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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 18 JUNE 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 47:6-9

Opening Prayer

John Poh

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 41 – “Before Jehovah’s Awful Throne”

Responsive Reading

Psalm 60

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 60 verses 1-10

(to the tune of tune of Green Hill, RHC 192)

Scriptural Text

Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 11:19

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Matthew Yong

Sermon Message

Father’s Day

The Lord’s Supper

Rev Matthew Yong

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 389 – “Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord”

*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 65

Q: What is forbidden in the Fifth Commandment?

A: The Fifth Commandment forbiddeth the neglecting of, or doing anything against, the honour and duty which belongeth to every one in their several places and relations.

Scriptural Reference:

Romans 13:7; Romans 12:10

JOY AND HAPPINESS

I frequently visit a woman who's been confined to a nursing home for many years. She has a form of acute, crippling arthritis that has left her unable to walk and she can't even move. She's unable to care for herself in many simple but necessary things. At times she is in almost unbearable pain. Still this woman speaks of the goodness and grace of God, not only to herself, but also to many others who are with her in that home. She knows real joy, and she shows it in the midst of suffering.

On another occasion I visited a man who was in the hospital with a serious coronary. Instead of complaining about his condition or about the medical service or some similar thing, he was thinking of all that the Lord had done for him in past days. And he was praying for those who were with him in the same room of the hospital. This man, like my other friend, knew what it meant to rejoice in the Lord. Both he and my other friend exercise a supernatural joy that is their birthright as Christians.

Jesus, you know, often promised joy to those who followed Him. The angel who announced His birth to the shepherds said, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11). Jesus said, "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you and that your joy might be full" (John 15:11). In John 17 Jesus prayed to His Father "that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves" (v. 13). The possession of Christian joy in full measure is the secret of triumph in suffering.

But what is joy? Quite simply, joy is a supernatural delight in God and His goodness. When joy is at work, it transforms our entire outlook on life, even its unhappy parts. Perhaps I can better explain what joy is by contrasting it with happiness, because these are entirely different things. Every Christian attribute has its counterpart in the world. The world has passion; Christians have love. The world strives for security; Christians trust God. The world seeks self-gratification; Christians know peace, even in want. And in the same way, the world seeks happiness while Christians know joy.

Happiness is closely related to circumstances or chance. Even the word indicates this, for the word is a translation of a Latin word *fortuna*, which also means chance. Thus, if things happen to work out the way a particular individual approves, he is happy. "Happen" and "happy" are related. But if things do not work out his way, then he is unhappy, perhaps even miserable. In other words, happiness is circumstantial. So quite obviously, if we are depending upon some vague feeling of happiness to give us victory in suffering, then we'll lose the battle. For our worsening circumstances will destroy it.

Study Questions:

1. What does the Bible teach about joy?
2. Describe what happiness is.

Application: Is there someone you know who continues to demonstrate genuine Christian joy in the midst of great difficulties? Write them a note of encouragement, telling them how their joy is a blessing to you.

— adapted and edited from *Think and Act Biblically* from James Boice, a devotional of the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals

SERMON NOTES: FATHER'S DAY

(Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 11:19)

Wishing all fathers a “Blessed Father’s Day.”

May God find we fathers faithful to Him, serving Him, worshipping Him and honouring Him.

God’s Word instructs us not to provoke our children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4).

We need to instil in our children a love for God and His Word (Deuteronomy 6:6-9, 11:19). We are our Children’s first teachers and models.

As examples, we need to show them (by our lives) that our God is a true and living God. It’s not “Do as I say, but don’t do what I do.” Our actions must match our words. “*Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*” (James 1:22)

We want our children to love the house of God, so we need to bring them to the Church Worship Service and Sunday School regularly. “*Train up a child in the way he should go, and when his is old, he will not depart from it.*” (Proverbs 22:6)

Good Faithful Fathers, Bad Unfaithful Sons

Jehoshaphat (2 Chronicles 17:3-6, 19:3-11), walked in God’s commandment.

Son: Jehoram (2 Chronicles 21:1-6), wicked, married Ahab’s daughter, slew all his brethren.

Hezekiah (2 Chronicles 29:1-11), one of the best kings (2 Kings 18:3-7), did what was right in the sight of the Lord.

Son: Manasseh (2 Kings 21:2-9), did evil before the Lord. At the end, repented.

Bad Father, Good Son

Ahaz (2 Chronicles 28:1-5), v 19 transgressed sore against the Lord.

Son: Hezekiah (2 Chronicles 19:1-11), Mother’s influence: Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah.

Bad Father, Bad Sons

Eli (1 Samuel 2:27-36, 3:14), a priest

Sons: Hophni and Phinehas (2:12), they knew not the Lord.

Our Heavenly Father

Matthew 5:44-45

Father of the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-24).

Freely receives anyone who comes to Him (John 6:37)

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.

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

“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”
Proverbs 3:5-6

This Week

“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”
Proverbs 22:6

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