



# 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 8

*Opening Hymn \**

RHC 28 – “The God of Abraham Praise”

*Opening Prayer*

Joey Seow

*Responsive Reading*

Psalm 149

*Second Hymn \**

*Psalm 149:1-4*

*(to the tune of Lloyd, RHC 563)*

*Scriptural Text*

Exodus 17:1-7

*Pastoral Prayer*

Rev Carl Vermeulen

*Sermon Message*

*The LORD patiently teaches His people that He is with them*

*Closing Hymn \**

RHC 317 – “The Solid Rock”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen \**

Rev Carl Vermeulen

*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 54

**Q: What is required in the Third Commandment?**

*A: The Third Commandment requireth the holy and reverent use of God’s name, titles, attributes, ordinances, Word, and works.*

Comments:

The Third Commandment bids us use in very reverent manner – 1. God’s names, such as *the Lord*; 2. His titles, such as *King of Kings*; 3. His attributes, such as *holiness*; 4. His ordinances, such as *prayer*; 5. His Word, or *the Bible*; 6. His works, such as *man*.

Scriptural Reference:

Psalm 29:2, Ecclesiastes 5:1, Job 36:24.

Dear brethren, our bulletin article is written by Rev. Jack Sin, pastor of Sovereign Hope Bible-Presbyterian Church. We pray this article will be truly edifying to you.

## **Precepts for Being Conquerors in the Lord**

*“Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.” Rom 8:37*

**Many Christians are often defeated, depressed and discouraged in our daily spiritual battles.** The sly and deceptive foe has often deceived and defeated us again and again. Many sincere and well-meaning Christians fail in their quest for a victorious life. Is it possible to be victorious in our daily walk with Christ alone or it is by ourselves.? The following points will guide us in the understanding and application of this matter:

### **1. Prevail in Prayer to God**

*‘.... men ought always to pray, and not to faint’ (Lk 18:1).*

John Bunyan defines it as **“PRAYER is a sincere, sensible, affectionate pouring out of the heart or soul to God, through Christ, in the strength and assistance of the Holy Spirit, for such things as God has promised, or according to his Word, for the good of the church, with submission in faith to the will of God”**. To prevail means: to **“TRIUMPH. . . or to be or become effective ..... PERSIST”** - Webster.

Many Christians fail when we fail in prayer because of neglect or indifference or disobedience in our lives. They settle for just a superficial prayer life without power. We need to disciple ourselves to persevere in intercessory prayer always. Start the day right with God on our knees like Daniel of old (Dan 6:10).

**A puritan once prayed “Lord Jesus, give me a deeper repentance, a horror of sin, a dread of its approach. Help me chastely to flee it and jealously to resolve that my heart shall be Thine alone.”** We need to sincerely do this daily for prayer is not prattle, it is battle.

### **2. Pursue the Promises of God**

*‘For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope’ (Rom 15:4).*

The promises of God were not written for the Old Testaments saints only but for present-day Christians and we are to know them and practice them. It is applicable for all generations. God’s Word teaches they *“were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope”* (Rom 15:4).

**We need to believe and apply the promises and warnings in the Word, read them, recall them often and practice and trust in God’s Word.** Psalm 119:9-11 says, *‘Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.’*

We can triumph through God’s Word as it is the sword of the Spirit coupled with other 5 pieces used in the armour of God (Eph 6:10-18). The right use of the Word is the effective weapon for a victorious battle when we believe the promises of God.

### **3. Practice the Presence of God**

*‘Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded’ (Jas 4:8).*

**Drawing near to God comes through the confession and repentance of sins and the meditation of His Word and the recognition and awareness of God's presence as being with us at all times.** He has promised, *'I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee'* (Heb 13:5). Isaiah 41:10 says, *'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.'*

We need to be conscious of God's presence when we walk, work and pray, read God's Word diligently and worship Him reverently in spirit and truth on every sabbath. We need to acknowledge the holy presence and power of God while participating in His work relying on His Holy Spirit to guide and lead us. **Doing God's work with God's help in God's way draws us closer to Him.**

#### **4. Proclaim the Praises of God**

**Praise is the language that we will speak in heaven and let us learn it well on earth.**

*'Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD will be with you. And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the LORD, worshipping the LORD. And the Levites, of the children of the Kohathites, and of the children of the Korhites, stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel with a loud voice on high. And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper'* (2 Chr 20:17-20).

Some Christians fail to live victoriously because they do not worship and praise the Lord nor seek Him first. Do you keep the Lord's day holy in worship and rest? 1 Chronicles 16:28 says, *'Give unto the LORD, ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength.'* Hebrews 13:15 says, *'By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.'* We can be conquerors by proclaiming the praises of God as the psalmist did (Psa 145:2-3). **Praise is the eternal mode of communication in heaven and should be the common speech of every born again Christian as we give thanks to God and worship Him daily and on the Sabbath corporately.** The victory goes to those who worship and honour God first and obey His holy will.

#### **Conclusion**

The Lord told Joshua 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.'*

The Christian is a soldier of Christ, and he fights spiritual battles everyday. The weapons we used are not carnal, but they are Mighty in the Lord alone. Nothing short of the full armour of God can help us (Eph 6:10-18) The Word of God is the inspired and infallible manual for us and the powerful Sword of the Spirit for spiritual combat.

**We can be triumphant provided we rely fully on the Lord and His Word with prayer and not on our own feeble and puny strength.** Phil 4:13 says, *'I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.'* Moses and Joshua were victorious in the days of the battle against the Egyptians and the Canaanites. During the time of the Judges, there were lapses and God delivered them through Judges.

God will help us when we humbly seek and honour Him first. He is our Lord and eternal Refuge and He will surely guide and lead us in all times in all circumstances. when we turn to him. **This is the only formula for spiritual success for without Him, we can do nothing (Jn 15:5).**

# 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 Carl Vermeulen to minister to us this Lord's Day.** Rev Vermeulen will be ministering to us till early June.

**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 Vermeulen will conduct a series of studies on The Lord's Prayer. Today's study is entitled "With the address: "Our Father in Heaven", Jesus Christ teaches us to think big picture."

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

## MEMORY VERSE

### This Week

*"Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel."*

**Exodus 17:6**

### Last Week

*"And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself."*

**Luke 24:27**

## 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 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,

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