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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 27 JULY 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Song of Solomon 5:10-16

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 91 – “*The Lily of the Valley*”

Opening Prayer

Joey Seow

Responsive Reading

Psalm 11

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 11

(to the tune of Kilmarnock, RHC 561)

Scriptural Text

1 Samuel 30:6

Pastoral Prayer

Eld Foong Kon Yu

Sermon Message

David encouraged himself in the LORD his God

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 101 – “*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Eld Foong Kon Yu

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 69

Q: What is forbidden in the Sixth Commandment?

A: The Sixth Commandment forbiddeth the taking away of our own life, or the life of our neighbour unjustly, or whatsoever tendeth thereunto.

Comments:

This commandment respects *life*. It acknowledges that God is its Giver, and that therefore no one has a right to take it away without just reason. It commands us to take all proper care of our health, as well as of the health of others. And it forbids us to take away our own life – which is *suicide*; or the life of another – which is *murder*.

Scriptural Reference:

Ephesians 5:29, Matthew 10:23, Mark 6:31, Psalm 82:3-4, Job 29:13, 1 Kings 18:4

Dear brethren, this week's article has been specially written by Elder Foong Kon Yu for our church family. We pray that you will be greatly edified and encouraged as you read through the article.

Where are you?

When we are in trouble and need help or that we are in the midst of turbulence and despair, we would probably utter “God please help me”. God may not necessary answer according to our wants nor in the time that we wish. At that time our next utterance would be to question “God, where are you?” When Adam and Eve fell into sin, they went into hiding instead of facing God to ask for forgiveness. Instead God asked as to where they were. However when we are in good times, we often forget where God is. He is omnipresent but we do not feel His presence. It is not that He is far from us but we are far from Him. Is that Holy Spirit not dwelling in us? Yes He is but we have walked away from Him and be drawn closer to the world instead. For this reason that scripture tells us to drawn nigh (near) to Him. *Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you...*James 4:8

How do we draw nigh to God? We need to cultivate a deeper personal relationship with God as we walk along life’s pathway. We obey His command to read our bible and to spend time in prayers i.e., our quiet time. It involves a conscious effort to have one’s thoughts, actions and desire to be close to God. Our priority should be to place God first in all our dealings, for example if there a conflict of schedule, godly matter should take precedence over all other matters.

Walking with God and drawing nigh (near) to Him is not just a religious observance or following a ritual. It is about developing a close, personal relationship with God, very much like a child and a loving parent (in human terms). Of course our loving parent is the Almighty God Himself whom we desire to have an intimacy. We let God hold our hands as we sojourn this life on earth.

We seek God’s will and make our choices and decisions based His will. This leads us to the most asked question. What and how do we know God’s will? I cannot say or explain and nobody can but you will know when you are close to Him. It is a personal relation so it is only between you and God. It means that we do not make decisions based on our own understanding and what is best in our personal interest alone. We plan together with God right from the beginning before we proceed to act. Nobody knows the future and the result of our next step of action but we know who holds the future. This is assuring and comforting and it acts as in incentive for us to have a stronger bond with Him.

God transforms us as believers and shapes us in the likeness of Christ. We will experience spiritual growth. We will experience joy throughout our journey albeit that this may not necessary be the way we want it to be. However we will discover that eventually it is for our own good as God meant it to be.

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We will live for the glory of God and not for our personal gain. We strive to live a godly life instead of a humdrum routine. Everything that we do is for the glory of God. You can only achieve this and understand this when you walk close to God.

When you walk with God, you experience His presence, comfort, and power in your lives, finding strength and peace even in difficult circumstances. You will face calamities that come your way together with the Almighty.

Walking with God is not a one-time event but a continuous journey of growth and deepening relationship, requiring ongoing effort and reliance on His grace. It is daily discipline of building a sure closer ties with the Jesus Christ. Praying then becomes a part of our lives. Where are you in this journey?

Rules for Edifying Communication

Inter-personal communication is important for human relationships among people even during the COVID circuit breaker periods when we were all staying at home. We were able to keep in touch whether it was via WhatsApp, email, a phone call or a Skype or Zoom meeting with our colleagues or family members. During times when we were meant to stay at home, it does not mean we cannot continue to reach out and relate to one another in a meaningful manner.

Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.
Ephesians 4:29



Here are “4 Sentinels” guarding the entrance of our mouths:

An infographic with a light gray background. At the top left, the text "Think before you speak" is written in a cursive font, with a blue pencil drawing a line under it. Below this, four "sentinels" are listed, each with a colored header and a question: "Sagacity: Is it Wise to say it?" (purple), "Veracity: Is it Truthful when you say it?" (green), "Charity: Is it said out of Love?" (red), and "Necessity: Must you say it at all? Must it be said now?" (blue). On the right side, there is a 3D illustration of a white figure standing next to a large red question mark.

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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 Eld Foong Kon Yu to minister to us this Lord's Day. Eld and Mrs Foong will be returning to Singapore next week. Do pray for their safe travel. Next Sunday, Mr Alan Blaney will be ministering to us. Pray for both his and his family's safe travel to London.

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 – Eld Foong will continue the series of studies from the book of Romans.

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

MEMORY VERSE

This 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

Last Week

“Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.”

1 Samuel 17:45

We can continue to exhort and encourage one another in different platforms and communicational means. Ponder deeply how you can be effective in your communication with other. Words can heal someone or they can hurt others. Make sure that your words edify and exhort. Be a blessing to others. Use your lips to worship and serve God and in sharing of the gospel, and also use God honouring words to edify others as the Lord leads.

Remember what Paul says in Eph 4:29, “Let no corrupt communication proceed out of our mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.” and Col 4:6, which says, “Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.” Read also James 3:1-10.

Adapted from article by Rev Jack Sin, pastor of Sovereign Hope B-P Church, Singapore.