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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 21 JANUARY 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 108:1-5

Opening Prayer

Jonathan Kim

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 36 – “High in the Heavens, Eternal God”

Responsive Reading

Psalm 90

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 90 verses 1-4, 14-17

(to the tune of Vox Dilecti, RHC 298)

Scriptural Text

Colossians 3:12-17

Pastoral Prayer

Rev John Lehman

Sermon Message

Start Living like Christ wants you to

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 376 – “O to Be Like Thee!”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Rev John Lehman

Postlude

The Lord Bless You

* *Congregation Stands*

THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE

THE LORD BLESS YOU

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 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 95

Q: To whom is Baptism to be administered?

A: Baptism is not to be administered to any that are out of the visible Church – till they profess their faith in Christ, and obedience to him; but the infants of such as are members of the visible church are to be baptized.

Comments:

We are here taught the persons who may be baptized. They consist of two classes – *adults* who are Christians, but who may not have been already baptized; and the *infants* of church members. The former are baptized because the meaning of the ordinance is to declare that the persons baptized profess themselves to be Christians; and the latter are baptized because the promises of God to his people extend to their children as well as to themselves.

Scriptural Reference:

Acts 2:41, Acts 2:39

JEHOVAH-JIREH - THE LORD WILL PROVIDE

Jehovah Jireh. Praise the Lord. In the coming weeks, we will consider the many compound names of Jehovah, which are based on some historical events when God met the need of an individual and revealed His character. We begin with Jehovah Jireh; a well-known name of God that comes from the memorable event that took place in the life of Abraham at Mt Moriah. "Jehovah-Jireh" is one of the many different names of God found in the Old Testament.

The name "Jehovah Jireh" is first seen in Genesis 22:14 when God provided Abraham a ram in the thicket in place of the sacrifice of his son Isaac. Jehovah Jireh means "the Lord will see" and "the Lord will provide." It also means "the Lord shall appear." Did you realize that Abraham did not name God Jehovah Jireh, but he gave the name to the place? Do you realize its significance? Solomon's beautiful temple will be built in this place. This is also where the Lamb of God would be sacrificed. This was the place where God had provided in the past and would provide in the future. "In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen (Gen 22:14). God, the omniscient who sees all things with foreknowledge, will see us through. God the all-sufficient One who owns everything sees our need and will provide it. Jehovah-Jireh reminds us that the Lord is the One who sees our need, and He is the One who will provide. He has provided in the past, and He will continue to provide. Therefore, we can trust His provision.

In Genesis 22:1-14, God tested Abraham to offer his only son Isaac, who he loves. It would have been a heart-breaking commandment for Abraham to follow. But Abraham, who had heard and followed God, knew it was God's voice. The voice of a great friend and not an enemy. Isaac, a young boy, was unaware about this command, that he would be the sacrifice. Isaac is also puzzled on their trip to the mountain without a sacrifice, however he is obedient to his father's every instruction. Abraham was with Isaac and his servants on this three-day journey to the mountain. Abraham never doubts or backs off from God's command. Abraham is confident when he leaves his servant at the foot of Mt Moriah: "I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you." (Genesis 22:5)

What we think about God is the most important thing about us. Because our knowledge of God influences how we respond to His commands. While Abraham is fully prepared to offer Isaac, he is also confident that God will keep the promises that Isaac himself will be heir to the covenant because he had an accurate understanding of God's character. After all, God has never failed him. Jehovah Jireh must be in his thoughts all the time. Hebrews 11:19 gives us an insight into his faith-fuelled obedient response when it says, "Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead". In other words, Abraham had enough faith in God to expect the resurrection of his little son. Here is obedient faith in action.

Abraham passed God's test of faith and is an excellent example to emulate. God tests us to bring out the best, which is exactly the result of Abraham's life in his supreme test in Genesis 22. As he climbed Mount Moriah with his son, Abraham was confident that God would meet every need. God proved him true by providing at the right time. Satan tempts us to bring out the worst in us. When temptation says, 'do this pleasant thing;

do not be hindered by the fact that it is wrong.' Trial or proving says, 'do the right and noble thing; do not be hindered by the fact that it is painful.'" The name Jehovah-Jireh reminds us that the Lord is the One who sees our need, and He is the One who will provide. He has provided in the past, and He will continue to provide. We can trust His provision!

The name Jehovah-Jireh is important because it shows the great provision of God both in the immediate case of Isaac and points to the future event at Calvary. Isaac was a type of Christ. Jehovah-Jireh provided a sacrifice to save Isaac. And this was also a foreshadow of the provision of His Son Jesus for the salvation of the world. That is why Jesus can boldly declare to the Jews in John 8:56, "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad". Abraham's faith-filled statement that "God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering:" is a companion to John the Baptist's exclamation, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). Thank God that on Mount Calvary, Jehovah Jireh provided for us. "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" (Romans 8:32)

Abraham only depended on the promise of God for His provision. The same promise of the Jehovah Jireh is available for us. We should not depend on our feelings, nor should we depend on other people. He is faithful and true and will provide. Today you or someone close to you may be going through a tough medical condition. Your business debt may be ballooning with each passing day due to the bad economic condition. Worry dominates you on how your bills will be paid and your family situation. The Lord is not just Jehovah Rapha, the Lord, your healer. He is also Jehovah Jireh, the Lord, your provider. Jehovah Jireh will make a way; trust Him. God is our only hope and help - Jehovah Jireh will see to it. Do not worry, "for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things" (Matt. 6:32). Let go of your worries and keep your eyes on Him. He will take care of you. When you bring your requests to the throne of grace, God answers with mercy "and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16). Sometimes it may look like God waits until the last minute to send help, but that is only from our human point of view. God is never late. When we trust God and do His work in God's way, it will not lack God's provision.

Our God will look after us; he will provide. Let us, in faith, follow the Lord's calling and commandments without considering the cost. If we come into great need by following His command, He will be Jehovah Jireh. If our difficulties multiply and increase so that our way seems completely blocked up, Jehovah will see that the road shall be cleared. The Lord will see us through in the way of holiness and will be Jehovah Jireh. In our struggles, the Lord will provide. In our hopelessness, the Lord will provide. In our distress, the Lord will provide. In our loneliness, the Lord will provide. In our confusion, the Lord will provide. In our weakness, the Lord will provide. In our darkness, the Lord will provide. In our emptiness, the Lord will provide. In our battles, the Lord will provide. In our need, the Lord will provide. Jehovah Jireh.

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.

Post-Lunch Bible Study - Live a Christlike life.

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week

“Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;”

Colossians 3:12

This Week

“Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.”

Colossians 3:13

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