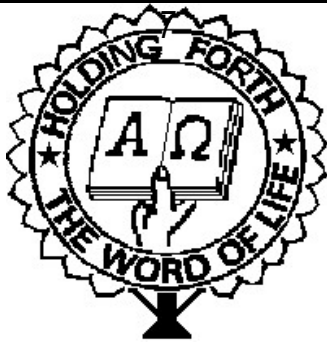




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LORD'S DAY 11 OCTOBER 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 86:11–12

Opening Hymn *

RHC 44 – *"We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer"*

Opening Prayer

Dn John Poh

Responsive Reading

Psalm 73

Second Hymn *

Psalm 73:25–28

(To the tune of Kilmarnock, RHC 561)

Scriptural Text

Nehemiah 13:4–8

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Gordon Ferguson

Sermon Message

"Cleansing the Temple of the Lord"

Closing Hymn *

RHC 429 – *"We Have Not Known Thee as We Ought"*

Benediction/3-Fold Amen *

Rev Gordon Ferguson

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 27

Q: Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?

A: Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the CROSS; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.

Comments:

Humiliation means coming down from a high rank to a low. Christ did so for us. He descended from his throne in heaven, and became a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. In this answer we are told the various particulars in which his humiliation consisted. It consisted: 1. In being born; 2. In being born poor; 3. In being subject to the law; 4. In suffering the sorrows of life; 5. In suffering the hiding of God's countenance; 6. In being crucified; 7. In being buried; 8. In remaining in the grave for three days. All these things were borne by Christ, and on our behalf.

Scriptural Reference:

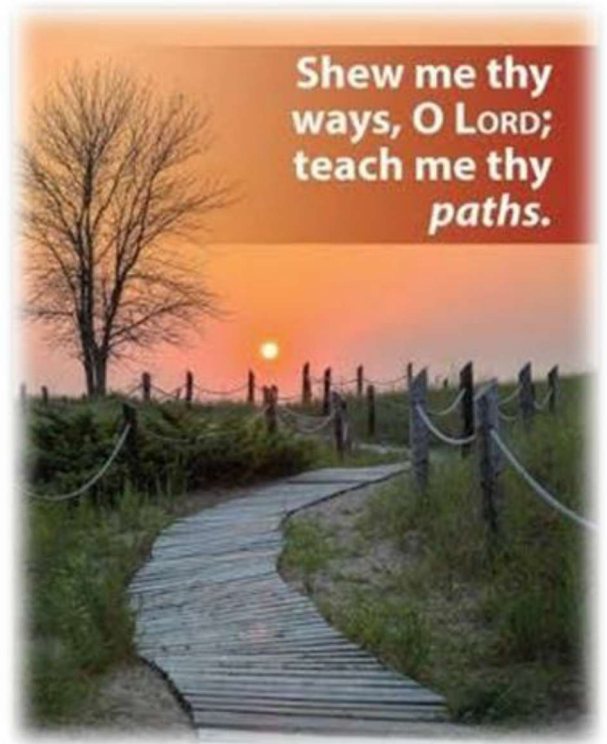
Luke 2:7, Matthew 27:46, Philippians 2:6-8, Matthew 12:40

Dear brethren, this week's article is part 1 of the article written by Rev Jack Sin taken from Sovereign Hope B-P Church's bulletin dated 19th July 2026. This is reproduced for our edification.

Discerning & Obeying God's Holy Will (Part 1)

We live in a world of consultancy, where corporate firms would seek advice from consultants as to how to manage the company. Many would seek worldly counsel and help in secular business, employment, financial and corporate planning. **But for the Christians, we have a heavenly omniscient consultant that is ever ready to help us and advise us when we call on Him.**

Paul said in Eph 5:15–16, “*See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.*” Many have suffered and went through distressing experiences after learning that it is not God's will for them to do something. There was a couple who migrated to another country only to return in about 2 years' time and acknowledged that it was not the will of God. Another took up a MBA course and, after about less than a year, dropped the course altogether.

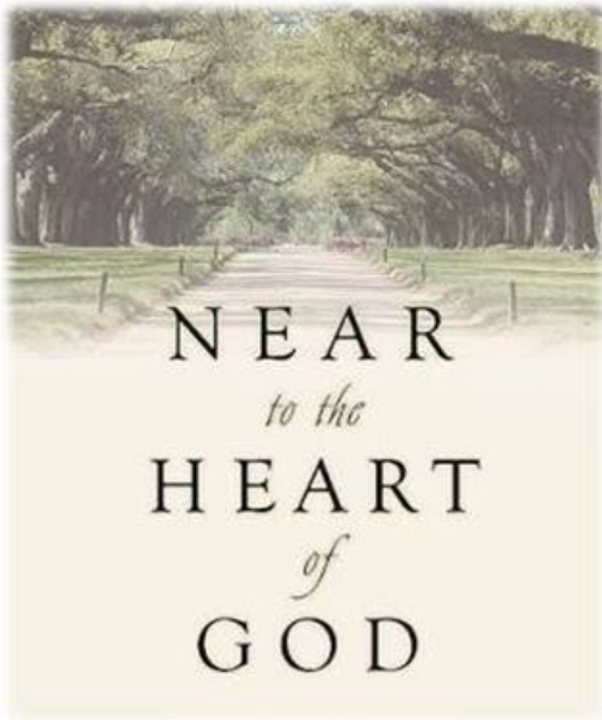


The psalmist expressed a universal sentiment of all sincere Christians in Psa 25:4, “*Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths.*” We are in dire need of divine guidance and direction every day. Life presents itself with so many problems, options, influences and we are often at a lost in decision-making. A young lady called and asked if it is God's will for her to go to a particular country for studies. Many have sought counsel concerning studies, career options, boy-girl relationships and a switching of jobs, migration, or shifting of residence. Where do we get the answers and how do we know? We will examine and investigate into this needful matter of divine guidance and counsel here.

