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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 12 NOVEMBER 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 90:1-2

Opening Prayer

John Poh

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 21 – “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Responsive Reading

Psalm 81

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 81 verses 1-8
(to the tune of tune of All Saints, RHC 562)

Scriptural Text

Jeremiah 8

Pastoral Prayer

Mr Charles Scott-Pearson

Sermon Message

The Wasted Opportunity

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 429 – “We Have Not Known Thee as We Ought”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Mr Charles Scott-Pearson

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 86

Q: What is Faith in Jesus Christ?

A: Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we RECEIVE and REST UPON HIM ALONE for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

Comments:

Grace means undeserved favour or kindness. A saving grace means an act of God's favour ending in salvation. Faith is such a grace. And it is here said to consist in *receiving* Christ – that is, in believing what is said of him in the Bible, and *resting upon him* – that is, trusting our souls to him as our Saviour. We rest on him *alone*, and not in anything we may or can do. Our plea is, *Christ only*.

Scriptural Reference:

John 3:16, Acts 4:12

Dear brethren, starting this week, we will be publishing articles on “The Names of God” Beatitudes written by Rev Mathews Abraham. The articles were originally written for Lively Hope (the weekly newsletter of Hope Bible-Presbyterian Church, Adelaide, Australia) and they are now reproduced for you with Rev Mathews’ kind permission. We pray that the articles will help you gain more insight into the truths of God.

WHAT’S IN A NAME?

We will consider a new series of articles on the theme ‘The Names of God’. What is so special about a name? A name identifies a person - who he or she is. But for God and his name, it’s much more than that. When we give names to our children, we don’t have the power to change their character. We can only hope they live up to the great name that we give them. But it is different if God gives the name. He has the power to change us and will fulfil it in the lives of those He named. In Genesis 17:5, God changed Abram’s name to Abraham to show that from then he would be the father of many nations. Similarly, in Genesis 17:15, God changed Sarai’s name to Sarah.

In Genesis 32:27-28, we find the most notable change of name by God. “And he said unto him, what is thy name? And he said, Jacob. And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.” Jacob means “he cheats” or “deceiver”. Jacob’s life displayed this deception from birth until he wrestled with God. And in the encounter with God, Jacob is humbled, forgiven and given a new name Israel, which mean “God fights” or “triumphant with God”. In the New Testament, God gave His only begotten Son and our Saviour a beautiful name. “...thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins” (Matt 1:21). Jesus lived up to His name, and what a wonderful saviour He is to us. So, if God gives a name to us, there is much in it as it will reveal our destiny.

God revealed Himself to us through His names too. When God names Himself, we can be sure He is who He says He is. His name is packed with meaning. God will not choose names for Himself at random. Rather He, through names, reveals Himself to us so that we can adore, love and worship Him meaningfully. The most common name for God in the Old Testament is the name YHWH. In our English versions, the word LORD in all capital letters refers to YHWH. Yahweh – “The self-existent one” (Exodus 3:13-14). Yahweh needs no introduction. He is gracious and keeps his promises or covenant. Yahweh is God’s proper name in Hebrew. God revealed this name to Moses when he asked God’s name. You can read this in Exodus 3:13-15. It appears close to 7000 times in the Old Testament, almost three times more than other names of God.

The other names, including the compound names, provide further revelation of His character, greatness, and mission. The list below is that of the notable names of God. Adonai – “Lord” (Exodus 4:10-16; Isaiah 6:1-8). Since God is Lord over all, we should obey, serve, and worship him. Elohim – “The Strong One” (Genesis 1:1). Elohim has the power to create, restore, and keep his promises. El Elyon – “God Most High” (Genesis 14:19-20). Who deserves our wholehearted worship and allegiance. El Roi – “The God who sees me” (Genesis 16:13). El Roi sees my need and steps in to meet our needs. El Shaddai – “God Almighty” (Genesis 17:1-2). El Shaddai is all-powerful and all-sufficient. El Olam – “The everlasting God” (Genesis 21:33). The everlasting God is always and

eternally available to us. Jehovah Jireh – “The Lord will provide” (Genesis 22:14). Jehovah Jireh provides all that we need. Jehovah Rapha – “The Lord who heals you” (Exodus 15:22-27). Jehovah Rapha reminds us that health and healing are linked to obedience. Jehovah Nissi – “The Lord is our banner” (Exodus 17:8-16). The banner of the Lord leads us to victory. Jehovah M'kadash – “The Lord who sanctifies you” (Leviticus 20:7-8). Jehovah M'kadash sets us apart for Himself and calls us to live holy lives. Jehovah Shalom – “The Lord is Peace” (Judges 6:24). A mindset on God will experience perfect peace. Jehovah Sabaoth – “The Lord of Hosts” (1 Samuel 1:10-11; 17:45-46). The Lord of Hosts fights for his people. Jehovah Rohi – “The Lord my shepherd” (Psalm 23). Because the Lord is my shepherd, I have everything I need. Jehovah Tsidkenu – “The Lord our righteousness” (Jeremiah 23:5-6). As a righteous God, God cannot overlook sin. God allowed Jesus to take our punishment, and through His death, we are declared righteous. Jehovah Shammah – “The Lord is there” (Ezekiel 48:35). Jehovah Shammah is present among His people.

Hebrews 13:8 reminds us that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. Our God never changes; therefore, as James says in James 1:17, “...with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.” As creatures, we should thank God we belong to the great and the only God. The implication of this is also that we conform more to His likeness and characteristics as much as possible in our finite nature. Children learn from parents, students from teachers, and soldiers from their army general, so we as creation learn from our Creator. Since God is real and revealed to us through His names too, we must imitate Him and conform to God. His names remind us of God’s sufficiency in dealing with whatever we may face.

So, what’s in a name? Much as God has revealed Himself, His character and mission through His name and wants us to want us to know Him personally. We don’t believe in somebody who is up there in heaven; we know Him by name. We know God exists and has revealed Himself so that we can know Him and sing His praises. The Psalmist says in Psalm 8:1, “O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.” Psalm 9:10 remind us, “And they that know thy name put their trust in thee...” The great preacher C H Spurgeon, commenting on Psalm 9:10, says we should be diligent in studying God’s names because “Ignorance is worst when it amounts to ignorance of God, and knowledge is best when it exercises itself upon the Name of God. This most excellent knowledge leads to the most excellent grace of faith..... By knowing His Name, it also means an experimental acquaintance with the attributes of God, which is every one of the anchors to hold the soul from drifting in seasons of peril.” God’s names strengthen our faith, and we who know the name of God let us put our trust in Him.

Let us show reverence to God and His name. Don’t follow the world and take the name of the Lord in vain. The third commandment reminds us in Exodus 20:7, “Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.” Rather we are reminded in the Lord’s prayer to lift on high the name of God. “After this manner, therefore, pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.” (Matt 6:9). May our prayer be like the psalmist in Psalm 86:11. “Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.”

Rev Mathews Abraham, Singapore

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.

Please note that this Lords Day is Remembrance Sunday and we will be observing 2 minutes silence at 11am, please be seated early.

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week

“Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,”

2 Timothy 1:8-9

This Week

“The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.”

Psalms 121:7

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.
- Please place your offerings in 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