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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 14 MAY 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 36:5-7

Opening Prayer

John Poh

Opening Hymn *

RHC 36 – “High in the Heavens, Eternal God”

Responsive Reading

Psalm 55

Second Hymn *

Psalm 55 verses 1-6, 23

(to the tune of tune of No Other Plea, RHC 301)

Scriptural Text

Hebrews 11:1-6

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Matthew Yong

Sermon Message

Faith

The Lord's Supper

Rev Matthew Yong

Closing Hymn *

RHC 441 – “Faith Is the Victory”

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 60

Q: How is the Sabbath to be sanctified?

A: The Sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy RESTING all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days; and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of NECESSITY and MERCY.

Comments:

This answer teaches us that the proper way of observing the Sabbath is by: 1. Resting from all secular work; 2. Ceasing from amusement; 3. Engaging in public worship; 4. Engaging in private worship. The only kinds of work allowable on the Sabbath are works of *necessity* – that is, such as cannot be done on the Saturday, nor left over till the Monday; and works of *mercy* – that is, such as it would be cruel to omit.

Scriptural Reference:

Leviticus 23:3; Psalm 92:1; Matthew 12:11-12

PRAYING DAILY FOR THE ROYAL FAMILY

As Christians, we should make it our practice to pray daily for the Royal Family. Our motive in doing so should be to honour God who alone has the sovereign power to appoint kings and rulers to govern the nations of the world. Our national governments are very important to us as Christians.

God makes this duty clear in these words: “Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king” (I Peter 2:17).

In order to observe this divinely given duty it is good to pray daily for our royal family.

PRAYER FOR THE KING

1. That the secular laws which the King and government make are consistent with the Moral Laws of God.
2. That God be honoured and worshipped as the Bible teaches us. God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is eternal, perfect and unchangeable.
3. That the Bible be treated as God’s inspired revelation.
4. That Jesus Christ be honoured as the Son of God and Saviour of the world.
5. That our national laws should be conformed to the Moral Laws of God in respecting the life, health and safety of citizens.
6. That the Bible should be an important part of our educational system in schools and colleges.
7. That there should be no laws allowed in our country which promote persecution or religious cruelty.
8. That the sexual identity of our citizens should be determined only by their God-given sexual body.
9. That our relationship with other nations should be that of benevolence, kindness and affection as far as possible.
10. That our nation should treat other nations as far as possible with kindness, protection and love.

*Rev Maurice Roberts
Free Church of Scotland Continuing,
Inverness, Scotland*

SERMON NOTES: FAITH – HEBREWS 11:1-6

1. Introduction

JESUS:

“... Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find **faith** on the earth?” Luke 18:8

“... shall depart from the **faith**....” 1 Timothy 4:1

2. What is Faith?

Hebrews 11:1 - “The substance of things hoped for,
The evidence of things not seen.”

Faith is the confidence in what we hope for and the assurance of what we do not see. It is having confidence and hope in the promised word of God as revealed to us.

3. Where does Faith come from?

It comes from **GOD** and HIS WORD – Romans 12:3

Faith is not what we wish or pray for, it comes by hearing and understanding the Word of God – Romans 10:17

4. Different Kinds of Faith

A. Dead faith – Faith without works is dead, James 2:17, 20

B. Demonic faith – James 2:19 – The demons also believe in God, but they do not submit to God.

C. Vain faith – Matthew 7:21 – Faith that does not produce fruits and works. Head knowledge of God

1 Corinthians 15:14 – Not believing in Jesus’ resurrection

D. Saving faith – Ephesians 2:8-9 – a gift of God.

5. How to increase our Faith

Luke 17:5 – “...Lord, Increase our faith.”

a. Read the Word – Romans 10:17

b. Heed the Word – James 1:22-24

c. ‘Test’ the Word – Malachi 3:9-11

Act on the Word of God (be a doer of the Word) – James 2:25

6. Conclusion

2 Corinthians 13:5 – “Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith...”

Habakkuk 2:4 – The just shall live by faith

Hebrews 12:2 – “Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith...”

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

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:"

Ecclesiastes 3:1

This Week

"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

Hebrews 11:6

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