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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 11 DECEMBER 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Afternoon Service – 3pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 104:1 & 33-35

Psalm 105:1-3

Opening Prayer

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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*Opening Hymn **

Insert – *“To Thy Temple I Repair”*

RHC 67 – *“Praise the Saviour”*

Responsive Reading

Psalm 34

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 34 verses 1-4, 8-10
(to the tune of Wiltshire, RHC 35)

Scriptural Text

Jude 20-21

Nahum 1:6-7

Pastoral Prayer

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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Sermon Message

Edification is the Surest Defence in Spiritual Warfare

Christ our Stronghold

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 389 – *“Teach me Thy Way, O Lord”*

RHC 442 – *“Soldiers of Christ, Arise”*

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

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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.

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.

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 38

Q: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

A: At the resurrection, believers being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full ENJOYING OF GOD to all eternity.

Comments:

We are here taught that there will be a resurrection, and after the resurrection a judgment. At that judgment those who have believed in Jesus will be blessed in the following ways: 1. They will be raised up with glorified bodies; 2. They will be acknowledge by Christ, the Judge, as his own people, and declared free from all guilt before an assembled world; 3. They will be taken to heaven, where they shall be happy with God for ever.

Scriptural Reference:

1 Corinthians 15:43, Matthew 25:34, Revelations 21:4, 1 Thessalonians 4:17

RENEWING AND SURRENDERING

The second main source of temptations is the world. Now what is the world? Clearly the Bible is not talking about the physical earth when it speaks of the world's temptations. It's talking rather about a system of values that are not divine values, and about a way of life that is not God's way of life—a lifestyle, if you will. The *Oxford English Dictionary* hits upon this sense of the word when it defines the world as "worldly affairs, the aggregate of things earthly." In this area we must place temptations to become president of the company or of the women's auxiliary at the expense of others who also want the top position. We must include most of the sins of pride—pride in our ancestry, our wealth, our superior taste in art, music, or drama. We must include all desires to put down other people.

Is there a specific biblical cure for these temptations? Yes, there is. But, unfortunately, in this area the solution is not so quick or as simple as with the sins of the flesh. This cure is gradual. Paul spoke of it when he said to the Christians in Rome, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (12:1-2). This means that we are to overcome the world's temptations by allowing God to transform us from within into Christ's image. This he will do as we surrender our wills to His will and begin to walk in the path He sets before us.

The final type of temptation is that which comes to us from the devil. The secret to resisting this type of temptation is found in James 4:7, which we quoted earlier. We've seen that the temptation that comes from the flesh is to be resisted by fleeing from it. The texts there were 1 Corinthians 6:18, and 2 Timothy 2:22. We are to resist the temptation that comes to us from the world by allowing God to transform us by the renewing of our minds, that we may prove His perfect will for us; that text is Romans 12:1-2. But when it comes to the devil, the Scripture says, "Submit yourselves, therefore, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." That text is James 4:7.

Now at this point we must be very clear about what James was saying. He said "Submit to God," and "resist the devil." We are to submit and resist. But how can we do that? What does submission mean? And how can we resist the wisdom and superior cunning of Satan? We need to answer these questions clearly, for if we're sensitive to spiritual things we know that Satan is stronger than we are. And we know that we are unable to resist him in ourselves, and that we're weak compared to him. Therefore we need to know how we are to seek deliverance through the One who Himself defeated Satan, who is Jesus Christ.

So we go back again to our question. What does it mean to submit? Quite simply it means to surrender one's will to God, and since this cannot be done in isolation apart from a personal relationship to him, it means that we must spend time conversing with God through prayer. It's certainly no accident, for instance, that in the Lord's Prayer we have the petition "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil" after the Christian has already prayed, "Hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done." In other words, although the believer is to resist the devil, although he's to fight against him, he is able to do this successfully only after he has first of all submitted himself to God.

Study Questions:

1. What is the second source of temptation, and how would you define it?
2. Give some examples of this kind of temptation.
3. What is the biblical cure for these?
4. How do we deal with temptations from the devil?

Reflection: What temptations do you face from the world? How specifically can you put into practice Romans 12:1-2?

Prayer: In your struggle against temptation, make it a point to prayerfully reflect on Jesus' instructions in the Lord's Prayer on a regular, even daily, basis.

Key Point: This [Romans 12:1-2] means that we are to overcome the world's temptations by allowing God to transform us from within into Christ's image. This he will do as we surrender our wills to His will and begin to walk in the path He sets before us.

Article is taken from Think and Act Biblically by James Boice, a devotional of the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals

WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our Lord's Day activities begins with the **Church Prayer Meeting** at **10:15 am** followed by the **Worship Services** at **11.00 am and 3.00 pm**. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Worshippers, we extend a warm welcome to you this Lord's Day. We hope that you have a blessed time of worship with us today.

For those unable to attend Church in person, we are streaming our worship services online. To join our online services or for more information, please call the church manse, or email us at [admin 'at' newlifebpc.org.uk](mailto:admin@newlifebpc.org.uk).

Tithes & Offerings – There will be an offering box at the entrance to the Church Sanctuary for you to place your offerings in.

Children's Sunday School – held after Morning Service at 1:30pm

After-Service Fellowship – Join us for lunch fellowship after the morning worship service. Please bring your own lunch as only drinks will be provided.

Help is needed to clean up the church premises on 11 & 18 December 2022 after lunch

Worship Service Collections: Last Sunday – TBC,
27/11/22 – Offering: £430.00, Maintenance Fund: £100.00

**Church Maintenance
Fund Total:** £9,840.50

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week

“Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD'S anger.”

Zephaniah 2:3

This Week

“The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.”

Zephaniah 3:17

Next Week

“Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.”

Jude 21

Pre-cautions for Worship Services held at the church premises:

With the lifting of the legal Covid restrictions on 24th Feb 2022, we will continue observing the following precautions:

- No offering collection during the worship service. Offerings can be made at the offering box when entering or exiting the church.
- Temperature measurements will still be taken for every worshipper and visitor for the time being. We continue to urge those who feel unwell (especially with Covid symptoms) not to come to the church services but join us at our online services.
- During worship services, please continue to sit with your own households.
- As per the current government advise, we suggest you use a face covering when attending the services. Please bring your own face covering.

To join our online services or for more information, please visit the church website (www.newlifebpc.org.uk) or call the church manse (020 73280869).

With the Lord's blessing,

John Poh & Jonathan Kim
Task Force Members