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“For the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ” (Rev 1:9)

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Romans 5:1-9

Opening Hymn *

RHC 289 – “Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

Opening Prayer

Joey Seow

Responsive Reading

Psalm 12

Second Hymn *

Psalm 12

(to the tune of Lloyd (Second Tune), RHC 563)

Scriptural Text

Jeremiah 29:7

Pastoral Prayer

Mr Alan Blaney

Sermon Message

Living in Bondage

Closing Hymn *

RHC 540 – “We’re Marching to Zion”

Benediction/3-Fold Amen *

Mr Alan Blaney

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 70

Q: Which is the Seventh Commandment?

A: The Seventh Commandment is, THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.

Scriptural Reference:

Exodus 20:14

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 108

Q. What does the seventh commandment teach us?

A. That all uncleanness is accursed of God: and that therefore we must with all our hearts detest the same, and live chastely and temperately, whether in holy wedlock, or in single life.

Scriptural References:

Lev.18:27-28, Jude 1:23, 1 Thess.4:3-5, Heb.13:4, 1 Cor.7:7-9,27

Dear brethren, this week's article has been specially written by Elder Foong Kon Yu for us prior to his return to Singapore. We pray that you will be greatly edified and encouraged as you read through the article.

Repent and Return to God

The reference text for this article is taken from 2 Chronicles 30 when King Hezekiah organised a gathering of the Israelites. Many of them back slid and some worshipped idols which they threw away into the river. Here the priests taught the people the word of God and to remind them to repent. Repent they did and God blessed them for their repentance.

We often perceive that the bible narration in the Old Testament of those who fall into sin and idolatry is a reference to the Israelites only. As the scripture was applicable to the people then; it is still applicable and relevant to us today. Here in this event initiated and by the invitation of King Hezekiah, the people came together to worship God. Many came from the Northern Kingdom of Israel where they back slid due to poor leadership and misguided teachings. They have turned cold and have forgotten about God. They set their differences aside when they came together as one people. When we come to worship God in church we ought to set our differences aside too. Are we not coming with the same purpose to worship the same Almighty God? If so, then do not come with grievances in our hearts? As we ask God to forgive us; we are obliged to forgive others (God instructs us to forgive our fellow man) who might have offended us else we come before God in hypocrisy.

The people casted their idols into the Brook (river) of Kindron. They have decided to abandon their idols and turn to God. We may not necessarily have physical idols that we can throw away but the bible defines that anything that we treat in priority of God is an idol. It could be your love of money, a person, a hobby or it could be just "over loving" yourself. It is just about anything that you love more than you love God.

After the people have discarded their idols, they prepared their hearts to worship God. How do you prepare your heart to worship God? You need to discard your idols, confess your sins, then seek forgiveness of God and to forgive others who might have offended you. Many of those in the assembly have forgotten how to pray. God does not require you to use fanciful language or tonal expression. He only asks you to pray from your heart.

In the Bible, "hearken" means to listen attentively, where it emphasizes the importance of hearing and heeding God's word. God here instructed King Hezekiah to heal the people. How would the Lord heal His people like ourselves? The gathering then was very much like our bible camp. The people got together, had fellowship. Most important of all were firstly that the priests taught the people about God and His word "the good knowledge of the Lord" (verse 22). Secondly the people repented of their sins, seeking forgiveness from God and making good with each other. You may have back slid, turn far from God but He does not forget us. Like a father looking forward to welcome back His prodigal son, He is patiently waiting for your return. God is always there but you have a limit timeline in your life.

“We Were Not Ready”

There were two significant global events that had happened recently. First was the horrific Indian Airline crashed with all its passengers dead except one on the 12th of June which shook the airline industry and the whole world. We are not unfamiliar with this airline as we have to India many times for missions. It soberly reminded us of the shortness of this life that can be a vapour that can vanish away suddenly with all dreams as well. Psa 90:12



The second event was the serious bombing of Iran by Israel in an escalation of war in the Middle East. **Iran is the superpower there with 91 million people and has been a traditional foe of Israel since biblical times. It is a country mentioned by the prophets as ancient Persia that we need to watch before the *Parousia*.** This is a serious development in the end times, and we will need to watch and see what will happen next as major partners on both sides of the war will calibrate their interest and risk and a wrong calculation may bring it to the next level in an end time eschatological fulfilment as the Lord leads. The sovereign Lord is still on the throne.

Interesting, I read the Straits Times news article dated 16th June entitled “***We were not ready***”. The Iranians were totally caught off guard by surprise aerial attacks by top notched Israeli fighter jets that crippled their nuclear ambition and the removal of the top military brass. Iran responded with a barrage of missiles that even the Iron Dome of Israel failed to intercept some. **It is a humbling experience for Israel, but God will not forsake His people after awakening them when the fullness of the Gentiles is come (Rom 11:26-30).**



As much as we need to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, more importantly we need to pray for the revival and repentance of Israel who rejected their Messiah. No amount of arsenal and firepower will give them Peace unless they acknowledge the Prince of Peace, the *Shar Shalom*. Psa 20:7 says, “*Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.*”

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WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our Lord's Day activities begin with the **Worship Service** at **11.00 am** followed by a **Bible Study & Children's Sunday School** 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 worshipping 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 Mr Alan Blaney to minister to us this Lord's Day.

Mr Blaney will be ministering to us over the next 2 Sundays.

Tithes & Offerings – The offering box is located at the entrance to the Church Sanctuary.

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 – Mr Blaney will conduct the study on the topic of "The Law and the Believer – Part 1".

Children's Sunday School – held after the After-Service Fellowship at 1:30pm.

MEMORY VERSE

This Week

"And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace."

Jeremiah 29:7

Last Week

"And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God."

1 Samuel 30:6

This is the only formula for victory that they will have to learn one day with humble prayer to call upon the Lord as 2Chr 7:14 exhorts, *"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."* There is no other option.

This also reminds us soberly that the Lord's second coming will be an imminent one and many will repeat the same above as ill-prepared as in the days of Noah and Sodom and Gomorrah. Are we ready for the Lord's imminent return?

When was the last time you shared Christ or invited someone to church or gave a tract or a Bible? Something to seriously consider and to act upon. May we not let the Great Commission be our Great Omission.

This article has been adapted from the original article written by Rev Jack Sin for Sovereign Hope B-P Church's bulletin dated 22nd June 2025.