



# NEW LIFE

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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 28 JULY 2024**

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### ***Morning Service – 11am***

***Prelude***

***The Lord Is in His Holy Temple***

***Call to Worship***

Psalm 117

***Opening Hymn \****

RHC 16 – “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

***Opening Prayer***

Jonathan Kim

***Responsive Reading***

Psalm 118

***Second Hymn \****

*Psalm 118 verses 20-29*

*(to the tune of Seraph, RHC 15)*

***Scriptural Text***

1 Samuel 5:1-7:6

***Pastoral Prayer***

Eld Foong Kon Yu

***Sermon Message***

***The Ark of God***

***Closing Hymn \****

RHC 328 – “How Firm a Foundation”

***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 15**

**Q: What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created?**

*A: The sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created, was their eating the forbidden fruit.*

Comments:

The particular sin which Adam and Eve committed, and which constituted their fall, consisted in their eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, of which God had said they should not eat.

Scriptural Reference:

Genesis 3:6

# FRESH LIVING WATER FROM HIGH HILLS

Just when we thought that we are safe after many global incidents we were faced with another fiasco on CrowdStrike and IT outage recently. Daily, we face threats of wars, economic crisis, political instability, job security (rather insecurity), robbery and sickness plus countless other uncertainties. Mankind is proud that we have achieved tremendous progress through our hard work and intelligence but however capable we maybe we are unable to control the weather and any other “unforeseen happenings”. We forget that it is God who gave the increase in our inventions of modern amenities and facilities to enable us to live a more comfortable life.

Worrying and stress over what comes in future is not a new issue. Adam and Eve had the same problems too after they fell into sin. David in writing Psalm 120 faced extreme pressures from all sides of his life. He was in distress and desired a solution to get him out of the rut. David found peace and assurance from God and that is why he penned Psalm 121. He was grateful that he found out and realized that only God has the answer to his strains in life. We do not know what will happen tomorrow, but we know who holds the future. Nothing happens unless God allows it to. The Lord is never out of control. We can rely on Him and Him alone.

Psalm 121 starts with a very comforting verse. When David (and we too) was in trouble he looked unto the hills and found help which comes no other than from the LORD Himself (V2). Nobody can assure you that you would have protection day and night. Humans need rest, machinery need to stop for maintenance (the latest global IT glitch for example). God never sleeps and is forever taking care of us.

V3-4 tell us that He will protect us when we move or whichever way we travel or from whatever condition that we are caught in. Who can give you this promise but God. It is a one sided covenant that God will forever honour because they are His Word. He is with us regardless of night or day. We are “weather-proof” because He will protect us in sunshine or in the shade. This is genuine assurance. When we hold His hands, we may slip because we will be tired at some point of time. When God holds our hands, we will never slip away because He is the Almighty. No harm can come in between God and us. John 10:28 *And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.*

At best, human can guard us from visible matters. We live in a sinful world of darkness of which many things are beyond what we can see with our eyes. Evil and invisible beings lurk everywhere. Many have not heard or know the existence of the “dark web”, an underground network of hackers and those carrying out clandestine operations and often wreaking havoc to the society at large. The dark web is not on the same platform as the normal internet or the web that we use. We are no match for these invisible stuff or beings because what we are only finite. Only God can protect us from the unseens and the invisibles. He is the Creator. Nothing escapes His eyes and control. Fresh in our minds is the global pandemic. Everyone lived in fear of the dreadful virus that we can only see with powerful magnification. The brightest brains were only able to guess how far the infection will be. Yes, we invented vaccination. How effective is it? Did this stop the virus from causing further harm? Humanly, to this day nobody can tell exactly what stopped the virus on its track. However, we know for certain that it is the hand of the Lord which restored the world to normalcy.

Most important of all God preserves our soul. Eventually our pilgrimage on earth will end and what lives on is our soul. God is more concern that we have fellowship with Him forever in Heaven when our souls return to Him. He is such a Great God! It is only right that we acknowledge Him and submit to Him. While He is the Almighty He cares for His saints. Are you one of His saints? If not, come to accept Jesus Christ as your Saviour and be counted as a saint.

*V8 The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.*

*Isaiah 41:10 Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.*

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 4).

## MEMORY VERSE

### Last Week

*"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."*

**Revelation 3:20**

### This 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**

## 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](http://www.newlifebpc.org.uk)) or call the church manse (020 73280869).

With the Lord's blessing,

John Poh & Jonathan Kim,  
Task Force Members