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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 04 JUNE 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-6

Opening Prayer

John Poh

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 15 – “How Shall I Sing That Majesty”

Responsive Reading

Psalm 58

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 58 verses 1-5, 11

(to the tune of tune of Dundee, RHC 555)

Scriptural Text

Matthew 12:34-37

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Matthew Yong

Sermon Message

Words

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 385 – “May the Mind of Christ, My Saviour”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Rev Matthew Yong

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 63

Q: Which is the Fifth Commandment?

A: The Fifth Commandment is, HONOUR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER; that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Scriptural Reference:

Exodus 20:12

PRAYER PURCHASED BY CHRIST'S BLOOD

But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly (Matt. 6:6)

For the better management of this great duty, viz., closet prayer, I beseech you take my advice and counsel in these...following particulars.

Be frequent in closet prayer and not now and then only. He will never make any yearnings of closet prayer that is not frequent in closet prayer. Now, that this counsel may stick,

Consider you are the favourites of heaven, you are greatly beloved, you are highly honoured, you are exceedingly esteemed and valued in the court of the Most High. And remember that the petitions of many weak Christians, of many benighted Christians, of many tempted Christians, of many clouded Christians, of many staggering Christians, of many doubting Christians, of many bewildered Christians, and of many fainting Christians, etc., are put into your hands for a quick and speedy dispatch to the throne of grace. Thus you had need be frequent in your closets and improve your interest in heaven, or else many of these poor hearts may be wronged, betrayed, and prejudiced by your neglect. Such as are favourites in princes' courts, if they are active, diligent, careful, and watchful, may do much good for others. They may come as often as they please into their prince's presence and, with Queen Esther, have for asking what they please, both for themselves and others (Est 7). Oh, what a world of good may God's favourites do for others if they would be but frequent with God in their closets!

O sirs! If you have not that love, that regard, that pity, that compassion to your own souls, as you should have, yet, oh, let not others suffer by your neglect of private prayer! Oh, let not Zion suffer! Oh, let not any particular saint suffer by your being found seldom in your closets.

Certainly, it might have gone better with the churches of Christ, with the concernments of Christ, and with many of the poor people of Christ, if most Christians had been more frequent with God in their closets. But,

Consider that this liberty to approach near to God in your closets cost Christ His dearest blood (Eph 2:13; Heb 10:20). Now, he that is not frequent with God in his closet tells all about him: he sets no great value upon that liberty that Christ hath purchased with His blood. The incomparable, the unparalleled price that Christ hath paid down upon the nail more than sixteen hundred years ago that we might have liberty and free access to His Father in our closets argues very strongly, yes, irrefragably, the superlative excellency of that liberty (1Pe 1:19). Oh, therefore, let us improve to purpose this blessed purchase of our Lord Jesus by being frequent with God in our closets.

Some dispute whether one drop of Christ's blood was sufficient for the pardon of our sins and redemption of our souls. My intention is not to dispute but to offer a few things for your consideration.

First, it must be granted that by reason of the hypostatic union, a drop of Christ's blood was of an inestimable worth and excellency; and the value of His passion is to be measured by the dignity of His person. But,

Secondly, a proportion was to be observed between the punishment due to men and that which was suffered for man; that His sufferings might be satisfactory, two things were necessary: *the severity of the punishment*, as well as *the dignity of the person*. That the least drop of Christ's blood was not sufficient for the redemption of our souls may thus appear:

First, if it were, then the circumcision of Christ was enough, for there was a drop, if not many drops of blood shed.

Secondly, then His being crowned with a crown of thorns was sufficient, for it is most probable that they drew blood from Him.

Thirdly, then all Christ's sufferings besides were superfluous and vain.

Fourthly, then God was unjust and unrighteous to take more than was due to His justice. But for any man to affirm that God hath taken beyond what was His just due is high blasphemy.

