

# 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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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service - 11am

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

Call to Worship Psalm 150

Opening Hymn \* RHC 105 – "I Will Praise Him!"

Opening Prayer Joey Seow

**Responsive Reading** Psalm 6

(to the tune of Martyrdom, RHC 38)

Scriptural Text Genesis 2

Pastoral Prayer Mr Charles Scott-Pearson

Sermon Message The Breath of God

Closing Hymn \* RHC 240 – "Breathe on me, Breath of God"

**Benediction/3-Fold Amen \*** Mr Charles Scott-Pearson

**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 62**

## Q: What are the reasons annexed to the Fourth Commandment?

A: The reasons annexed to the Fourth Commandment are - God's allowing us  $\underline{six}$  days of the week for our own employments; his challenging a special propriety in the  $\underline{seventh}$ ; his own  $\underline{example}$ ; and his  $\underline{blessing}$  the Sabbath-day.

#### Comments:

The special reasons here given for the observance of the Sabbath are: 1. Our being allowed six days for work; 2. God's claim of the seventh day as specially his own; 3. God's resting on the seventh day; 4. God's blessing it.

Scriptural Reference:

Exodus 31:15; Genesis 2:3

Dear brethren, this week article is written by Rev Jack Sin, Pastor of Sovereign Hope Bible-Presbyterian Church in Singapore. This was published in their church weekly on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025 and it has been reproduced for our edification.

# The Reason & Practical Helps for Fruitful Bible Reading

The entire Christian life is governed by one Book: the authoritative and sufficient Word of God in the 66 canonical books authored by the Spirit of God Himself (2 Pet 1:19-21). This book is to be the sole directional guide for the believers' pilgrimage and the infallible manual for Church life and family. Paul in 2 Tim 3:16,17 say, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" but the prophet Hosea in Hos 4:6 says, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children."

#### Response to the Word of God

There can be different responses to the Word of God preached or read and we need to be receptive and humble to receive the word of God given to us. A negative response to the Word is found in 2 Chron 36:16 which says, "But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till there was no remedy." There is a threefold action. 2 Tim 2:15 says, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." To be disciplined and diligent to meditate and study the Word carefully to the spiritual nourishment of our souls. Consider the following, Jer 15:16 says, "Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts."

There is not only to be reading but also there is to be an application and a serious commitment to keep the Word in our daily lives. Ezra 7:10 - "For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments." (my life verse) There is also an instruction or inspecting of the Word to others. Rev 1:3 says, "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand."

As food is to the strengthening of the body physically, the Word of God is to the nourishment of our souls. Peter in 1 Pet 2:2 says, "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:" Heb 5:13,14 say, "For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." There should be a desire to grow in the maturity of the most holy faith by understanding and applying the deep truths of biblical doctrine too.

There is also to be serious meditation of the word Finally in Joshua 1:8 says, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." There is to be a constant memory and meditation of the Word to keep us effective in the ministry. The secret to happiness in this life is a holy commitment to seek to observe and obey the laws of God In our daily lives. We need to make a conscientious effort to seek out the truth systematically in listening to the word preached every Sunday at church, your daily devotion and SS class, fellowship meetings and worship

services. When was the last time that you set aside quality time to read the Bible or a book on the Bible and be grounded and rooted in the faith? Consider the following:-

#### A Word-Centred Life

Every church or Christian is to be scripture-centred or Word-based and not based on experience or other man-made foundations. There is a rich and profound source of knowledge of truth in it and you can avail to yourself to it. Make a conscious effort to diligently read, study, memorise, apply it? Jesus says in John 5:39, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me" and Paul shares in Act 20:28, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." One way to learn and remember the Word is to sing it. In Col 3:16, Paul says, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" and James 1:22 says, "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

#### **Practical Tips on Effective Bible Study**

To study the Bible properly, we must make an effort to seek first to understand the intent of the author, the dating the historical and geographical and cultural background of the book we are studying: it's helpful to know who wrote the book, to whom it was written, when it was written, and why it was written. This is important as it gives us a proper context to it. It is needful for us to let the text speak for itself in the context. Sometimes authors assign their own meanings to the words used in order to for the reader to get the right interpretation he or she desires. This is especially so if the book has an important history to it i.e. the book of kings or chronicles or Ezra, Nehemiah or Daniel.

The right manner to study the Bible is to prayerfully, diligently and humbly rely on the leading of the Holy Spirit to give us understanding; in their context, knowing that the Bible interpret itself; as John Calvin has shared in his teaching of the analogy of the scriptures. Bear in mind, the Holy Spirit is the real author of the word of God and He will guide us into the proper understanding and application of it. (2Tim 3:16,17)

Consider the following as you read your Bible Daily:

- 1. Begin your Bible reading with prayer (Ps 119:18; Jn 16:13-15).
- 2. Take brief notes what you read. Keep a small notebook for your Bible Study.
- 3. Read slowly through one chapter or 2 or 3 chapters or perhaps just one
- 1. paragraph. After reading ask yourself what this passage means. Then
- 2. reread it.t is helpful to find out the true meaning of a chapter or passage to
- 3. ask yourself the following questions, then write the answers in your notebook.
- 4. What is the main subject of this passage?
- 5. Who are the persons revealed in this passage? Who is speaking? About
- 6. whom is he speaking? Who is acting?
- 7. What is the key verse of this passage?
- 8. What does this passage teach me about the Lord Jesus Christ?
- 9. Does this passage contain any command for me to obey?

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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 - <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@NewLifeBPCLondon">https://www.youtube.com/@NewLifeBPCLondon</a>

We thank God for providing Mr Charles Scott-Pearson to minister to us this Lord's Day.

Next week, Dr David Allen will minister to us. We will observe the Lord's Supper.

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 Scott-Pearson will continue the studies on "The Making of the Tabernacle" and today, he will speak on "The Court and the Gate".

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

The church would like to wish all fathers a **Blessed Father's Day**.

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

#### This Week

"And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.."

Genesis 2:7

#### Last Week

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters."

**Genesis 1:1-2** 

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10. Is there any promise for me to claim?

11.Is there any instruction for me to follow?

#### Conclusion

God has given to us an inspired, inerrant and sufficient manual of life to guide and lead us in our walk of faith. It is a joy and privilege to have the indestructible, infallible and inerrant Scripture as our constant compass or map or GPS to guide and lead our footsteps daily lest we go astray.

Ps 119:105 says, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" and Isa 40:8 says, "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever."

Let us strive to be disciplined to search, study and memorise and meditate on the Holy Word and be revived and refreshed by it daily to the nourishment of our souls.