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“For the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ” (Rev 1:9)

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LORD’S DAY 06 JUNE 2010

ORDER OF WORSHIP

	<i>Morning Service – 11am</i>	<i>Evening Service – 4pm</i>
	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>	
<i>Prelude</i>		
<i>Call to Worship</i>	Psalm 96:1-4	Psalm 134:1-3
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 61 – “O For A Thousand Tongues”	RHC 41 – “Before Jehovah’s Aweful Throne”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 22	Judges 11:1-40
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 22 verses 1-9</i> (to the tune of St Anne, RHC 21)	RHC 389 – “Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord”
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 67 – “Praise the Saviour”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Matthew 6:5-8	Hebrews 11:32
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Lessons about Prayer</i> RHC 365 – “Teach Me to Pray”	<i>Faith of Samson and Jephthae</i> RHC 382 – “I Would Be True”
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>		
<i>Benediction / 3-Fold Amen *</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Postlude</i>	<i>The Lord Bless You</i>	<i>RHC 13 (stanzas 1 & 4)</i>

* 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.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, 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.

Church Theme 2010 – “Believers Built in Christ”

WORSHIP PART 21

The second point we need to think about is whether the manner/attitude of worshippers is an attitude of reverence. (1) In order to understand the meaning of reverence, we need to look up the English dictionary and examine the biblical references. Noah Webster's English Dictionary (1913 edition) defines reverence (as a noun): "Profound respect and esteem mingled with fear and affection, as for a holy being or place; the disposition to revere; veneration." Its synonym, veneration, means "the highest degree of respect and reverence; respect mingled with some degree of awe; a feeling or sentiment excited by the dignity and superiority of a person, or by the sacredness of his character, and with regard to place, by its consecration to sacred services." (2) The word, "reverence," occurs 13 times in 13 verses in the whole Bible. From its English uses, we show our reverence to the things of God (Leviticus 19:30; 26:2), certain people (2 Samuel 9:6; 1 Kings 1:31; Esther 3:2, 5 [not showing reverence to Haman by Mordecai]; Matthew 21:37; Mark 12:6; Luke 5:33; Ephesians 5:33 [husband]; Hebrews 12:9 [fathers]), and God (Hebrews 12:28). We will focus on three verses in particular: Leviticus 19:30; 26:2 and Hebrews 12:28. Leviticus 19:30 says, "Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I *am* the LORD." Leviticus 26:2 says that same thing. We need to see that the object of our reverence is God's sanctuary. *Sanctuary* occurs 132 times in 137 verses. It first occurs in Exodus 15:17, which is a part of Israel's praise of God for His deliverance from the Egyptians. The second occurrence is in Exodus 25:8, "And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them." It is also described as holy sanctuary in Leviticus 16:33. God calls the sanctuary His sanctuary in Leviticus 19:30; 20:3; and 26:2 (cf. 2 Chronicles 30:8; Psalm 96:6). The Lord also says that the sanctuary should not be profaned in Leviticus 21:12, "Neither shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the crown of the anointing oil of his God *is* upon him: I *am* the LORD" (cf. Numbers 19:20; Ezekiel 5:11; 23:38; Zephaniah 3:4). A psalmist says that the presence of the Lord is in His sanctuary. Psalm 77:13, "Thy way, O God, *is* in the sanctuary: who *is* so great a God as *our* God?" (cf. Psalm 63:2; 68:24). Sanctuary is the place where we worship as in Psalm 134:2 (cf. 150:1). It becomes clearer in Hebrews 9:2, "For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein *was* the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary." Thus, the sanctuary is the place of God-worship. (3) From the word study of reverence, we may find an important relationship between the sanctity of God's sanctuary and the observance of Sabbath worship. Leviticus 19:30 says, "Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I *am* the LORD" (cf. 26:2). Ezekiel 23:38 also connects both: "Moreover this they have done unto me: they have defiled my sanctuary in the same day, and have profaned my sabbaths." It indicates that keeping the day of the Lord holy is an important issue to God. Thus it must be important to us, too.

4) As we know, the Jews have worshipped God in synagogues since the destruction of Jerusalem. If we know their attitude towards their synagogues, we may find some comparisons. Synagogues are not the same as the Temple where the Jews offered their sacrifices. Their synagogues have quite similar roles to our churches. I'll write a quotation from the book *Code of Jewish Law* in order to let you see the Jewish notion of the sanctity of their synagogues. Volume 1, chapter 13, article 1 says, "The sanctity of the synagogue . . . is very great, and we are enjoined to fear the One who dwells in them, blessed be His name; as it is written (Leviticus 19:30) . . . The synagogue . . . are also called 'sanctuaries' as it is written (Ezekiel 11:16) Therefore, it is forbidden to engage there in gossip or to make there any calculations, except those pertaining to religious matters, such as the counting of charity money, or the like. Such place must be respected, kept perfectly clean" Article 2 reads, "Before entering such holy places, we must wipe the mud off our shoes, and we must take care that there be no dirt, either on our bodies or on our garments. . . ." Article 4 reads, "It is...

forbidden to eat, drink, or sleep in places of worship, even if it is only a short nap. But it is permissible to sleep there for the sake of a meritorious act (Those who study in the synagogue regularly are likewise allowed to eat and sleep there even regularly, in order that they may not lose time.” How have we behaved in God’s churches? Have we misused them? Have we misbehaved in them? Have we cleaned them?

