



# **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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Dear Readers,

## **THE HALLMARK OF FAITH**

What is faith? Faith is the substance of things hoped for; the evidence of things not seen. (Hebrews 11:1)

The Royal Psalmist David, whilst surrounded by his enemies, fully trusted the Lord to save him and wrote these words. *"Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart; wait, I say on the Lord."* (Psalm 27: 14) These words of encouragement speak to God's people to have faith to endure the tensions between their present afflictions and their future deliverance. Do wait on the Lord.

Do any of us lack wisdom? The Bible in James 1: 5, 6 says *"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering."* Hebrews 11: 6 adds, *"But without faith it is impossible to please Him."* Hence, we need to be rooted, established in the faith and not be driven by the wind and tossed to and fro, if we are to be blessed by the Lord.

The lives of great men of God like Dr Hudson Taylor, missionary to China in the 19th century and Dr John Sung of the nineteen-twenties, the greatest evangelist ever produced by China, were both faithful and in constant contact with the Lord. They both believed that *"He that cometh to God must believe that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."* (Hebrews 11: 6)

On the other hand, faithlessness has also reared its ugly head in the Bible: Peter, before the Lord's arrest by the Roman soldiers, emphatically said he would lay down his life for his Master, but it was a frivolous statement made in an unguarded moment. Later, he expressed his sincere regrets at making such a statement!

Thomas, when he was told that the Lord had risen from the dead, doubted and said, *"Except I shall see His hand with the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe."* Eight days later, Thomas had to "eat his words" when the Lord appeared and offered to let him touch His hand and His side, but he declined in shame!

Job, a God-loving person, lost all he had: his ten children, his numerous heads of sheep and cattle, but he did not curse God nor malign Him in any other way. His faith was rekindled when God blessed him with a new family, and twice the number of livestock. Hence, a believer's unmerited tragedy may never be fully understood; yet he can realize that God is in charge and God still loves him and cares for him. This was the lesson that Job learned!

Dear readers do not hesitate to ask God confidently for answers to your problems in matters regarding your faith, relationships, careers or many others. You will find in the Bible, God's Word speaking to you in a still small voice on whatever difficulty you may be facing!

Is it possible that the Lord may forget us and leave us to our own devices? Certainly not! Deut 1: 21 encourages us, *"Fear not, neither be discouraged!"* and Heb 13: 5 adds, *"I will never leave thee nor forsake you."* And the Lord, towards the end of His ministry said, *"Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."*

## SIX SHORT RULES FOR CHRISTIANS TO LIVE BY

By Brownlow North (1810 – 1875)

1. Never neglect daily private prayer; and when you pray, remember that God is present, and that He hears your prayers (Heb 11;6).
2. Never neglect daily private Bible-reading and when you read, remember that God is speaking to you, and that you are to believe and act upon what He says. I believe all backsliding begins with the neglect of these two rules (John 5:39).
3. Never let a day pass without trying to do something for Jesus. Every night reflect on what Jesus has done for you, and then ask yourself "What am I doing for Him?" (Matt 5:13-16).
4. If you are in doubt as to a thing being right or wrong, go to your room, and kneel down and ask God's blessing upon it (Colossians 3:17). If you cannot do this, it is wrong (Romans 14:23).
5. Never take your Christianity from Christians, or argue that because such and such people do so and so, that therefore you may (2 Cor 10:12). You are to ask yourself, "How would Christ act in my place?" and strive to follow Him (John 10:27).
6. Never believe what you feel, if it contradicts God's Word. Ask yourself, "Can what I feel be true, if God's Word is true?" and if both cannot be true, believe God, and make your own heart the liar (Romans 3:4, 1 John 5:10-11).

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### . Gleanings from the Internet: Seasons of Life

There was a man who had four sons. He wanted his sons to learn not to judge things too quickly. So he sent them each on a quest, in turn, to go and look at a pear tree that was a great distance away. The first son went in the winter, the second in the spring, the third in summer, and the youngest son in the fall. When they came back, the man called them together to describe what they had seen.

