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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 13 JUNE 2010

ORDER OF WORSHIP

	<i>Morning Service – 11am</i>	<i>Evening Service – 4pm</i>
<i>Prelude</i>	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>	
<i>Call to Worship</i>	Philippians 3:7-14	Revelation 22:16-17
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC cover – “Pressing On!”	RHC 269 – “Come to the Saviour”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Joey Seow	Joey Seow
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 23	1 Samuel 3
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 23</i> (to the tune of Crimond, RHC 344)	RHC 375 – “Speak, Lord, in the Stillness”
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	Joey Seow	Joey Seow
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 390 – “Something for Thee”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Matthew 6:9-13	Hebrews 11:32
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>The Lord's Prayer – Part 1</i>	<i>Samuel's faith</i>
<i>Lord's Supper</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	---
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 187 – “It is a Thing Most Wonderful”	RHC 351 – “He Leadeth Me”
<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 22

The third point we need to think about in the manner/attitude of worshippers is their obedience. I wonder whether it is possible to even imagine worshipping God without obeying Him. 1 Samuel 15:22 epitomizes the point we are going to study: "And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as *great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey *is* better than sacrifice, *and* to hearken than the fat of rams." Obeying God is a pre-requisite to anyone who worships Him. To offer offerings and sacrifices is an act of worship, but to obey is better than to offer sacrifices. Of course, it does not mean that worship is not important. Rather it means that worshippers must worship with obedient hearts. The word, *obey* (obeys, obeyed, obeying, obeyeth, obeyedst), occurs 118 times in 114 verses. Then, what does it mean to obey God?

One, we may want to begin with its dictionary definitions. Noah Webster's 1828 English Dictionary defines the word as (1) To comply with the commands, orders or instructions of a superior, or with the requirements of law, moral, political or municipal; to do that which is commanded or required, or to forbear doing that which is prohibited; (2) To submit to the government of; to be ruled by; (3) To submit to the direction or control of. Seamen say, the ship will not obey the helm; and (4) To yield to the impulse, power or operation of; as, to obey stimulus.

Two, we need to look into biblical data. (1) The basic or fundamental meaning of the Hebrew word for *obey* is "to hear" or "to listen to." For example, Genesis 22:18 says, "Abraham obeyed God's voice (26:5; Joshua 24:24). Psalm 18:44, "As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: the strangers shall submit themselves unto me." Its Greek equivalent also has also its basic meaning "to hear." Hebrews 5:9, "And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him." Therefore, what we hear is important to our worship. (2) There are some synonymous expressions to obeying or obedience. Deuteronomy 13:4 says, "Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him" (cf. 30:20). There are seven expressions used in parallel: (a) walk after God, (b) fear God, (c) keep God's commandment, (d) obey God's voice, (e) serve God, and (f) cleave to God. Each and every one of these expressions requires our careful attention. If a person obeys God, he must be a person who keeps God's commandment, fears Him, and serves Him. Thus, nobody can be an obedient worshipper while doing nothing and being idle in God's service. He cannot but be diligent in service. An obedient worshipper is one who walks after God and cleaves to Him. Thus, the manner of his life reflects God's character, and he maintains a close fellowship with God. Then, to obey God is not theoretical any more, but practical and real.

(3) More specifically, obeying God is closely related to keeping His commandments. Deuteronomy 27:10, "Thou shalt therefore obey the voice of the LORD thy God, and do his commandments and his statutes, which I command thee this day" (cf. 30:8). 2 Kings 18:12, "Because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD their God, but transgressed his covenant, *and* all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded, and would not hear *them*, nor do *them*." Therefore, to know and understand His commandments is a pre-requisite to obedient worship. Though we may be religious, and our activities spiritual, if we do not listen to His voice (words, instructions, truths, or commandments), we are disobedient to Him. We need to be reminded that the most frequent biblical expression for obedience to Him is to obey His voice.

Exodus 19:5 says, "Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth *is* mine." Exodus 23:22, "But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries" (cf. Deuteronomy 30:2). Jeremiah 7:23, "But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you." Daniel 9:10, "Neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets."

