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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 04 AUGUST 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

1 Chronicles 16:23-34

Opening Hymn *

RHC 27 - "Now Thank We All Our God"

Opening Prayer

Jonathan Kim

Responsive Reading

Psalms 119:1-16

Second Hymn *

Psalms 118 verses 1-8

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

Scriptural Text

1 Samuel 8

Pastoral Prayer

Eld Foong Kon Yu

Sermon Message

Give us a king

Closing Hymn *

RHC 386 - "Be Thou My Vision"

Benediction/3-Fold Amen *

Eld Foong Kon Yu

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 16

Q: Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression?

A: *The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity; all mankind – descending from him by ordinary generation – sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression*

Comments:

The agreement which God made with Adam did not affect himself alone, but all his descendants. When Adam sinned, therefore, the whole of the human race, except Christ, incurred along with him his punishment – the punishment of death. They 'sinned in him and fell in him'. This result is in strict keeping with the plan on which all the world's affairs are conducted, for we still see children suffering on account of the misdeeds of their parents.

Scriptural Reference:

Romans 5:18-19, 1 Corinthians 15:22

VENGEANCE IS OF GOD

When the soldiers came to arrest Jesus, Peter drew his sword and cut off the ear of Malchus. Perhaps Peter was expecting that would Jesus commend him for a good job done. Instead, Jesus told him to keep his sword. Matthew 26:52 *Then said Jesus unto him (Peter), Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.* We do respond to violence with violence because scripture teaches us to be peace loving. We also are to love our neighbours and our enemies. Jesus was not jubilant that Malchus lost his ear. Like Peter, we might have said, “serve him right” for coming to arrest Jesus who has done nothing wrong. Jesus put back the ear that Peter cut off and immediately healed Malchus though he came to Jesus as an enemy. During the trial of Jesus right up to His crucifixion, both the Jews and the Romans mocked Him. Jesus did not answer any of the accusations against Him. He has a higher plan and that was to die for the sins of mankind. Jesus came in peace but sinful man declared war on Him. At Jesus command, a legion of his angels could easily strike these people dead as they had done to the Egyptians, Assyrians, Chaldeans and many others.

Moses did not rebut when his brother, Aaron and sister, Miriam gossiped behind his back (Numbers 12). However, when God struck Miriam with leprosy, Moses relayed the prayer to God. Both Abraham and Moses did not turn to violent. Moses, in his younger days was more violent in that he killed an Egyptian but God had since trained him to be humble and peace loving. Pray that we be like Moses, being teachable. Moses did not retaliate with aggression nor violence. From the beginning of human history, man mocked God and His teachings. Worst yet, many of these “mockers” knew the word of God. We read about the Philistines capturing the ark (1 Samuel 5, 6). The Philistines treated the ark with respect though they were not believers. Out of ignorance they believed that God lived the ark though He does not. On the other hand, the Jews did not handle nor respect the ark that well despite that they were properly instructed. They peeped into the ark. For disrespecting God’s word, He struck many of them dead.

Many mocked God today as well. As recent as the opening of the Paris Olympics, the performers mocked God’s word. The planners knew the bible well. They purposely spite His teachings. It is a hate crime against God. For many years they planned to cause maximum impact on a global scale to dishonour God. As Christians do we protest or adopt a policy to destroy Paris and the Olympic committee who planned such a horrendous presentation? We do not take matters into our own hands. We trust in the Lord and that at the right timing, He will take appropriate action. We keep our sword and will not cut off their ears. We will voice out, rebut, refute, complain but will refrain from violence. We pray that God will

deal with them graciously and mercifully even that they take God's kindness as weakness.

Once I gave a tract to a stranger. He spat on it and threw it back to me. The Apostle Paul said that if the person does not listen to the gospel, we are to dust off our sandals. He said that they will experience worse than the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. They have been given a choice, but they choose the path to hell (with their eyes open but heart closed). Instead of mocking God, they mocked themselves. They will definitely not have the last laugh. God is not deceived.

Many Christians think that mocking God is only manifested by actions and vocal expression. Be careful because God looks at our hearts. Evil plans and schemes may only be known to yourself. You may be behind some schemes for selfish gains for control or power or monetary profits. Scripture records many incidents for us to learn so that we have been forewarned. In the book of Esther, Haman schemed against Mordecai and the Jews. Haman did not remotely imagine that the very gallows that he made to hang Mordecai was to hang him instead. Luke 8:17 *For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither any thing hid, that shall not be known and come abroad.*

Galatian 6:7-8 *Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.*

Romans 12:18-9 *If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.*

Eld Foong

WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our Lord's Day activities begins with the **Worship Service** at **11.00 am** followed by a **Bible Study** at **1:30pm**. 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, please join our Worship Service and Bible Study on our live-stream via YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/@NewLifeBPCLondon>

We thank God for providing Eld Foong to minister to the church till end of August.

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.

Afternoon Bible Study – Eld Foong continue the study on the book of Micah (Micah 5).

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week

*"O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.
For his merciful kindness is great toward us:
and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever.
Praise ye the LORD"*
Psalms 117

This Week

"But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."
Micah 5:2

Pre-cautions for Worship Services held at the church premises:

Dear all,

When attending the church Worship Service and Bible Study, 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 online.
- 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.

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