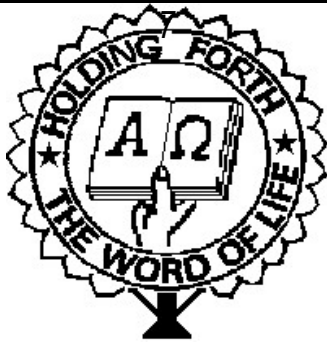




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LORD'S DAY 21 JUNE 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 44:1–8

Opening Hymn *

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

Opening Prayer

Jonathan Kim

Responsive Reading

Psalm 58

Second Hymn *

Psalm 58:1–3, 10–11
(to the tune of Evan, RHC 379)

Scriptural Text

Ephesians 4:32

Pastoral Prayer

Eld Foong Kon Yu

Sermon Message

"The Power of Forgiveness"

Closing Hymn *

RHC 376 – *"O to Be Like Thee"*

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.

WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 10

Q: How did God create man?

A: God created man, male and female, after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.

Comments:

We are here told that man was created in the likeness of God. His soul resembles God in being upright and holy, and possessed of reason. None of the other animals were so endowed, and they accordingly were put in subjection to him.

Scriptural Reference:

Genesis 1:27, Ephesians 4:24, Genesis 1:28

Dear brethren, starting this week, Elder Foong Kon Yu will be authoring the main article in our church bulletin. The articles have been specially prepared for our edification, and we hope they will be a source of encouragement and growth.

Desire of Man

Proverbs 19:22 The desire of a man is his kindness: and a poor man is better than a liar.

Everyone is trying to outdo the other in this dog-eat-dog world. Has the world changed since creation? Yes, the world has only become worse physically with time and population growth, but the human heart has not. What is the purpose of being “better” than the person next to you? What does man desire? The natural man desires everything that he can get his hands on; wealth, health, power, influence and control. If it were possible he wants the above all at the same time for his “security” and greed. He trusts only what he can see and experience. He has no security because he does not know what happens next and who controls the future, so he perceives that these will get him through with life. He fears time passing by because he becomes physically weaker and he loses the control of what he has each day. He has no idea what happens after life on earth ends. Some go to extremity to acquire what they desire; by any means; at the expense of others as well as against the law. Truth may be hard to accept but the scripture is the truth. Ecclesiastes 1:2-3 *Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity. What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun?*

The spiritual man does not strive only for material gains. He prioritizes fellowship with God and obeying His word. Just like many other verses in the book of Proverbs, a comparison is made in the verse 19:22 between lying and honesty. It is better to be a poor man than a liar. If a poor man is a liar, he is not better than any other liars, because there is no virtue in poverty. Though one maybe poor in money, he is rich in heart; though the other is rich in money, his evil heart is destitute of love and brotherly kindness. Possessing a generous heart and remaining steadfast loyal to others is a much higher virtue than having money but lacking honesty. The verse notes that this is the exact trait people look for in a desirable companion. On the other hand, a poor man that sincerely desires to show kindness is better than a rich man that professes his affection and good will but never does anything. A liar may promise much but gives little, whereas someone may be poor and unable to offer material gifts, their authentic kindness makes them superior to a deceitful person. However, a rich man is not necessarily a wicked not covetous. A rich man who desires a spiritual life has godly virtues too.

Many men make great professions of religion, but how many are like David who tried to build God a temple (II Sam 7:1-5; II Chr 6:7-9)? God accepted David’s desire as sufficient and rewarded him for it, though He did not let David build it. In response, David paid for the temple. Consider also the very poor widow that gave her last mites to God (Luke 21:1-4).

Only an honest and sincere desire to be kind counts with God. How can sincerity and honesty be measured? What did you do in kindness when you had the means? How liberal are you now with the means you have? How kind is your conduct by all other measures? What did you do for the glory of God. How do you measure up?

