to
be intreated, full of mercy and
good fruits, without partiality,
and without hypocrisy.”*

James 3:17

FAMILY WORSHIP

Introduction

In today's churches, many young people become nominal members with more notional faith or abandon evangelical truth for unbiblical doctrine and modes of worship. One major reason for this failure is the lack of emphasis upon family worship.

Joshua 24:14-15 says, *“Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and server ye the LORD. And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”*

The importance of family worship

Notice three things in this text: *first*, Joshua did not make worship or service to the living God optional; *second*, he enforces the service of God in families with his own example; and *third*, the word 'serve' in verse 15 is an inclusive word, which is translated as worship many times in Scripture. Surely every God-fearing husband, father, and pastor must say with Joshua: “As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. We will seek the Lord, worship Him, and pray to Him as a family. We will read His Word, replete with instructions, and reinforce its teachings in our family.”

Given the importance of family worship as a potent force in winning untold millions to gospel truth throughout the ages, we ought not be surprised that God requires heads of households do all they can to lead their families in worshipping the living God. Our families owe their allegiance to God. God has placed fathers in a position of authority to guide their children in the way of the Lord (Eph. 6:4). Cloth with holy authority, fathers owe to their children prophetic teaching, priestly intercession, and royal guidance.

Steps to implementing family worship

As heads of households, we must implement family worship in the home. God requires that we worship Him not only privately as individuals, but publicly as members of the covenant body and community, and socially as families. Here are some suggestions to help you establish God-honouring family worship in your homes.

According to Scripture, God should be served in special acts of worship in families today in the following three ways:

(1) Daily instruction in the Word of God

God should be worshipped by daily reading and instruction from His Word. Have a plan, account for special occasions, involve the family, and encourage private reading and study. Through questions and answers, parents and children are to daily interact with each other about sacred truth (Deut. 6:6-7). For biblical instruction, strive to be plain in meaning, pure in doctrine, relevant in application, and affectionate in manner. Be sure to require attention.

(2) Daily prayer to the throne of God

Jeremiah 10:25 says, *“Pour out thy fury upon the heathen that know thee not, and upon families that call not on thy name.”* As Thomas Brooks said, “A family without prayer is like a house without a roof, open and exposed to all the storms of heaven.” For praying, be short, be simple without being shallow, be direct, be natural yet solemn, and strive for variety.

(3) Daily singing the praise of God

Psalm 118:15 says, *“The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles [or homes] of the righteous: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.”* This verse is a clear reference to singing. The psalmist says this sound is (not simply ought to be) in the tents of the righteous. I advise that you sing doctrinally pure songs, sing Psalms first and foremost without neglecting sound hymns, sing simple songs if you have young children, and sing heartily and with feeling.

Conclusion

Some people object to regular times of family worship. Do not indulge excuses to avoid family worship. Let us remember that God often uses the restoration of family worship to usher in church revival. As goes the home, so goes the church. Family worship is a most decisive factor in how the home goes.