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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 AUGUST 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 98:1-5

Opening Hymn *

RHC 44 - "We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer"

Opening Prayer

Jonathan Kim

Responsive Reading

Psalm 119:89-104

Second Hymn *

RHC 258 - "Lord, Thy Word Abideth"

Scriptural Text

1 Samuel 12

Pastoral Prayer

Eld Foong Kon Yu

Sermon Message

Samuel's Farewell

Closing Hymn *

RHC 21 - "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

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 18

Q: Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell?

A: *The sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell consists in the guilt of Adam's first sin, the want of original righteousness, and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called original sin; together with all actual transgression which proceed from it.*

Comments:

This answer tells us of the extent of the sinfulness which has been brought upon us through Adam's fall. It tells us that this sinfulness consists of two parts – the sin of our natures, and the sin of our lives. The former is called original sin. The latter includes all the actual sins we commit. Original sin springs directly from our connexion with Adam. Actual sin springs directly from our own evil hearts.

Scriptural Reference:

Romans 7:23, Matthew 15:19, Psalm 51:5

HUMBLE YOURSELF AND SEEK **GOD'S FACE**

Traditionally many countries are known or being termed as Christian countries but technically they are not anymore. Many people are born in Christian homes but that do not qualify them to be called a Christian. What a shame that these countries consist only a small fraction of Christians. Even then many of these so-called Christians are only nominally practicing the faith. Few would still go to church occasionally when they are in trouble or when they are sick. They hope that by so doing God will bless them and solve their problems. Some literally go to church for 3 times in their lives; at birth, marriage and at death.

Man abused this privilege of God given freewill to go against Him. Man takes God's kindness as weakness. We often join hands with the devil to rebel against the commandments of the scripture. Take Balaam for example. He was a prophet but a selfish one (Numbers 22-23). He was after money to work for the wicked King Balak (also spelt as Balac) of Moab. He was promised a reward to curse Israel. Though he had a bit of conscience in that he refused to curse Israel however, the intend in accepting the offer of Balak was bad enough. Finally, he enticed the Jews by casting a stumbling block in their path. He subtly undermined the teaching of God by introducing cross marriage to divert the faith of the Jews. *Rev 2:14 But I (Jesus) have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.* 2 Peter 2:15-16 refers to Balaam as "who loved the wages of unrighteousness".

When God's word and instruction are challenged openly holy men will search the scripture to rebuke. In doing so our knowledge grow deeper in studying the bible. So, the world changed tactics like what Balaam did. Like Balaam the world applies the soft approach instead of fighting the bible word for word heads on. Modern teaching cast doubt on God's word as did the serpent in the Garden of Eden. Worse yet they do not teach just a plain lie but teach half-truths which is more dangerous because many biblical scholars are caught unaware or some for selfish reason propagate the half-truths, doubt and lies.

The world does not want to be accountable to God as the Creator of mankind, so it devised the theory of evolution believing that we come from monkeys. What a disgrace! I am not sure about theirs, but my ancestors do not come from monkeys. They are decedents of Adam. God showed all the proofs of creation, but the world would not believe it. Rather the rebels of God taught the theory of

evolution as “science” albeit that this has totally no proof. They often question as to who was present when God created man. Well, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit were present. May I ask then to those evolutionists who witnessed when a cell evolved into a being and who was present when the monkey changed into a man. None indeed! They force their way through and schools include erroneously evolution as science in the syllabus. Proverbs 26:12 *Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? there is more hope of a fool than of him.* (Do you see a person wise in their own eyes? *There is more hope for a fool than for them*).

The world makes fun of and ridicules those who believe in Heaven and Hell citing that these places are imaginations concocted to frighten people to believe in God. Both Heaven and Hell are real places. The world chooses not to believe because they deny that Jesus is the Saviour and what the bible says.

Some preach that all roads lead to Heaven. These are fake Christians who preach easy gospel that do not point to salvation through Jesus Christ alone. These preachers compromise and dilute the gospel so that it is easy to believe. What they are doing is using the name of God in vain. They add as well as subtract words from the bible. They attract high attendance using man's method. They would use entertainment to entice more attendance. Only God knows what their ulterior motive is though through them, many have come to salvation.

Then we have easily available vices such as drugs, alcohol, sexual immorality of all sorts and other attraction that take peoples' minds from God. They have no time for the bible.

What then do you expect a nation to be when many individuals do not submit let alone believe to God? Obviously, God will withhold blessings. Churches all over the country are empty. They are sold and used for other purposes. Some are even used by others who worship their gods. God is patiently waiting as He has been before. 2 Chronicles 7:14 *If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*

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. Today, lunch will be provided by Eld and Mrs Foong.

Afternoon Bible Study – Eld Foong will conclude the study on the book of Micah (Micah 7).

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week

"Let thy mercies come also unto me, O LORD, even thy salvation, according to thy word. So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in thy word."

Psalms 119:41-42

This Week

"For the LORD will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people."

1 Samuel 12:22

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