The first son said that the tree was ugly, bent, and twisted. The second son said no it was covered with green buds and full of promise. The third son disagreed; he said it was laden with blossoms that smelled so sweet and looked so beautiful, it was the most graceful thing he had ever seen. The last son disagreed with all of them; he said it was ripe and drooping with fruit, full of life and fulfilment.

The man then explained to his sons that they were all right, because they had each seen but only one season in the tree's life. He told them that you cannot judge a tree, or a person, by only one season, and that the essence of who they are and the pleasure, joy, and love that come from that life can only be measured at the end, when all the seasons are up. If you give up when it's winter, you will miss the promise of your spring, the beauty of your summer, fulfilment of your fall.

*Moral lessons: Don't let the pain of one season destroy the joy of all the rest. Don't judge life by one difficult season. Persevere through the difficult patches and better times are sure to come some time or later.*

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Worry is like a rocking chair that keeps us occupied but does not get us anywhere.

And what do we worry about?

**40% are things that will never happen.**

**30% are about the past – which can't be changed.**

**12% are about criticism by others, mostly unfair.**

**10% are about health, which gets worse with stress.**

**8% are about real problems that can be solved.**

**The Christian's Antidote: Philippians 4: 6, 7**

*"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."*

# The Christian's Daily Remembrancer

by Ps. James Smith

3 September 2006

**"My God shall supply all our need"**  
**Philippians 4:19**

*"IS ANYTHING TOO HARD FOR THE LORD?"* He is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think. There is no lack to them that fear Him. So Paul assured believers at Philippi and so he assures us. They had many wants, so have we; they were dependant on God, and so are we. The Lord engaged to supply them, and He is engaged to supply us. The Lord was faithful to them, and He will be faithful to us. His absolute promises are our greatest treasure; His unchangeableness is our eternal security. With Jehovah we cannot be friendless; we shall never be in want; and at last we shall be able to testify, *"Not one thing hath failed of all that the Lord our God hath promised."* We can this morning rejoice and say, *"The Lord hath blessed me hitherto. Thou has dealt well with Thy servant, O Lord, according to The word."* Our wants should remind us of God's promises; the promises should be used to quell our fears, and comfort our hearts. We know not what a day will bring forth; but we know that *"our God will supply all our need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."* Let this banish all needless care, and let us rejoice in the Lord our Provider.

Lord Jesus our abundant store –  
Grace issues from His heav'nly throne;  
Whoever says, "I want no more",  
Confesses he has none;  
But they who come to be supplied  
Jehovah will more than provide.

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We have not an High Priest above  
Unmoved at what we suffer here:  
In tend'rest sympathy of love  
He shares our pain, our grief, our fear:  
Wounded with every wounded soul,  
He bleeds for us to make us whole.

# In Green Pastures Devotional Readings for Every Day of the Year

By J.R. Miller, D.D.

3 September 2006

## MORNING

**Mark 14:22** "And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body."

THE last day of our Lord's life on the earth was full of sacred memories.

In the evening was the Last Supper. Jesus craved to be remembered. He was human, and none of us want to be forgotten. We desire especially to live in the hearts of those we love.

Jesus gave the Holy Supper to be kept always, as a feast, in memory of Him.

If we always remember Christ, it will keep us faithful to Him. He wants us to be true and loyal in the midst of our weekday cares and temptations as we are when sitting at His table. Remembering Christ will also transform us and make us like Him.

Our thoughts make us. They are the builders of our character. If they are white and pure, they will build a temple of marble in us. If they are spotted and stained, they will make our lives spotted and stained.

If we always remember Christ, we will grow up into the beauty of Christ. That is what the Lord's Supper is meant to help us to do.

