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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 08 JANUARY 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Afternoon Service – 3pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 42:1-5

Psalm 84:1-4

Opening Prayer

Mr Charles Scott-Pearson

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Opening Hymn *

RHC 81 – “*Lord of the Sabbath*”

RHC 32 – “*Immortal, Invisible, Good Only Wise*”

Responsive Reading

Psalm 37

Second Hymn *

Psalm 37 verses 23-27
(to the tune of Azmon, RHC 61)

Scriptural Text

Hebrews 5

Hebrews 7

Pastoral Prayer

Mr Charles Scott-Pearson

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Sermon Message

The Better Priesthood – Part 1

The Better Priesthood – Part 2

Closing Hymn *

RHC 65 – “*And Can it Be*”

RHC 453 – “*I Love to Tell the Story*”

Benediction/3-Fold

Mr Charles Scott-Pearson

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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 42

Q: What is the sum of the Ten Commandments?

A: The sum of the Ten Commandments is, TO LOVE THE LORD OUR GOD, with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and OUR NEIGHBOUR as ourselves.

Comments:

The whole of God’s commands to us are here summed up in one word – LOVE. The man who with his whole soul loves God and his neighbour, fulfils the law. *Neighbour* here means not merely one who lives near us, but, as Christ teaches us (Luke 10), whoever holds kindred with us, or is a man.

Scriptural Reference:

Matthew 23:37, 39, 40; Romans 13:10

THE IMPORTANCE OF “THEREFORE”

In the previous study, we saw that Jesus provided a cure for anxiety by what He said in Matthew 6: *“Therefore, I say unto you, Be not anxious for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on... For after all these things do the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you”* (vv. 25, 32-33).

The translators of the New Scofield Reference Bible (as well as the translators of most modern versions) did not retain the old King James expressions in this passage. The King James Bible says, “Take no thought for your life... Take no thought for the morrow.” This translation has misled some people into thinking that Jesus was warning against making proper provision for the future or even against thinking about these things, both of which are untrue. Actually, we have a case here where words have just changed their meaning. The original, both in the Greek and the English of the time of King James, was just “Stop worrying.” And Paul meant the same thing when he told the Philippians, “Be anxious for nothing” (Phil. 4:6). Peter was referring to the tendency of some Christians to worry when he wrote, “Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you” (1 Peter 5:7).

Christians, you see, are not to be anxious or worried about anything. We worry, that’s true, but we do not need to. Moreover, we should not worry. For worry can effectively stifle the Christian life and ruin one’s witness.

If we’re to understand the essential point of these verses in Matthew 6, it’s very important to recognise the clear outline that we have here. The clue to it is found in the repetition of the word “therefore” in verses 25, 31, and 34. It’s been said that whenever in your reading of the Bible you come upon the word “therefore,” you should not go on until you understand what it is “there for.” Well that’s good, and if that’s true for one instance of the word, it’s much truer when the word is repeated several times over. “Therefore” really means “for this reason” or “because of this.” So we immediately recognise that in these verses Jesus gives a conclusion—in each case identical—based on three things that have gone before. Because of the teaching in verses 32 and 33, the Christian is not to worry. The entire section contains three points which in each case, are followed by the identical conclusion.

Study Questions

1. What harmful effects can worry produce?
2. What is the basic outline for this week’s Scripture passage, and what is the clue to it?

Application

Reflection: Is there someone you know who is worrying about something? How can you encourage them during this difficult time in their life?

Key Point: Christians, you see, are not to be anxious or worried about anything. We worry, that’s true, but we do not need to. Moreover, we should not worry. For worry can effectively stifle the Christian life and ruin one’s witness.

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 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.

Worship Service Collections: Last Sunday – £495.00; 25/12/22 - £2980.10, Maintenance Fund - £100.00

Church Maintenance Fund Total: £9,940.50

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week

“So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.”

Psalms 90:12

This Week

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

2 Corinthians 5:17

Next Week

“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

Hebrews 4:12

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.
- As per the current government and NHS advise, please 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