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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 19 NOVEMBER 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Prelude	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>
Call to Worship	Psalm 95:1-3
Opening Prayer	Jonathan Kim
Opening Hymn *	RHC 27 – “Now Thank We All Our God”
Responsive Reading	Psalm 82
Second Hymn *	<i>Psalm 82 verses 1-8</i> (to the tune of tune of Azmon, RHC 61)
Scriptural Text	Mark 5:21-6:6
Pastoral Prayer	Dr David Allen
Sermon Message	<i>The Marvel of Unbelief</i>
The Lord's Supper	Dr David Allen
Closing Hymn *	RHC 246 – “Open My Eyes, That I may See”
Benediction/3-Fold Amen *	Dr David Allen
Postlude	<i>The Lord Bless You</i>

* 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 87

Q: What is Repentance unto Life?

*A: Repentance unto Life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner – out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ – doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, **TURN FROM IT UNTO GOD**, with full purpose of, and endeavour after, new obedience.*

Comments:

Repentance has been called “the tear of faith”. It springs from a true view of sin, and a clear view of God’s mercy in forgiving sin. It consists of two parts: turning from sinful ways with sorrow; and turning to God with an anxious desire to love and serve him. It is called repentance *unto life*, because it leads to eternal life.

Scriptural Reference:

Luke 13:3, Luke 18:13, Isaiah 1:16-17

YAHWEH – I AM THAT I AM

Yahweh is the most common name for God in the Old Testament. Initially, the Hebrew language only used consonants and had no vowels. Thus, the name for God was composed of four letters of the alphabet, YHWH. Yahweh is God's proper name in Hebrew. Exodus 3:14, it is translated, "I AM THAT I AM", and means that God has always existed or the self-existing One. Yahweh – "The self-existent one" (Exodus 3:13-14). Yahweh needs no introduction. He is gracious and keeps His promises or covenant. It appears close to 7000 times in the Old Testament, almost three times more than any other name of God. This name of Israel's God was so sacred that the Jews would not speak it; hence no one is sure now how to pronounce YHWH. Almost all Bible scholars agree that the name Yahweh, or Jehovah, as it is sometimes translated, would be the proper name of God.

The Jews considered it so sacred they would not write the name and substituted it with Adonai. It was so sacred that it was only said aloud once a year on the Day of Atonement and that only by the high priest in the most holy place of the Temple. When the scribes would write it, they would take a bath beforehand and then destroy the pen afterwards. In our English Bibles, it is the word "LORD," with all capital letters. Later, scribes took the vowels of Adonai and added them to YHWH to form the word Jehovah. How tragic to see God's name taken in vain with such impunity on television and movies. It is very common nowadays to see people taking the name of God flippantly, many using God's name as a slang or swearing, or even cursing in God's name. The third commandment forbids us from taking God's holy name in vain: "Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD (Yahweh) thy God in vain; for the LORD (YAHWEH) will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain." May we learn like the Jews of old to adore and give reverence to God and this His awesome name.

Yahweh is the personal name that God revealed to Moses in Exodus 3:13-15. Through this revelation of Himself to Moses we understand the meaning and significance of God's name. When Moses was told to set Israel free, he asked God what name he should call him by, and God replied by saying, "I AM." God said to Moses, "...I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you." (Exodus 3:14). God goes on to say to Moses in Exodus 3:15, "...Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations." Thus, Yahweh became the memorial name as Moses was to proclaim to the children of Israel that this God who calls Himself "I AM" was Yahweh, the God of their fathers and the God of all coming generations.

In Exodus 6:2-8, we further see the uniqueness of God's name Yahweh. In this passage, God further assures Moses that Yahweh, His God, will deliver His people from the hands of Pharaoh. Again and again He reminds Moses of His revealed name in Exodus 3:14. Verse 2: I am YAHWEH! Verse 3: I am YAHWEH! Verse 6: I am YAHWEH! Verse 8: I am YAHWEH! In other words, remember that I AM WHO I AM. I do not change. God's people will be delivered. He also reminds us how unique this name is and its importance in verses 3-4. "And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac,

and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name, JEHOVAH was I not known to them. And I have also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers.” This is a special privilege given to Moses and not to his forefathers. It is a reminder of God’s character and covenant faithfulness.

Yahweh is also a God who is present with us. When Moses felt incapable and unworthy to face Pharaoh, God responds in Exodus 3:12: “I will be with thee”. Moses wanted to know God’s name. The Egyptians had numerous gods, all with names, but what does God go by? Exodus 3:14: “And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.” God did not say I was this and I will be this next time. I Am - Yahweh. The Lord needs no introduction, and He will continue to be GOD. The Lord teaches this truth in Isaiah 43:10-11: “...I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me, there is no saviour.” Yahweh, has always been and will always be because He is Yahweh the great I Am.

Yahweh the I Am that I Am is revealing to us that God does not change. God’s name is “I Am.” It is not “I Was” or “I Will Be” or “I Must Be”. We can put our full trust in God because He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He does not change. He is “I Am”. He is an unchangeable, immutable God in whom we can depend. When life takes unexpected turns or suffering grows, be comforted knowing Jehovah knows and doesn’t change. Also, believe in Him more, for Yahweh is a personal God. He is holy, yet He knew the misery of His people in Egypt. He knows our suffering too, and it matters to our Yahweh.

Yahweh is a promise keeping God who makes covenant relationships. Look at Exodus 2:24: “And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.” Yahweh keeps His promises because He is a covenant-keeping God. We should also remember what God reminded Moses, that He is powerful to deliver His people out of bondage. It was not Moses’s leadership skills or gifts but God’s power that would bring deliverance. Like Moses, we are just God’s instrument, and God will provide the power to accomplish the task He gives us. Throughout the Bible, we see this repeated “Thus saith the LORD”. He communicates with us and reveals to us through His word.

Yahweh means God has always existed. Jesus used the name to refer to is pre-existence, his eternity. John 8:57-8 says: “Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.” Jehovah is the self-existent one, the eternal, the everlasting one. Yahweh is present with us as He was with Israel. Yahweh is the same gracious and compassionate God as He was with Moses. Get a good glimpse of Him, and you will worship Him with more reverence and rejoicing. Let us exalt the name of our God Yahweh, who is eternal, the great I AM.

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.

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week

*"The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil:
he shall preserve thy soul."*

Psalms 121:7

This Week

*"So then faith cometh by hearing, and
hearing by the word of God."*

Romans 10:17

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