(5) The biblical notion of reverence to God is well expressed by the fear of the Lord. There are 30 occurrences of the phrase, “the fear of the Lord,” in the whole Bible. Except one, all of the occurrences are found in the Old Testament. There are two Hebrew words (one occurs 6 times and the other 23 times) translated as “fear” in the KJV, but those two Hebrew words may have different connotations. The first six occurrences are found in 1 Samuel 11:7; 2 Chronicles 14:14; 17:10; Isaiah 2:10, 19, and 21. More or like, the phrase, “the fear of the Lord,” in these verses, means “the terror” or “dread of the Lord.” For example, 2 Chronicles 17:10 says, “And the fear of the LORD fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that *were* round about Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat.” In this case, the fear of the Lord does not reflect an idea of reverence to God. The remaining verses refer to the right attitude of worshippers for God. For example, believing judges must judge in the fear of the Lord. 2 Chronicles 19:7, “Wherefore now let the fear of the LORD be upon you; take heed and do *it*: for *there is* no iniquity with the LORD our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts.” The Levites and the priests must serve the Lord in the fear of the Lord. 2 Chronicles 19:9, “And he charged them, saying, Thus shall ye do in the fear of the LORD, faithfully, and with a perfect heart.” The Messiah is characterized by the Spirit of God. Isaiah 11:2-3, “And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; ³ And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD [underline added]: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears.” All believers who desire to depart from sin and evil must have the fear of the Lord in their hearts. Job 28:28, “And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that *is* wisdom; and to depart from evil *is* understanding.” Proverbs 8:13, “The fear of the LORD *is* to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate” (cf. Psalm 19:9; Proverbs 16:6). Believers’ wisdom and knowledge are related to their fear of the Lord. Proverbs 9:10, “The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy *is* understanding” (cf. Psalms 111:10; Proverbs 1:7; 2:5; 15:33). The fear of the Lord is related to every aspect of believers’ lives such as a long life (Proverbs 10:27; cf. 14:27; 19:23), strong confidence (Proverbs 14:26), riches and honor (Proverbs 22:4; cf. Isaiah 33:6), and way of life (cf. Proverbs 15:16; 23:17; Acts 9:31). It is remarkable to know that we can learn to fear the Lord. Psalm 34:11, “Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.” If a person does not fear the Lord, he is liable to it, because he has chosen not to fear the Lord. Proverbs 1:29, “For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD.”

The key of this study is reverence to God. God is majestic and also infinite. There is no worship without reverence. Do we render reverence to God in our worship? I am sure that there are many ways to show our reverence to Him. I may dwell on this point next week. Till then, may the spirit of the fear of the Lord be with you!

Lovingly,

Your Pastor

WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

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.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK			WELCOME
Fri 11 June	7:30pm	Young Adults Fellowship: Bible Study on Philippians	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day.
Sat 12 June	4:00pm	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study: Shorter Catechism (led by Rev Ki)	We like to welcome Dianne Lim to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki	Today: 06/06/2010
Message	The Lord's Prayer – Part 1	Samuel's faith	Chairman: John Poh
Text	Matthew 6:9-13	Hebrews 11:32	Organist: Grace
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			Pianist: Sophia
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday Prayer Meeting & Bible Study: Come and join us every Saturday to pray and study God's Word. • Sunday Pre-Lunch Bible Study: Today, Pastor Ki will continue on the series of studies based on "<i>The Doctrine of Church.</i>" • Pray for the students: For their exams (including preparations). • Remember to pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Eld Ford, Lydia and Constance. Also, pray for those recovering from surgery – Brian, Margaret and Deborah Sherwood. • Remember to pray for those who are/will be travelling: Eka & Family (Nigeria), Lydia (Paris), Daniel & Maureen (M'sia), Peter & Hazel (S'pore), Prema (Sri Lanka), Joy (France). Mrs Ki, her aunt and uncle (Paris) • Lord's Supper: Please note that we will be observing the Lord's Supper next Lord's Day. 			Ushers: Jonathan / Evelyn
			Sunday School: Jonathan / Sophia
			Lunch: Melissa
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: Joshua
			Next Week: 13/06/2010
			Chairman: Joey Seow
			Organist: Joy
			Pianist: Grace
			Ushers: John / Yetta
			Sunday School: Jonathan / Joy / Grace
			Lunch: Sharon
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: Lee Wei
			MEMORY VERSE
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £1227.53, Lunch: £37.50 Attendance - Morning: 21 (A) 1 (C), Evening: 14 (A) Prayer Meeting (05/06): 11 (A)			Last Week <i>"Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us."</i> 2 Thessalonians 3:6
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 23			
Q: What offices doth Christ execute as our Redeemer? <i>A: Christ, as our Redeemer, executeth the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of <u>humiliation</u> and <u>exaltation</u>.</i>			
<u>Comments:</u> 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.			This Week <i>"But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing."</i> 2 Thessalonians 3:13
<u>Proofs:</u> Acts 3:22, Hebrews 5:6, Psalm 2:6			Next Week <i>"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."</i> Romans 8:1