



NEW LIFE

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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 02 JULY 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 26:1-3

Opening Prayer

John Poh

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 26 – “Come, Thou Fount”

Responsive Reading

Psalm 62

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 62 verses 1-6
(to the tune of tune of Seraph, RHC 15)

Scriptural Text

Isaiah 34:16

Pastoral Prayer

Eld Stephen Toms

Sermon Message

Seeking Out of The Book

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 252 – “The Old Book and the Old Faith”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Eld Stephen Toms

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 67

Q: What is the Sixth Commandment?

A: The Sixth Commandment is, THOU SHALT NOT KILL.

Scriptural Reference:

Exodus 20:13, Deuteronomy 5:17

KNOWING THE WILL OF GOD

Acts 10 - 11:1-18

It is interesting how Peter handled this controversy. Peter could have said, perhaps rightly, “I am an apostle; God speaks to me and through me. God told me that going to the house of these Gentiles was all right. So if you don’t like it, you can just leave my church.” Some Christian leaders do handle controversy in that way. But I notice that Peter did not do that. Peter was an apostle, but he did not flaunt his apostolic authority. Instead he began with a humble recitation of what happened. The Greek makes this particularly clear. It indicates that Peter began at the beginning and explained everything precisely—a very strong word—precisely as it happened.

If anybody questioned his particular presentation of the facts, well, there were the six brothers who had gone to Caesarea with him. They could say, as undoubtedly they did say, “It is exactly as Peter has reported.”

People often ask ministers: How does a person come to know the will of God? How does God lead people? How am I to know whether or not I should do this or do that? Some people think that God never gives guidance except through application of a specific Bible text. Others speak of open or closed doors. Some, like the great eighteenth-century evangelist George Whitefield, speak of “intimations.” Still others declare, “The Lord told me to do so and so.” It is a serious matter, worthy of some thought.

Here Peter tells how he was led.

1. ***Peter was praying (v. 5).*** That is an important starting point, isn’t it? It was a good preface to what Peter was going to say next too, since this was not a case of Peter simply having the notion pop into his head that now might be a good time to take the Gospel to the Gentiles or of his being caught off guard, as it were, when the Gentiles arrived in Joppa from Caesarea. No, Peter said, “I was praying. I was seeking the will of God. And it was while I was in that frame of mind, seeking God’s will, that God led me in this matter.”

More than twenty years ago, when I first came to Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, I listened to a tape by Donald Grey Barnhouse on “How to Know the Will of God.” He made the point that God leads in three ways and that, when you get all three of these in line, then you can be sure that it is God who is leading you.

First, “You need to be willing to do the will of God even before you know what it is.” I think that is very important. Because God does not give options, allowing us to choose one or another or even choose whether we want to follow a specific course of action. He waits until we are ready to obey Him. Then he tells us what we should do.

Second, “God speaks through Scripture.” God never leads contrary to Scripture. So if we are to be led by God, we must be men and women of the Book. We must know it and understand its principles.

Third, “You need to look to God on a regular basis—daily and, at times, even hourly.” Barnhouse referred to **Psalm 32:8**, which in the King James Version says, “I will guide thee with mine eye.” Barnhouse said that if God is to guide us with his eye, He obviously must catch

our eye. So we need to look to Him regularly through periods of personal Bible reading and devotion. It is the third of these points that Peter mentions first. He was praying, trying, as it were, to catch the eye of God to see the way in which God might lead him; and it was while he was in that frame of mind that God provided the new direction.

Application

Reflection: Reflect on how much time and attention you devote to your prayer life. How can you improve this discipline?

Application: Use caution and rely on prayer before declaring that the Lord led you to do something.

— A devotional adapted and edited from “Think & Act Biblically” by James Montgomery
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WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our Lord's Day activities begins with the **Worship Services** at **11.00 am**. 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 is 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.

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week

“There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.”

1 Corinthians 10:13

This Week

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:”

2 Timothy 3:16

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

Dear all,

While the legal Covid restrictions having been lifted, we will continue to observe the following precautions:

- We continue to urge those who feel unwell (especially with Covid symptoms) to stay home and join us at our online services.
- No offering will be collected during the worship service. Offerings can be made at the offering box when entering or exiting the church.
- During worship services, please continue to sit with your own households.
- While not required, the use of face covering is voluntary. 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