Christian Stewardship & Heavenly Investment – Part 2

Written by Pastor Jack Sin, pastor of Sovereign Hope B-P Church in Singapore
(Edited from Eklund & Amtin, Partners with God, Nashville, Convention Press, 1994)

Heavenly Investments Determine Our Life

Our Christian values are different from those of the world. True wealth, in the spiritual sense, is not determined by our net worth, but by our heavenly investments. Jesus in Matt 6:19-21 says, “Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

Jesus says that our treasure determines where our heart is. (Matt 6:21) Do not build up temporal treasures upon earth. Jesus deliberately avoided the word money so we would not limit this idea to wealth. Singaporeans are often caught up with the wealth trap, in get-rich quick schemes. Treasure describes what is important to us or what we value and esteem. It can be money, stocks or shares or equities a pet, a car, property, leisure or even self. The things of value in our lives are not to be earthly items but also the eternal things of heaven. We are to invest our lives in eternal possessions we can take to heaven. Col 3:1,2 says, “If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.”

The fortunes we amass on the earth are subject to destruction by moths, rust and thieves. In Jesus’ day, material wealth usually consisted of clothing and coins. Especially valuable was wool material which was susceptible to moths. Coins and metals were vulnerable to rust. The term ‘break’ in literally means to dig and picture a thief digging through the mud bricks of a home to steal the treasures. In contrast, heavenly treasures cannot be eaten by moths, destroyed by rust, nor stolen by thieves (Matt 6:19) and is imperishable and everlasting.

Location of our Treasures & the Condition of our Heart

It is not wrong to have treasures, but where do we find and put them? In one sense, it says an examination of our treasures will reveal our hearts, someone examines our kitchen cabinets and refrigerator, she can easily determine our food tastes. In the same way, if we examine things we treasure, we can determine our hearts’ desires and intents. The things we value (ie time and money spent on it) expose our true spiritual condition. The phrase says our heart will soon find itself in the same place as the continuing investment as our treasures. If a life’s savings and energy are invested in a new business, so that business begins to consume all of the investor’s time, attention and energy. God, family and Church may be neglected in the process of health acquisition. Our heart will turn right to the place where our treasure is.

From this understanding of heavenly assets, we shall have principles that will enable us to reap a rich spiritual dividend in the future (Col 3:1,2). The danger as Christians is that we will invest our resources in a world that is only temporal. Our investments should be made in the place of our residence. The final residence of a Christian is not on the earth, it is heaven (see 1 Pet 2:11; Heb 11:9-10,13). Therefore, we should be giving to God in investments in the place of our eternal citizenship. Eternity is a long time, do we choose to enjoy our rewards for a few years on earth, or do we choose to enjoy our rewards for eternity in heaven?

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 Eld Foong Kon Yu to minister to us today.

Eld Foong will be ministering to us until end July/early August.

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 – Eld Foong will conduct the study from Hosea 3.

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

The church would like to wish all fathers a **Blessed Father's Day**.

MEMORY VERSE

This Week

*"And be ye kind one to another,
tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even
as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."*

Ephesians 4:32

Last Week

*"A new commandment I give unto you, That
ye love one another; as I have loved you, that
ye also love one another."*

John 13:34

The Believer's Daily Remembrancer – 21st June

(written by Rev James Smith)

"And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?" Mark 4:40

WHERE there is little faith there are many fears. The disciples were filled with alarm, and Jesus inquired, "How is it that ye have no faith?" May not our heavenly Father often address us in the same language? "How is it that ye give no credit to My word? How is it that ye place no dependence on my relation—character—and veracity? How is it that ye have no confidence in my presence—power—and love? How is it that ye do not expect my interference, and look for my supplies? Have I not made promises which are plain—positive—and sure? Have I not fulfilled my promises again and again? Have I not summoned witnesses to attest the truth of my word? Have I not promised you my Holy Spirit? Have I not pledged my holiness? Have I not given my son for you, and to you? Have I not appeared for you in every past difficulty? How is it, then, that ye have no faith?" Beloved, let us humble ourselves before God. Let us plead guilty of indulging in unbelief, and plead for faith. Let us look for God in every place and in everything.

*Why should my soul indulge complaints,
And yield to dark despair?*

*The meanest of my Father's saints
Are safe beneath His care:*

*Dear Lord, increase my faith in Thee,
Till I Thy full salvation see.*