Fifthly, then Christ was weak and imprudent to pay more than He needed; for what need was there of His dearest heart blood if a drop from His hand would have saved our souls? Let schoolmen imagine what they please, it is certain that not one dram of that bitter cup that Christ drank off could be abated, in order to His Father's full satisfaction and man's eternal redemption. Christ hath given under His own hand that it was necessary that He should suffer many things (Luk 24:26). O sirs! Shall Christ shed not only a few drops of blood, but His very heart blood to purchase you a freedom and liberty to be as often in your closets with His Father as you please; and will you only now and then give God a visit in private? The Lord forbid.

From *The Complete Works of Thomas Brooks*, ed. Alexander Balloch Grosart, Vol. 2 (Edinburgh; London; Dublin: James Nichol; James Nisbet and Co.; G. Herbert, 1866), 250-251; in the public domain.

It is God's sight of the blood of Christ which, at bottom, is the reason for the salvation of the redeemed. How I rejoice to think that, although my faith-sight of the blood gives me peace, still, if that eye of mine ever gets dim, it does not imperil my salvation; for God's eye is not dim, and it is always fixed on the blood of His Son. In sacred contemplation, the Father surveys the sacrifice of His Son with supreme satisfaction; and as He sees the blood, He spares us for His Son's sake. But then, dear friends, the blood of the covenant is also to be extolled *because it is our sight of it that brings us peace*. When we realise that Jesus died for us, there is peace in our soul. I do not know whether you are like me in this respect, but there are times when I, as it were, take the fact of my eternal safety for granted. but there comes a severe sickness, or deep depression of spirit, there comes a time when death has to be looked in the face, and the sense of past sin rises vividly before me, and then it is a blessed thing to stand once more at the foot of the cross, and to look up to Jesus hanging there, and to say...“Yes, yes, yes, I am safe! I am saved by the precious blood of Jesus.” - *Charles Spurgeon*

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SERMON NOTES: WORDS

(Matthew 12:34-37)

We use words every day. Words that we speak have tremendous power. They are not light nor empty; they carry weight. Our words can build up or pull down others, encourage or enrage them, heal or hurt people (Proverbs 15:1).

Words are powerful and they have specific meanings, so we need to use them correctly/wisely. God's words were so powerful that they actually created everything (Hebrews 11:3, Genesis 1). Solomon said that "Death and life are in the power of the tongue." (Proverbs 18:21)

Jesus: On the words we speak. Matthew 12:36

Jesus said that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgement for every idle word that they have spoken. In the context, Jesus was contrasting the good things within a good person with the evil things in the heart of an evil person.

v35 – Jesus explained the abundance of the heart by a treasure, which was an accumulation of goods. A good person from the good collection of thoughts and affections which he accumulated in his mind, would naturally bring forth good words and deeds, Philippians 4:8.

v34 – The mouth speaks what the heart is full of, Luke 6:45, Proverbs 4:23, Matthew 15:18.

The significance of words is that they will be used to gauge a person's spiritual condition in the judgment. Jesus was speaking to a group of Pharisees who had just accused Him of being demon-possessed (v24).

Jesus called them vipers and asked, "How can you, being evil, speak good things?"

The Pharisees had only evil words concerning Jesus. Then Jesus warned them of the coming judgment where they would be held accountable for their words.

There is no better judge of a person's heart than the words that come forth from his mouth.

What are idle words?

They are:

- i. Empty rhetoric
- ii. Insincere or exaggerated talk
- iii. Careless words

How should Christians use words?

Ephesians 4:29 – No corrupt communication, good words to edify others, gracious words.

Colossians 4:6 – Gracious, seasoned with salt, right words.

The Bible stresses that what we say is an accurate indication of what is in our heart. If our words bless and encourage others, they give evidence of a compassionate heart. If you often share the good news of Christ, you demonstrate a heart that is grateful for your own salvation.

When others are in trouble, having difficulties in life, in a crisis, do they know they will find comfort in your words? Do you frequently and spontaneously offer up prayers for others? Do your words and the manner you say them reveal a patient heart?

Not only have we to use the right words, but we must use the right tone.

Remember Psalm 19:14 every day so we can speak wisely.

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

“Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.”

Matthew 5:13

This Week

“A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.”

Matthew 12:35

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