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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 SEPTEMBER 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 46:8-11

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 21 – “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Opening Prayer

Jonathan Kim

Responsive Reading

Psalm 19

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 19:7-11

(to the tune of Maitland, RHC 391)

Scriptural Text

James 1:1-5, 12-14

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Mathews Abraham

Sermon Message

Enduring Trials and Overcoming Temptations

Lord’s Supper Hymn

RHC 186 – “Wounded for Me”

Observation of Lord’s Supper

Rev Mathews Abraham

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Rev Mathews Abraham

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 77

Q: What is required in the Ninth Commandment?

A: The ninth commandment requireth the maintaining and promoting of truth between man and man, and of our own and our neighbour’s good name, especially in witness-bearing.

Scriptural Reference:

Exodus 20:16, Zechariah 8:16, Proverbs 14:5, Proverbs 14:25

Dear brethren, this week article has been written by Rev Mathews specially for the edification of our church congregation:

A Worthy Worship

God has commanded His people to worship Him in a worthy manner because He is a holy God. Exodus 34:14 declares, "You shall not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God." Throughout the Old Testament, God provided specific instructions for worship, from the construction of the Tabernacle and Temple to the precise procedures for offerings. Figures like Abraham, Moses, Isaiah, and David all learned the importance of approaching God in an acceptable way. But have you ever wondered if your worship today is truly acceptable to God?

Scripture provides clear examples of acceptable and unacceptable worship. Both Cain and Abel brought offerings to God, but only Abel's was accepted. God "had respect unto Abel and to his offering: But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect" (Genesis 4:4-5). Hebrews 11:4 explains that God accepted Abel's offering because it was an act of faith, demonstrating the right attitude and heart.

Conversely, those who disobeyed God's commands faced severe consequences. Nadab and Abihu, sons of Aaron, "offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not" (Leviticus 10:1). Their self-styled worship was met with swift judgment, and they were struck dead. Likewise, King Saul was rejected for offering a sacrifice in his own way instead of waiting for the prophet Samuel (1 Samuel 13:8-14). In the New Testament, Jesus condemned the Pharisees for their hypocritical worship, which was based on human tradition rather than God's commandments. He quoted Isaiah, saying, "This people draws near to me with their mouth, and honours me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (Matthew 15:7-9). These examples teach us to take the worship of God seriously, avoiding a flippant, casual, or unprepared attitude.

The Call to Worship in Spirit and in Truth

In John 4:23-24, Jesus reveals the nature of true worship: "But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." The word "must" underscore that this is not an option; it is an absolute requirement for worship to be acceptable to God.

What does it mean to worship God "in spirit"?

Worshipping God "in spirit" means to approach Him from the heart. It is an internal act of reverence, praise, and glory. As those who are spiritually alive through Christ, our worship must flow from a genuine and heartfelt place. If our hearts are not engaged, our worship is vain and useless.

This spiritual readiness is reflected in our actions and attitude. Coming to church late, being distracted by phones or conversations, or allowing our minds to wander shows a lack of respect and is not worship "in spirit." We must prepare our hearts and minds before entering God's house, perhaps by arriving early to pray and focus. As 1 Peter 1:16 states, "Be holy; for I am holy." Our worship should reflect the holiness of the God we serve.

What does it mean to worship God "in truth"?

To worship God "in truth" means to worship Him according to His Word. Jesus said, "Your word is truth" (John 17:17). Therefore, our worship must be guided by what Scripture commands, not by what is popular, entertaining, or emotionally appealing to us. The focus is not on creating a service that makes us feel good but on offering a service that is acceptable to God.

This principle, often referred to as the **Regulative Principle of Worship**, holds that anything not explicitly commanded in Scripture is forbidden in corporate worship. For this reason, many fundamental and Reformed churches structure their services around six core elements found in the New Testament:

- **Singing of Psalms and Hymns** (Colossians 3:16, Ephesians 5:19-20)
- **Prayer** (1 Timothy 2:1-8)
- **Reading of Scripture** (1 Thessalonians 5:27, 1 Timothy 4:13)
- **The Preaching and Hearing of God's Word** (Romans 10:13-17, 2 Timothy 4:1-2)
- **The Administration of the Sacraments** (Matthew 28:19-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-29)
- **Giving Offerings** in support of the ministry (1 Corinthians 16:1-2, 1 Corinthians 9:11-14)

The Privilege of Worship

Worship is not merely an activity but a mark of saving faith. God does not accept all worship, and true worship is an eternal occupation, as described in...

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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 Rev Mathews Abraham to minister to us this Lord's Day.

Please note we will be observing the Lord's Supper today.

Rev Abraham will be ministering to us until mid-November.

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 Mathews will conduct the study on the topic of "The Fruit of the Spirit" taken from Galatians 5:22-23.

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

MEMORY VERSE

This Week

"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him."

James 1:12

Last Week

"Because thine heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before God, when thou heardest his words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and humbledst thyself before me, and didst rend thy clothes, and weep before me; I have even heard thee also, saith the LORD."

2 Chronicles 34:27

Revelation 4 and 5. What a holy privilege God has given us—to worship Him!

When we come to church, our purpose is singular: to worship God. Worship is not about what we can get from the service or from others, but about giving God the glory and honour due to His name. The first mention of the word "worship" in the Bible is in Genesis 22:5, where Abraham tells his men, "I and the lad will go yonder and worship and come again to you." This illustrates that we go to offer something to God, not to receive something from Him.

May we always enter His house with reverence, pray with humility, sing with joy, listen with attention, and give with a cheerful heart. Thank God for the privilege to worship Him in spirit and in truth. May our praises and offerings be acceptable to Him. To God be the glory.