



# 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 24 – *"Praise to the Lord, The Almighty"*

*Opening Prayer*

Joey Seow

*Responsive Reading*

Psalm 51

*Second Hymn \**

Psalm 51:1–4, 7–10  
*(to the tune of Manoah, RHC 201)*

*Scriptural Text*

Psalm 37:1-24

*Pastoral Prayer*

Rev Brian Harper

*Sermon Message*

*"Blessed are the meek"*

*Closing Hymn \**

RHC 540 – *"We're Marching to Zion"*

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen \**

Rev Brian Harper

*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 3**

**Q: What do the scriptures principally teach?**

*A: The scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.*

Comments:

In order to attain the chief end of our life, the two things most important for us to know are: *What we are to believe*, and *What we are to do*. These two things the Bible explains to us very fully. It tells us *what God is, and has done for us*, and also *what he requires us to do*, in order that it may be well with us now and hereafter.

Scriptural Reference:

John 5:39, Ecclesiastes 12:13

Dear brethren, this week's article is the continuation of the series of articles on The Beatitudes written by Rev Brian Harper specially for our edification.

## **Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.**

During a visit to the Kompongsom Bible School in southern Cambodia, I was trying to explain the word “tenacious” to the students. I thought that I would illustrate the word by telling them about our daughter's dog, Charlie. To give Charlie some exercise we throw a frisbee for him to fetch (you know, one of those plastic, saucer-shaped gliding toys designed for throwing between players). However, he has not yet learned to return it. Rather, he stands with it in his mouth and holds on to it for all its worth! He refuses to give it up. You have to wait until he is ready to part with it. Now, I thought that was a good illustration of “tenacious”, except for one thing. How do you translate our word “frisbee” into Khmer, the language of Cambodia?

This morning we continue to examine that Sermon given by our Lord on the Mount, and we come to a feature that has been called “the untranslatable word”. That is, one Greek word that is hard to put into one English word. It is the word sometimes translated as “gentle” and at other times as “mild”. Here in Matthew 5:5, it is translated as “meek” and so we read “Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth”.

What is meekness? It is not, as some people imagine, a weakness. D.A. Carson describes it as “a controlled desire to see the others' interests advance ahead of one's own”. Meekness is an attribute supremely displayed by our Saviour. Look at Calvary! Jesus could have called ten thousand angels, but he deliberately waved their help away in order that Scripture would be fulfilled and the will of the Father accomplished, and sinners, such as we are, saved eternally.

What is meekness? “The meek person will yield to no one where a point of principle is involved, but he will be strong enough to give way when a matter of purely personal advantage is at stake. He will submit to being imposed upon by others” J. Oswald Sanders.

The great Christian characteristic we are called upon to display in this third beatitude was modelled for us by our Lord Himself for, in Matthew 11:29, He declared “Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart” (Matthew 11:29).

While the one Greek word may be “untranslatable” its features are not to be unrecognisable. Meekness is to be a distinguishing trait of Christian character.

**New Life Bible-Presbyterian Church**  
**“Blessed are the meek” (The Beatitudes – Part 4)**  
**Rev Brian D Harper**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026**

**Introduction:**

**1. Identification:**

Its setting.

Its source.

Its strength.

**2. Illustration:**

Abraham.

Joseph.

Moses.

Our Lord Jesus.

**3. Implication:**

A blessed contentment.

A settled conviction.

An eternal certainty.

<b>MEMORY VERSE</b>	
<b>This Week</b> <i>“Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.”</i> <b>Matthew 5:5</b>	<b>Last Week</b> <i>“Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.”</i> <b>Matthew 5:4</b>

# 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 Brian Harper to minister to us today.**

Rev Harper will be ministering to us until the end May.

**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** – For the duration of Rev Harper's ministry, he will be conducting the study on Philippians. This week's study is taken from Philippians 3:1–9.

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

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## The Believer's Daily Remembrancer – 3<sup>rd</sup> May

(written by Rev James Smith)

*"Now why dost thou cry out aloud? is there no king in thee? is thy counsellor perished?  
For pangs have taken thee as a woman in travail." Micah 4:9*

THE Lord's people need counsel, and Jesus is given to them as a COUNSELLOR. He is exactly suited to their needs, being possessed of infinite wisdom, unbounded benevolence, great experience, and high honour. He never lost a cause. He counsels freely, cheerfully, and successfully. He turns the counsel of all our foes into foolishness. But though we have this wonderful Counsellor, we neglect to consult, employ or trust Him; and it may often be demanded of us, "Is thy Counsellor perished?"

If not, why this perplexity? Why these mistakes? Why those fears and groans, and forebodings? Why this running to creatures for advice and succour? Beloved, let us stand reproved; we have walked in our own counsels, we have not *waited* for His counsel, we have neglected and forgotten Jesus in this office. Let us in future never act without His counsel, never employ men to His dishonour, never listen to Satan when He would persuade us not to apply to, trust in, and expect advice from Jesus as our COUNSELLOR. He says, "I will counsel thee, Mine eye shall be upon thee."

*Lord, be my Counsellor,  
My Pattern, and my Guide;  
And through this desert land,  
Still keep me near Thy side;  
O let my feet ne'er run astray.  
Nor rove, nor seek the crooked way.*