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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 31 JANUARY 2010

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Prelude

Call to Worship

Psalm 40:4–5, 16

Psalm 72:18–19

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 10 – “Still, Still with
Thee”

RHC 76 – “Day Is Dying in the
West”

*Opening Prayer **

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 5

Genesis 17:15–22 & 21:1–8

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 5 (to the tune of
Ellacombe, RHC 29)

RHC 87 – “I Know Whom I
Have Believed”

*Announcements &
Memory Verse*

Jonathan Kim

Jonathan Kim

*Tithes & Offerings &
Doxology **

RHC 553 – “Love Found a
Way”

Scriptural Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

Hebrews 11:11

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Timothy Ki

Rev Timothy Ki

Sermon Message

Beatitudes - Part 2

Sarah's Faith

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 124 – “Jesus, Still Lead
On”

“Rise, O My Soul, Pursue the
Path” (to the tune of RHC 315)

Benediction / 3-Fold

Rev Timothy Ki

Rev Timothy Ki

*Amen **

Postlude

The Lord Bless You

RHC 80 (stanzas 1 & 5)

* 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 4

So far, I have spoken about the first out of eleven guidelines for worship based on the occurrences of the word, *worship*, in the Bible. The first principle was that the Bible tells us about manners of worship. Before I talk about the second point, let me answer the question, "why do we care about manners of worship at all?" Isn't it true that worship is spiritual and the forms or manners of worship really do not matter? There are two things we need to consider: (1) being spiritual does not mean disorderliness in forms and manners, (2) worship is a reflection of our inner relationship with God, which will come forth with certain forms or manners.

The first consideration is beyond dispute. Consider religions in general. The Moslems turn toward Mecca five times a day and make a pilgrimage to Mecca at least once in their lifetime. Obviously there are many other things they do in order to worship Allah. American Indians used to worship their gods by erecting totem poles. Think about Hindus or other religious people and how they worship. They do have their own rules and guidelines for worship. Even Satan worshippers have their ways to serve evil spirits. Why do Christians think they can worship God without proper form or manner of worship? Some professing Christians may say that we are free, free in Christ. Thus, we can worship God in spirit which does not require any formality. Freedom does not mean without boundaries and limits. If a free person does whatever he desires, sooner or later he will see himself as bound. Freedom does not mean license, debauchery, or self-indulgence. Though we do not live under Old Testament regulations, we should not neglect the spirit of God's Old Covenant. Literally, God taught His people how to worship Him. Look at the book of Leviticus, which was a textbook of worship for the children of Israel in the Old Testament. We do not follow that book today, but the same spirit must rule over our worship. Worship is not to be done in any disorderly manner. Having a proper order in worship services and certain guidelines for the worshippers makes our worship neither legalistic nor spiritual. One thing that I cannot but mention is the danger of consumerism or worshipper-friendly philosophy. The fundamental focus of worship is not man but God. Worshippers are not to make their own definitions of being spiritual. When they feel good, they think they are spiritual. Thus, churches have tried to provide things that their congregations like. Two more things need further considerations: (1) Worship is for God, and thus worshippers must show their reverence to Him and His name. (2) "Presumptions" are dangerous enemies of true worshippers. With all good intentions and good hearts, people worship God presumptuously and feel good. Deuteronomy 17:13 cautions us not to be presumptuous: "And all the people shall hear, and fear, and do no more presumptuously." Psalm 19:13a also says, "Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous *sins*. . . ." "Feeling good" does not make our worship upright. Probably, one of the presumptuous areas in worship is music.

The second consideration is that what we do must be a reflection of who we are. If we are godly and spiritual inwardly, such godliness and spirituality must be shown through worship. If we respect God, then we ought to show our respect to Him. If we adore Him, then the adoration must be shown through worship. We cannot say that we respect Him, while we are coming to church casually. We cannot say that we adore Him, while we do not have proper worship manners. We do not treat the leaders of our countries, communities, or work places as some professing Christians treat their God.

Second, we need to know the object of worship, which is God alone.

I need to mention that the object of our worship, God, is the very reason why we need...

to care about the ways we worship Him. If we truly know Him, we will know how to worship Him. The reason that Christian worship services have been more relaxed recently raises the very question about our understanding of God. Who is He? Manner of worship will eventually show how we consider God. The way we worship will demonstrate how we view God. The manner of our worship is a reflection of our theology of God.