Factors in the Quest for Divine Counsel

Before we go into details, firstly, we must understand that God is ever with us, willing to direct and lead our every step if only we allow Him to (Psa 32:8). The Holy Spirit is our Guide and Comforter. He will show us all things concerning Christ (John 16:14). However, there is a difference between one sincerely seeking heavenly advice and one who has already made his / her own decision and was just asking for a mere formal enforcement from heaven. We must not deceive ourselves for God is not mocked (Gal 6:7–9). **A sincere seeker will find God and His leadership real in his life and be blessed, but not an insincere hypocritical seeker. Check your**

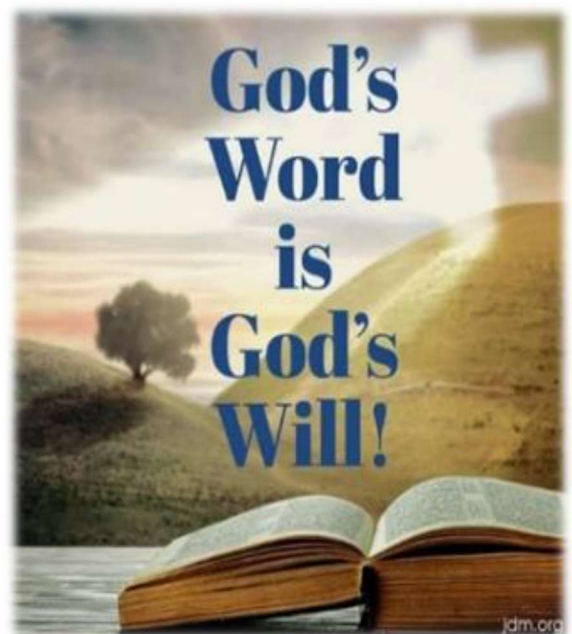
motives first before the Lord. There are a few things that are needful in determining whether it is God's will for us in a certain matter.



Firstly, it is the area of our intimacy in our personal relationship with God. Are you in daily close communion with God, constantly reading the Word and praying? If you are, there is a sense in which you will know God's will, as a child knows the desires of his father. Should I go to a pub, disco, lounge, watch this questionable movie or unedifying video, or join in this uncouth conversation? When I was living with my parents in my younger days, I used to buy dinner for my parents. Sometimes before asking them what they wanted to eat, I could almost surmise correctly what they wanted to eat. Why? Because I am very close to them. To the extent that when you are close to God, you will be sensitive to God's will and leading for your life.

Secondly, there are certain things you do not ask God for because it is revealed in the Word of God. You need to study and read the Scriptures carefully and follow to do therein. For example, two things are definitely God's will for our lives. 1Thes 4:3 says, *"For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication."* 1Thes 5:18 says, *"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."* Any action or decision that is consistent with these two scriptural injunctions should be acted upon swiftly. For example, do you ask questions like, *"Is it God's will for me to go to prayer meeting?"* or *"Should I go for worship God on the Lord's Day?"* These are questions you do not ask at all! Why? Because they are perfectly consonant with God's will for our sanctification, and to give thanks at the prayer meeting is already stated clearly in Scriptures. There was a prophet in the Old Testament who was told by the Lord not to eat with any one on his mission. Later, an old "prophet" came and invited him to eat and he did. He was later punished and was eaten up by a lion (1 Kgs 13:11–24). He had the clear expressed will of God, but he rebelled against it.

Or this question, *"Is it God's will for me to marry this non-believer?"* Read 2 Cor 6:14–18. You should never have asked in the first place because the biblical injunction is unequivocally clear. It is a question of obedience (or rebellion) not a question of guidance at all.



To be continued...

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 Gordon Ferguson to minister to us today.

Next Sunday, Mr Charles Scott-Pearson will be ministering to us.

Tithes & Offerings – The offering box is located at the entrance to the Church Sanctuary.

Lunch 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, 1:30pm – Rev Ferguson will conduct the study on the “The Church as a Fragrant, Fruitful Garden” from Song of Solomon 4:12–5:1.

Children's Sunday School, 1:30pm – held at side hall & manse after Lunch Fellowship.

MEMORY VERSE

This Week

“Then I commanded, and they cleansed the chambers: and thither brought I again the vessels of the house of God, with the meat offering and the frankincense.”

Nehemiah 13:9

Last Week

“Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom.”

Genesis 13:12

The Believer's Daily Remembrancer – 11th October

(written by Rev James Smith)

“Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.” Jude 21

THE love of God to His people is free, unspeakably great, and eternal; our love to God is dependent on His love to us as its source, on faith and fellowship with Him as its fuel; therefore we are exhorted to keep ourselves in the love of God. This implies that we are beloved of God, and that we know it, and love Him in return. That we should endeavour to retain our standing, and keep ourselves sensibly in the love of God, by setting it always before our minds; exercising our faith on it; and seeking the enjoyment of it by prayer and in the Lord's ways. We should keep ourselves in the exercise of love to God, by avoiding temptations, walking by faith, and living as in His presence. We should keep ourselves in the exercise of love one to another, by exhortation, forbearance, and example. We should preserve ourselves by the love of God, from the temptations of Satan, the snares of the world, and the lusts of the flesh. Beloved, consider how the love of God aggravates our sins; how it should fire us with courage to oppose everything that is unholy or forbidden.

*O love divine, how sweet Thou art! When shall I find my longing heart
All taken up by Thee? Grant me, O gracious Lord, to prove
The sweetness of redeeming love, The love of Christ to me!*