(4) There are a few lessons teaching us about what it means not to obey God. (a) It means that we provoke Him. Exodus 23:21, "Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name *is* in him." (b) It means to go after other gods as Deuteronomy 11:28 says, "And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known." (c) It means to rebel against the commandment of God as 1 Samuel 12:14 says, "If ye will fear the LORD, and serve him, and obey his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall both ye and also the king that reigneth over you continue following the LORD your God." (d) It means to follow the imaginations of our evil hearts as Jeremiah 11:8 says, "Yet they obeyed not, nor inclined their ear, but walked every one in the imagination of their evil heart: therefore I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded *them* to do; but they did *them* not." (e) It means to violate the laws of God as Daniel 9:11 says, "Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that *is* written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him." (f) It means not to receive correction, not to trust in the Lord, and not to come near to God as Zephaniah 3:2 says, "She obeyed not the voice; she received not correction; she trusted not in the LORD; she drew not near to her God." (g) It means not to obey the gospel of Jesus Christ as 2 Thessalonians 1:8 says, "In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ" cf. 1 Peter 4:17).

(5) There are some reasons we do not obey. They include idolatry, sinful hearts, uncorrected wrongs, ignorance of God's truth, or unbelief such as found in 2 Thessalonians 1:8 (cf. Romans 1:5; 16:26). If we add one more, it is the fear of man as Saul said in 1 Samuel 15:24, "And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice." In contrast, Acts 5:29 says, "Then Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men." (6) There are consequences and rewards for the disobedient and the obedient. Deuteronomy 11:27, "A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day." Jeremiah 32:23, "And they came in, and possessed it; but they obeyed not thy voice, neither walked in thy law; they have done nothing of all that thou commandedst them to do: therefore thou hast caused all this evil to come upon them." (7) When we think about obedience, we should not think that we are left alone. The Spirit of God is our helper. Acts 5:32, "And we are his witnesses of these things; and *so is* also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him." 1 Peter 1:22, "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, *see that ye* love one another with a pure heart fervently."

Worship is a service to God. It is an attitude showing reverence to God. It is also an act of submission to Him. It means that obedience is a required attitude of all worshippers.

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 18 June	7:30pm	Young Adults Fellowship: Bible Study on Philippians	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day.
Sat 19 June	4:00pm	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study: Shorter Catechism (led by Rev Ki)	
<i>Next Lord's Day</i>	<i>Morning Service</i>	<i>Evening Service</i>	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki	<u>Today: 13/06/2010</u>
Message	The Lord's Prayer – Part 2	David's faith	Chairman: Joey Seow
Text	Matthew 6:9-13	Hebrews 11:32	Organist: Joy
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			Pianist: Grace
<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 (S'pore & M'sia), Peter & Hazel (S'pore), Prema (Sri Lanka) • Metropolitan Tabernacle School of Theology 2010: Tuesday 6th – Thursday 8th July. Theme: "Winning & Keeping Souls from the World" 			Ushers: Jonathan / Yetta
<p>Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £1462.88, Lunch: £44, Love Gift: £60</p> <p>Attendance - Morning: 27 (A) 2 (C), Evening: 16 (A) 2 (C) Prayer Meeting (12/06): 11 (A)</p>			Sunday School: Jonathan / Joy / Grace
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 24			Lunch: Sharon
<p>Q: How doth Christ execute the office of a prophet? A: Christ executeth the office of a prophet, in <u>revealing</u> to us, by his Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.</p> <p>Comments: A prophet is a man who declares the will of God; and we are here told that this is what Christ, as our prophet, does for us. He does so by his Word, for the whole Bible is his; but inasmuch as the mere reading of the Bible is not sufficient of itself to make a man wise unto salvation, he likewise bestows his <i>Holy Spirit</i>, that so the Word may profit those who hear it.</p> <p>Proofs: Hebrews 1:1-2, John 16:13</p>			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: Lee Wei
			<u>Next Week: 20/06/2010</u>
			Chairman: Jonathan Kim
			Organist: Grace
			Pianist: Sophia
			Ushers: John / Joey
			Sunday School: Jonathan / Joy / Grace
			Lunch: Constance
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: Joshua
			MEMORY VERSE
			Last Week
			<i>"But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing."</i>
			2 Thessalonians 3:13
			This 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
			Next Week
			<i>"For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death."</i>
			Romans 8:2