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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 22 JANUARY 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Afternoon Service – 3pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 19:1-6

Psalm 125

Opening Prayer

Mr Charles Scott-Pearson

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Opening Hymn *

RHC 20 – “All People That on Earth
Do Dwell”

RHC 26 – “Come, Thou Fount”

Responsive Reading

Psalm 39

Second Hymn *

Psalm 39 verses 1-4
(to the tune of Ballerma, RHC 130)

Scriptural Text

Hebrews 10

Hebrews 11

Pastoral Prayer

Mr Charles Scott-Pearson

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Sermon Message

The Better Possessions

The Better Resurrection

Closing Hymn *

RHC 380 – “Close to Thee”

RHC 434 – “Savior, More Than
Life to Me”

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 44

Q: What doth the preface to the Ten Commandments teach us?

A: The preface to the Ten Commandments teacheth us, that because God is THE LORD, and OUR GOD, and REDEEMER, therefore we are bound to keep all his commandments.

Comments:

The preface to the Ten Commandments sets forth God’s claims to obedience at our hands. These are: 1. God is our Sovereign – I AM THE LORD. 2. He is the Being whom we worship – I AM THY GOD. 3. He is the One who has delivered us from bondage – I AM THY REDEEMER.

Scriptural Reference:

Deuteronomy 24:18, 2 Corinthians 5:15

STUMBLING OURSELVES

But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak. —
1 Corinthians 8:9

Seeing we are to pray [that] we may not be led into temptation, certainly we ought not to run ourselves into it. This is one request that Christ directs us to make to God in that form of prayer, which He taught His disciples: “Lead us not into temptation” (Mat 6:13). And how inconsistent shall we be with ourselves if we pray to God that we should not be led into temptation, and at the same time, we are not careful to avoid temptation—but bring ourselves into it by doing those things that lead and expose to sin. What self-contradiction is it for a man to pray to God that he may be kept from that which he takes no care to avoid! By praying that we may be kept from temptation, we profess to God that being in temptation is a thing to be avoided; but by running into it we show that we choose the contrary, *viz.*, not to avoid it.

The apostle directs us to avoid those things that are in themselves lawful but tend to lead others into sin. Surely, then, we should avoid what tends to lead ourselves into sin. The apostle directs, “Take heed lest...this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak” (1Co 8:9); “That no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother’s way” (Rom 14:13). “But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat” (Rom 14:15). “For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed are pure; but it is evil for that man who eateth with offense. It is good neither to eat flesh nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak” (Rom 14:20-21). Now if this rule of the apostle be agreeable to the word of Christ, as we must suppose (or expunge what he says out of the canon of the Scripture), then a like rule obliges more strongly in those things that tend to lead *ourselves* into sin.

There are many precepts of Scripture which directly and positively imply that we ought to avoid those things that tend to sin.

This very thing is commanded by Christ, where He directs us to watch lest we “enter into temptation” (Mat 26:41). But, certainly, running ourselves into temptation is the reverse of watching against it. We are commanded to “abstain from all *appearance* of evil” (1Th 5:22), *i.e.*, do by sin as a man does by a thing, the sight or appearance of which he hates and therefore will avoid anything that looks like it and will not come near or in sight of it.

Again, Christ commanded to separate from us those things that are stumbling blocks or occasions of sin, however dear they are to us. “If thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee” (Mat 5:29). “And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off” (Mat 5:30). By the right hand offending us is not meant its paining us; but the word in the original signifies being a stumbling block: if thy right hand proves to be a stumbling block or occasion to fall, *i.e.*, an occasion to sin. Those things are called offenses or stumbling blocks in the New Testament, which are the occasions of falling into sin. Yea, Christ tells us that we must avoid them, however dear they are to us, though as dear as our right hand or right eye. If there be any practice that naturally tends and exposes us to sin, we must be done with it, though we love it never so well and are never so loth to part with it, though it be as contrary to our inclination as to cut off our own right hand or pluck out our own right eye, and that upon pain of damnation. For it is intimated that if we do not, we must go with two hands and two eyes into hell fire.

From “Temptation and Deliverance; or, Joseph’s Great Temptation and Gracious Deliverance” in *The Works of Jonathan Edwards*, Vol. 2, 229, in the public domain.

Article adapted from Chapel Library, written by Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758): American Congregational preacher and theologian; born in East Windsor, Connecticut Colony, USA

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 – £295

Church Maintenance Fund Total: £9,940.50

MEMORY VERSE

Last 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

This Week

“So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.”

Hebrews 9:28

Next Week

“Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)”

Hebrews 10:23

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