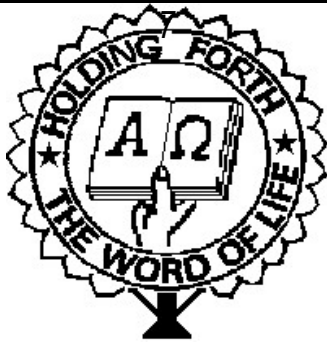




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LORD'S DAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 138:1–5

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 65 – *"And Can It Be That I Should Gain?"*

Opening Prayer

Dn John Poh

Responsive Reading

Psalm 69

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 69:30–36

(To the tune of No Other Plea, RHC 301)

Scriptural Text

Matthew 6:19–34

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Lim Chee Boon

Sermon Message

"Do Not Worry"

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 187 – *"It Is A Thing Most Wonderful"*

Observation of Lord's Supper

Rev Lim Chee Boon

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Rev Lim Chee Boon

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 23

Q: What offices doth Christ execute as our Redeemer?

A: Christ, as our Redeemer, executeth the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.

Comments:

In the last three questions we were taught the great truth that sinners may be saved. In the following six questions we are taught the way in which our Redeemer works out salvation to his people. He does so, we are told, by discharging the duties of a prophet, a priest, and a king, and thereby delivering us from our threefold misery of ignorance, guilt, and bondage. He performed these duties while he was here on earth, and he still continues to perform them in heaven.

Scriptural Reference:

Acts 3:22, Hebrews 5:6, Psalm 2:6

Dear brethren, Rev Lim Chee Boon will be authoring the main articles in our church bulletin – this week’s article is based on Psalm 27 and entitled “Overcoming Fear”. As the article has been specially prepared for our edification, and we hope they will be a source of encouragement and growth.

OVERCOMING FEAR (PSALM 27:1-14)

We all have some kind of fear: the fear of closed spaces, heights, open spaces, flying on planes, spiders, contracting diseases, and death.

What is men’s greatest fear? Copilot (Microsoft AI service) says this: “The fear of failure.” This fear encompasses worries about not meeting societal, familial, or personal expectations in various roles—be it in their careers, relationships, or personal achievements.

The fear of failure, like all other fears, debilitates our thinking and behavior. The thought of one’s inadequacy, inability to meet others’ expectations, and rejection drives the person to make extreme choices. A 11-year-old boy in Singapore committed suicide after failing his exam for the first time. He took his own life because he either did not meet his own expectations or his parents’.

What is your fear? Psalm 27 gives us some principles for dealing with fear. This psalm does not have a superscription. The superscription usually informs the reader of the historical event leading to the writing of the psalm.

The psalm does tell us that it is written by David. In the first three verses of Psalm 27, David mentioned his enemies:

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? ² When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. ³ Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

He had many enemies. King Saul had on many occasions sought to kill him (1 Sam. 19:1-3; 23:7-24:22). His own son, Absalom also wanted to kill him (2 Sam. 13:13-37). Thus, there were many moments where David could have feared for his life. However he says in verse 3, “*Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.*”

The word “confident” in the original language means to trust in things (STRONGS H982). What are these things?

I) God’s Omnipotence (27:1-3)

To appreciate what David is saying here, we need to remember that he was a mighty warrior. As a teenager, he had gone one-on-one with the fearful giant, Goliath, and won. Before that, he had defended his father’s flock by killing a bear and a lion. If Psalm 27 was written before he became king, he would have had a group of men to protect him from King Saul. If he was already a king, he would have had an army of soldiers to keep him safe from Absalom’s rebellion. In his reign, he had seasoned warriors to fight the enemies and to defend the nation of Israel. So, it would have been easy for David to boast in his own strength or in the might of his army. Instead, he affirms that his defense is the Lord alone (27:1)

The problem with man is self-trusting. When everything is well, men put their trust in themselves. I have these material possessions because I worked hard. I invented a cure for a particular disease because I am intelligent. So, God has to show men that they cannot depend on themselves to overcome everything. COVID-19 is a good example of men's helplessness in defeating the virus. Natural calamities brought destruction and loss of lives and property. Human beings cannot defeat the force of nature.

II) God's Omnipresence (27:4-8)

⁴ One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple. ⁵ For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock. ⁶ And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD. ⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me. ⁸ When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

Fear paralyzes; it prevents us from doing our work efficiently and living life normally. As for David, he did not lose his focus. He continued to do what he has to do in life. He worshiped the Lord. He did not allow fear to take away his heart of worship. When a person is stricken with fear, he needs the presence of God. *"Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and they staff they comfort me"* (Psa. 23: 4).

The word "trouble" in verse 5 comes from the Hebrew word, ra', which means evil. The times of trouble or evil creates fear and insecurity. In these occasions, the writer sought refuge by hiding in God's pavilion. Pastor Chris Benfield commented: "The king's pavilion was a tent that had been erected in the middle of the army's host. It was protected by the many valiant soldiers that surrounded it, defending their king. Consider the hiding place we have in God's pavilion. We are protected by the hand of God. We aren't called upon to defend ourselves, but simply to rest, surrounded by the host of God."

What was David doing in God's presence? He sang praises and prayed to God. These are effective weapons against fear. Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises to God when they were imprisoned (Acts 16:25). Prayer and praise lift our spirit in moments of despondency.

III) God's Promises (27:10-14)

¹⁰ When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up. ¹¹ Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies. ¹² Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty. ¹³ I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. ¹⁴ Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

There is a fear of abandonment. A child who is forsaken by his parents has the fear of abandonment. He feels lonely and insecure. Teenagers want acceptance among their peers. They fear abandonment by their friends. The writer of Psalm 27 tells us that *"¹⁰ When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up."*

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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 Lim Chee Boon to minister to us today. Rev Lim will be ministering to us until end September.

Lord's Supper, 13 September – We will be observing the Lord's Supper today.

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, 1:30pm – Rev Lim will continue the study from 1 John.

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

Annual Congregational Meeting 2026, 27 September – The Church will be holding its ACM after the morning worship service. The ACM will be moderated by Rev Lim Chee Boon.

MEMORY VERSE

This Week

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Matthew 6:33

Last Week

"But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;"

1 Peter 1:15

Sometimes we experience the opposition of men. A young Christian asked his pastor why his friends would mock him for his Christian practices—giving thanks for his food and reading the Bible. The reason is that these friends do not know the Lord Jesus Christ. They belong to the world, and the world hates the lifestyle of God's people.

When the feeling of rejection comes upon you, trust in God's promises. He is always by our side; he provides a way of escape in every temptation (1 Cor. 10:13). Paul says to Timothy, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and a sound mind" (2 Tim. 1:7)

Conclusion:

There is no simple formula for overcoming fear. If there is one, the fear is we will forget God. Instead, we should be seeking God daily for combating our fear. The idea is, the closer we walk with God, the more victorious we are over our fear.

Years ago a number of people in the jungles of Central Africa responded to the gospel. Since they had no church building where they could gather for prayer, they cleared a central spot in the jungle for that purpose. Soon, individual trails from many different directions converged there as believers walked through the grass to that place of meeting with God. Whenever a Christian seemed to be losing his first love, the others would admonish him by saying, "Brother, the grass is growing on your path." What about your path? Are you seeking the Lord and His face each day? That is God's way to overcoming all fears.