## EVENING

### **WHY ARE WE SO WEAK**

EVERY Christian ought to be an apostle of Christ, and ought to leave a shining record of blessed ministry all along his path. But how is it with many of us? Is there always power in our lives? Are we always victorious in temptation? Does life flow out from our lives in perpetual benedictions to others whom we touch, or on whom our shadow rests? Is it not true of us that we continually fail to be, in the largest and best sense, blessings to others? Do we not come to Christ at the close of many of our days to lament our failures and to ask Him why we could not do the things we ought to do? Do we not all know what the answer is? "Because of your little faith."

**WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON**  
**CHURCH THEME: STRIVING TO LIVE ABOVE OUR SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS**  
**IN CHRIST (Ephesians 1:3)**

Our worship services begin promptly at **11.00 am and 4.00 pm.**

Please stay back for Bible Study and fellowship lunch after the morning worship and for tea after the evening service. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

| Worship Services                        |                          |                                                              | WELCOME                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <i>Morning</i>                          | <i>Today: 03/09/2006</i> | <i>Next Week: 10/09/2006</i>                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We also welcome Chin Kiong, Amanda and Eileen to our worship services last week.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <i>Chairman:</i>                        | Alvin Chow               | Jonathan Kim                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <i>Speaker:</i>                         | Rev Lim Chee Boon        | Mok Chee Cheong                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <i>Message:</i>                         | Christ, the True Vine    | Opposition From The World                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <i>Text:</i>                            | John 15:1-17             | John 15:18 – 16:4                                            | <p align="center">NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Thank God for Mok and Carol:</b> For a safe journey back from S'pore and entry to UK on their new visa.</li> <li><b>Pray for journey mercies:</b> Pray for Rev Lim, Ming Yann, Peter &amp; Esther who will be travelling back to their respective countries.</li> <li><b>Maasai Mission:</b> Continue to pray for the settlement of the land issues. Pray for Sis Pui Meng – for God's protection and blessing in her clinic ministry to the Maasai.</li> <li><b>Areas of Service:</b> For those who are interested to serve (as ushers, Sunday school teachers, pianists, organists, kitchen, ...), please see Jonathan or Daniel.</li> <li><b>Saturday Prayer Meeting:</b> The Saturday prayer meeting will convene at 4pm. This will be followed by fellowship dinner. Please come and join us for a time of prayer and fellowship.</li> </ul> |
| <i>Organist:</i>                        | Anthony                  | Yanning                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Evening</b>                          |                          |                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <i>Chairman:</i>                        | Lim Ming Yann            | Jeff Pun                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <i>Speaker:</i>                         | Rev Lim Chee Boon        | Mok Chee Cheong                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <i>Message:</i>                         | The Spiritually Blind    | The Second Commandment                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <i>Text:</i>                            | John 9:35-41             | WLC Questions 107-110                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <i>Pianist:</i>                         | Yanning                  | Anthony                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Other Duties                            |                          |                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|                                         | <i>Today</i>             | <i>Next Week</i>                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <i>Ushers</i>                           | Daniel/Mok               | Jeff/Yoong Chiang                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <i>Sunday Sch:</i>                      | Yanning                  | Lyn                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <i>Lunch:</i>                           | Yoong Chiang/Jonathan    | Maureen                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <i>Washing-up:</i>                      | YAF Group 1              | YAF Group 2                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <i>Bible Study:</i>                     | No DHW Class             | DHW – Genesis 27                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Appointments of the Week                |                          |                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Wed 6 Sep                               | 7:30 pm                  | <b>Mid Week Prayer Meeting:</b><br>C'man: Mok                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Fri 8 Sep                               | 7.00 pm                  | <b>Young Adults Fellowship:</b><br>Led by Jeff               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Sat 9 Sep                               | 4.00 pm                  | <b>Prayer Meeting &amp; Bible Study:</b><br>Spkr/C'man: John |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Last Week's Worship Service Collections |                          |                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Offering:</b>                        | £311.28                  | <b>Lunch:</b> £23.00                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen*

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**Lord, I confess my sin to Thee:**

**Pardon to me impart;**

**From evil passions set me free,**

**And purify my heart.**