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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 28 AUGUST 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Afternoon Service – 3pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 149:1-3

Psalm 150:1-2 & 6

Opening Prayer

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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*Opening Hymn **

RHC 1 – “O Worship the King”

RHC 25 – “The Lord is King”

Responsive Reading

Psalm 19

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 19 verses 1-4, 7-8
(to the tune of Manoah, RHC 201)

Scriptural Text

Exodus 7:11-12

Song of Solomon 8:13

Pastoral Prayer

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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Sermon Message

The Power of God’s Rod

The Bridegroom’s Last Commission

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 231 – “Come, Holy Spirit,
Heavenly Dove”

RHC 267 – “Only Trust Him”

Benediction/3-Fold

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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*Amen **

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 23

Q: What offices doth Christ execute as our Redeemer?

A: Christ, as our Redeemer, executeth the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.

Comments:

In the last three questions we were taught the great truth that sinners may be saved. In the following six questions we are taught the way in which our Redeemer works out salvation to his people. He does so, we are told, by discharging the duties of a prophet, a priest, and a king, and thereby delivering us from our threefold misery of ignorance, guilt, and bondage. He performed these duties while he was here on earth, and he still continues to perform them in heaven.

Scriptural Reference:

Acts 3:22, Hebrews 5:6, Psalm 2:6

EIGHT REASONS TO PRAY EVERY DAY

Introduction

Taking some time each day to pray is a familiar expectation for Christians. Jesus actually gave His disciples something to pray for *“this day”*. What are some of the reasons why He might have done this? Thomas Manton gives some suggestions in the following updated extract.

When Jesus teaches us in the Lord’s Prayer to pray for our daily bread, He teaches us at least two things. One, that we are permitted to pray for temporal things as well as spiritual things. And two, that we are to do this every day.

What is the reason Christ says, *“Give us this day”*?

1. EVERY DAY GOD WANTS TO HEAR FROM US

It is not, “Give us this month, or year,” but *“this day,”* because every day God wants to hear from us. God does not want to have us too long out of His company, but by frequent interactions He wants us to be acquainted and familiar with Him. This is required, that you should not let a day pass over your head but God must hear from you. Your patent lasts only for a day; you have a lease from God of your comforts and mercies, but it expires unless you renew it again by prayer. It is very different from the heart of God’s children, to be contented to come to the mercy-seat only once a year! The Lord wants us to come every day to the throne of grace.

2. EVERY DAY THERE SHOULD BE FAMILY PRAYER

All who eat their food together are to come, and say to God, *“Give us this day our daily bread.”* It is not, “Give me,” but “Give us.” Therefore you see how little of love and fear of God is there, where, week after week, they do not call on God’s name.

3. EVERY DAY MAKES WAY FOR OUR THANKFULNESS

Our mercies do not flow from God all at once, but some today, and some tomorrow, and we take them day by day. All together, they are too heavy for us to wield and manage. *“Who daily loadeth us with benefits”* (Psalm 68:19). Our mercies come in greater number and a greater measure than we are able to acknowledge, make use of, or be thankful for. Therefore, this is the burden of gracious hearts, that mercies come so thick and fast we cannot be thankful enough for them, but to help us, God distributes them by parcels. He loads us daily, some today, some tomorrow, and every day, so that we would not forget God, but would have a new reason to praise him.

4. EVERY DAY WE CAN RENEW OUR DEPENDENCE ON GOD

There is no day but we stand in need of the Lord’s blessing, of sanctification, of comfort, and that they would not be a snare, so every day there is still need of new strength, new grace, and new supplies.

5. WE CAN TAKE EVERY DAY AS IT COMES

We pray, *“Give us this day,”* so that we may not burden ourselves with overmuch thoughtfulness, and so that we might not solicitously worry for tomorrow. *“Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof”* (Matthew 6:34). Every day affords business, trouble, care and burden enough; we need not anticipate and pre-occupy the cares of the next day. God does not want to have us overborne with solicitude, but to look no further than this day.

6. EVERY DAY AVOIDS EXCESS

Christ is teaching us that worldly things should be sought in a moderate proportion. If we have sufficient for a day, for the present need, we would not be grasping at too much. Ships lightly laden will pass through the sea, but when we take too great a burden, the ship will easily sink with every storm. We have sore troubles to pass through in the world, and when we are overburdened with present things we have more snares and temptations.

7. EVERY DAY REMINDS US OF OUR LIFE’S UNCERTAINTY

“Say not, This and this I will do to-day or to-morrow: What is your life? it is but a vapour” (James 4:13). Someone was once invited to dinner the next day, and replied, “For these many years I have not had a tomorrow,” meaning that he was providing every day for his last day. We do not know whether we have another day, but we are apt to sing lullabies to our souls, and say, *“Soul, take thine ease, thou hast goods laid up for many years”* (Luke 12:19). We are foolishly complacent, and dream of many years, whereas God tells us only of today.

8. EVERY DAY AWAKENS US TO HEAVENLY THINGS

When we seek bread for the present life, then give us “this day.” “But now come to me,” says Christ, “and I will give you bread that shall nourish you ‘to eternal life, bread that endures for ever.’” *“Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life”* (John 6:27). There is food that will endure for ever, but for the present we beg only for this day. As Peter says, we have *“an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you”* (1 Pet. 1:4). That is an eternal state, but this earthly state is only short and of a small continuance.

You see what need you have to go to God, that He will most plentifully provide for you.

Article adapted from Westminster Assembly blog, Reformation Scotland website

WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our Lord's Day activities begins with the **Pre-Worship 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.

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

Worship Service Collections: Last Sunday - £327.00, Maintenance Fund - £100

Church Maintenance Fund Total: £9,200.50

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week

“And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.”

Exodus 3:14

This Week

“His left hand should be under my head, and his right hand should embrace me.”

Song of Solomon 8:3

Next Week

“And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I am the LORD your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.”

Exodus 6:7

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