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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 145:1-3

*Opening Hymn **

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

Opening Prayer

Jonathan Kim

Responsive Reading

Psalm 17

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 17:1-6

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

Scriptural Text

Romans 1:16 (vs 1-17)

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Gordon Ferguson

Sermon Message

Thoroughly Satisfied With The Gospel

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 330 – “How Firm A Foundation, Ye Saints”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Rev Gordon Ferguson

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.

WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 75

Q: What is forbidden in the Eighth Commandment?

A: The Eight Commandment forbiddeth whatsoever doth or may unjustly hinder our own or our neighbour’s wealth or outward estate.

Comment:

This commandment refers to *money* and *property*. It acknowledges that it is right and proper to gain money, and that it is wrong in a man to squander his own property, or to plunder another’s. It commands us to work for the supply of our own needs, and to help others as well as ourselves to increase in wealth. And it forbids aught that would tend to hinder these ends.

Scriptural Reference:

Proverbs 21:17; Proverbs 23:20-21; Proverbs 28:19; Ephesians 4:28.

Dear brethren, this week article is the seventh article on the topic of “Soul Care” written by Rev Mark Chen, Pastor of First Evangelical Reformed Church in Singapore. This was published in their church weekly on 6th February 2022 and it has been reproduced for our edification.

Soul Care: Finding Strength in Weariness – Part I

Weariness in Life Is Common

We all get tired and weary. God knows this. We get weary because of the effects of sin. These can be our own sins weighing down on our conscience or the effects of our sins on our lives. We also get weary because of the results of the sins of others. People hurt us. The messiness of life caused by sin in general also gives us weariness. Work is cursed.

The people of Judah were weary because of their sins. In Isaiah 1-39, God pronounced his judgments on them because they were unfaithful. God would judge them, destroy Jerusalem, and exile these people for 70 years where they would be enslaved. After this judgment, they would be weary - they would be tired of their sin, their judgment, and their labour.

How Weary Can We Be?

Isaiah 40 describes how God’s people can feel faint. Verse 29 - *“Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall...”* Even youths can faint! The word “faint” refers to the fainting feeling you get from running too hard.

They can also be weary. The word “weary” means to feel fatigue — like you have been working too hard. Just as how Adam felt because of the curse; that in the sweat of his face he would labour.

There are many signs of fatigue — anxiety, sleepiness, prayerlessness. There are many sources of weariness, from working too hard, expecting too much, or doing too many things. While weariness is not wrong per se, it can lead us to lose focus on God. Weariness can cause us to become over burdened - where we lose courage and hope.

But burnout is wrong and backing out is also wrong. We come to this stage because we forget God.

This was the problem with people in Isaiah’s time. Some doubted God’s presence. Verse 27 - *“Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the Lord, and my judgment is passed over from my God?”* When they forgot him, they despaired and said he forgot them!

But God is always there. He sees. Just because he may not be acting now does not mean he will never act. And while he is waiting to act, he gives strength.

Remember God to Find Strength in Weariness

For those who are weary, Isaiah gives the counsel to look to God. When we look to God, we see 4 truths about him in verses 28-29 that give us hope — “Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.”

1. God does not change. *“He is the everlasting God.”* There is no beginning and ending with God. And therefore, this God is reliable. He keeps his promises to us. Malachi 3:6 — *“For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.”*

He had promised to deliver Judah. They would have deliverance in God’s time. Similarly, while God promises us trials, he has also promised us that nothing would separate us from his love in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:39). He will deliver us one day — his day.

2. God possesses absolute power over all. *“He is LORD, creator of the ends of the earth.”* Since he is creator, he owns all things. Everything is in his control. And because he is never weary or faint, he works out everything according to his purposes (Romans 8:28).

Isaiah used these words to encourage Judah. While they were weary and faint — fatigued; God was not. He could impart to them strength to go through their weariness. Similarly to us who are at our wits end — while God may not end the trial, he has absolute power over all things. And everything is under his control — even over us. While he may only deliver us in his own time, he give can us strength to conquer our fears.

3. God is all wise. *“There is no searching of his understanding.”* While the Jews thought God had forgotten them, God saw all things. Our ways are not hidden from him. But why does he tarry? Why does he not deliver us?

And the reason is because he has a purpose to accomplish — and our trials are a part of it. Often his means of blessings don’t seem to be blessings now. But they are good. There is no searching of his understanding.

4. God is always gracious to his people. *“He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.”* God helps the helpless. And he does this not by removing the trial alone, but by giving the help needed to go through it.

And very often, it is because we are striving with him and against him, that causes our weariness. *“Why does God allow this? Why is he not good? Why must I have these trials? Have I not served him enough? Do I not deserve better?”*

If we ask these questions, should not the Lord Jesus have deserved better? But he surrendered himself to the will of the Father. And he was given strength to bear the trial — it was the joy before him.

While Paul asked Christ to remove his thorn, Christ assured him that his grace was sufficient (2 Corinthians 12:9). Paul surrendered and rejoiced in his weaknesses and boasted in his insufficiency.

Charles Spurgeon said, “The way to grow strong in Christ is to become weak in yourself. God pours no power into man’s heart till man’s power is all poured out. The Christian’s life is one of daily dependence on the grace and strength of God.”

To gain strength from this God, we wait patiently. If we are weary, and if we know that God is true to his promises, powerful to do anything, wise in all his decisions, and gracious to his people, what are we to do?

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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 Worshipers, 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 Rev Gordon Ferguson to minister to us this Lord's Day.

Next week, Mr Joey Seow will be ministering to us. Please note we will be doing church cleaning so, there will be no Afternoon Bible Study and Sunday School.

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 – Rev Ferguson will conduct the study on “The Beatitudes” taken from Matthew 5:1-16.

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

MEMORY VERSE

This Week

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”

Romans 1:16

Last Week

“For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.”

Hebrews 12:3

In the next instalment of Soul Care, we will look at the rest of Isaiah 40 which instructs us how to rest in God. We are not only to think — to remember God in times of weariness; we are also to do — to rest in God to find strength in the midst of weariness.

Recommended Resources:

General:

How To Handle Trouble by Jay Adams (church library)

Why Us? by Warren Wiersbe (church library)

Resting Secure by Kathleen Nielson (church library)

Booklet:

Gospel for Real Life: God's Attributes (Rest for Life's Struggles) by Brad Hambrick (eTulip.org)

For Sisters:

Freedom to Flourish: The Rest God Offers in the Purpose He Gives You by Elizabeth Garn (eTulip.org)

On the Sabbath:

Rest in God & A Calamity in Contemporary Christianity by Iain Murray (eTulip.org)

Celebrating the Sabbath: Finding Rest in a Restless World by Bruce Ray (eTulip.org)