God alone is worthy of our worship. Exodus 34:14, "For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name *is* Jealous, *is* a jealous God." God is the only object of the biblical worship, which certainly excludes any idea of idol worship or religious syncretism. Deuteronomy 4:19, "And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, *even* all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven." Sun, moon, or star worship is not allowed, which includes astrology. Angels are not the object of our worship, either. Revelation 22:9 says, "Then saith he unto me, See *thou do it* not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God." In fact, serving other gods is only an indication that we have been deceived as Deuteronomy 11:16 says: "Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them" [cf. 1 Kings 9:9; 12:30; 22:53]. God, the object of worship, is not vague. Or we do not need to decide who that person is. It is clearly declared in 2 Kings 17:36, "But the LORD, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and a stretched out arm, him shall ye fear, and him shall ye worship, and to him shall ye do sacrifice." God-worship is exclusive. Psalm 81:9 says, "There shall no strange god be in thee; neither shalt thou worship any strange god." Idols include anything made with human hands (probably in today's climate, it must include anything that has been falsely invented by human mind). Isaiah 2:8, "Their land also is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made [cf. Micah 5:13]. Idolatry provokes God's anger. Jeremiah 25:6 says, "And go not after other gods to serve them, and to worship them, and provoke me not to anger with the works of your hands; and I will do you no hurt." True worship is well mentioned in Revelation 9:20, "And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk [cf. Revelation 20:4].

It indicates that we need to know of God, if we are to worship Him. There is such a thing as ignorant worship. Acts 17:23 says, "For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you." Where there is no true doctrine of God, there is no true worship. Paul worshiped God right, but he was accused for heresy. Acts 24:14 says, "But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets." Jesus Christ is the object of worship, because He is equal to the Father. In fact, all the angels are commanded to worship Him in Hebrews 1:6, "And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him." The same angels worship the Father in Revelation 7:11, "And all the angels stood round about the throne, and *about* the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God."

When I see how you worship God, I can see your view of God. Your understanding and theology of God will formulate the way you worship. Talk to you next week. God bless!

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 05 February	7:30pm	Young Adults Fellowship: BJU: Old Testament Messages	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Shannon, Adora & Annon, Jasmin Lee and James Lim to our worship services last Lord's Day
Sat 06 February	4:00pm	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study: Led by Jonathan Kim	
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Today: 31/01/2010</u></p> <p>Chairman: Jonathan Kim Organist: Joy Pianist: Sophia Ushers: John / Constance Sunday School: Samuel Lunch: Maureen Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Lee Wei</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Next Week: 07/02/2010</u></p> <p>Chairman: Joey Seow Organist: Anthony Pianist: Grace Ushers: Jonathan / Evelyn Sunday School: - Lunch: Joshua Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Brian</p>
Message	Beatitudes - Part 3	Abraham and Sarah's faith	
Text	Matthew 5:1-12	Hebrews 11:12-16	
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church Resident Minister: Pray that Pastor & Mrs Ki's shipment will arrive safely as soon as possible. • Saturday Prayer Meeting & Bible Study: Come and join us every Saturday to pray and study God's Word. Pastor Ki is leading a series of studies based on the Shorter Catechism. • DHW Bible Study: Today, we will cover Lesson 35 (Gen 45). Please spend the upcoming week preparing Lesson 36 (Gen 46). • Pray for those who are sick: Douglas (knee pain), Barbara (Alzheimer's), Prema (thyroid & skin condition), Eld Jack Ford (old age and knees), Margaret (asthma), Eld Chew (recovery from shoulder injury), Dr Tow (recovery from cataract surgery), John, Daniel, Helen, (cold), Grace (sore throat) • Pray for those who are/will be travelling: Nicolas (Belgium), Margaret (US), Samuel (S'pore/Aust) • Pray for those seeking employment/new opportunities: Joy, Yetta 			
<p>Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £453.30, Lunch: £51.50</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Attendance - Morning: 32 (A) 2 (C), Evening: 21 (A) 2 (C) Prayer Meeting (30/1): 13 (A)</p>			
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 5			
<p>Q: Are there more Gods than one? <i>A: There is but <u>one</u> only, the living and true God.</i></p> <p><u>Comments:</u> We are here taught that there is only one God; and this one God is the source of all life, and the only true object of worship.</p> <p><u>Proofs:</u> Isaiah 45:5</p>			
MEMORY VERSE			
<p>Last Week <i>"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;"</i> 1 Timothy 2:5</p> <p>This Week <i>"Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."</i> 1 Timothy 2:6</p> <p>Next Week <i>"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."</i> 1 Corinthians 3:11</p>			