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

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## 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>	Revelation 19:11-16	Psalms 141:1-2
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 1 – “O Worship the King”	RHC 81 – “Lord of the Sabbath”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Joey Seow	Joey Seow
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalms 43	Matthew 16:13-20
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalms 43</i> (to the tune of Martyrdom, RHC 194)	RHC 317 – “The Solid Rock”
<i>Announcements &amp; Memory Verse</i>	Joey Seow	Joey Seow
<i>Tithes &amp; Offerings &amp; Doxology *</i>	RHC 136 – “Come, Ye Thankful People”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Hebrews 10:1-18	Hebrews 10:19-39
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>The Causes of The Reformation – Part 1</i>	<i>The Causes of The Reformation – Part 2</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 297 – “Jesus Saves!”	RHC 260 – “The Church's One Foundation”
<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 &amp; 4)</i>

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### 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 35

**The tenth principle** of biblical worship is that **worship must have proper reasons or motives behind it.** I believe that I have explained worship in terms of reasons concerning biblical worship before. The tenth principle is similar to those explanations. However, this principle gives more specific explanations concerning the reasons for worship. (1) We worship the Lord because of who God is. It speaks about God's own testimonies to His creatures. Isaiah 49:7 says, "Thus saith the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, *and* his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the LORD that is faithful, *and* the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose thee." Princes will worship because of God's faithfulness. The attributes of God are the reason of our worship. We also need to recognize that when we appreciate and experience the manifestation of His attributes in our lives, we worship Him in response. We recognize what He has done for us through His attributes including His faithfulness and thus worship Him. (2) We worship the Lord because of what He can do for us. It implies that worship includes both hope and expectation in the hearts of the worshippers. Examples are many. Matthew 8:2 says, "And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean." In this case, a leper came to the Lord with a petition, which was his healing. He believed that Jesus was able to heal him. Thus, he worshipped Him and made his petition to Him. In fact, if we read the book of Psalm, we find so many worship psalms in which the psalmists praise the Lord for what He has done for them as individuals or as a community of believers. Another example is found from Matthew 9:18, "While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live." Matthew 15:25, "Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me." (3) We worship the Lord because we believe in Him. John 9:38 says, "And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him." Matthew 14:33, "Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God."

**The eleventh**, which is the last for our discussion, principle of biblical worship is that **we must know and understand that there are wrong kinds of worships.** One, following the commandments of man by neglecting the commandments of God leads us to wrong worship. Matthew 15:9, "But in vain they do worship me, teaching *for* doctrines the commandments of men." I think that the context of this teaching is important for our considerations. Matthew 15:1-9 says, "Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying, <sup>2</sup> Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread. <sup>3</sup> But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition? <sup>4</sup> For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death. <sup>5</sup> But ye say, Whosoever shall say to *his* father or *his* mother, *It is* a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; <sup>6</sup> And honour not his father or his mother, *he shall be free.* Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition. <sup>7</sup> Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, <sup>8</sup> This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with *their* lips; but their heart is far from me. <sup>9</sup> But in vain they do worship me, teaching *for* doctrines the commandments of men." There was a controversy between Jesus and the scribes and the Pharisees. The reason for this controversy was of a tradition of the elders such as washing hands when they ate bread. In response to the charges from the Jews, Jesus made a distinction between the traditions of man and the commandments of God in verse 3. Especially, Jesus pointed out that keeping man's traditions may be a main cause of violating the commandment of God. Jesus illustrated the point by explaining the fifth commandment, which is about honoring parents.

The tradition of man says that man is free from the burdens of the commandment as long as he honors God. Jesus says that that is an example of cancelling the commandment of God by the tradition of man. In verse 7a, Jesus charges His audience as hypocrites. Then, He sums up His thoughts in verses 8-9: we must honor God in heart and worship the Lord with His teaching not man's traditions. From this passage, we may conclude (1) hypocritical worship is not acceptable to God, (2) the confession of mouth must be the same as the desire of heart, (3) the knowledge of God is essential for worship, and (4) the knowledge of God must be correctly understood and interpreted. The scribes and Pharisees had knowledge of God's commandments, but they also made traditions by interpreting them according to their own conveniences. As a result, they had violated God's commandment but honored their own traditions. Worship must be in accordance with the teachings of God and the correct understanding of God's teachings. Do we not remember that the Jews attempted to kill Jesus because they thought He had violated the Sabbath law? Can't we see that they wanted to honor the fourth commandment? But their misunderstanding of the commandment eventually led them to show anger and hatred even to kill Jesus, who is the Lord of Sabbath. Then, it is very possible that our worship may be wrong or even abominable to the Lord, if we do not follow the commandments of God.

Two, the previous point leads us to think that any manner of worship honoring other things more than God brings us to wrong kinds of worship. Romans 1:25 says, "Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen." When we consider man's commandments weightier than God's, we are dishonoring God and worshipping and serving the creature. We need to consider the first part of the verse more carefully. It shows that there is a relationship between changing the truth of God into a lie and worshipping and serving creatures more than the Creator. Behind wrong worship such as worshipping the creature more than the creator, there is a distorted doctrine of God. As long as the doctrine of God remains sound and healthy, man does not worship the creature more than the creator. And also we need to know that worshipping the creature does not remove the worshippers from worshipping God. The problem is that they worship the creature more than the Creator. In other words, they keep and maintain all the forms of God's worship, but they worship God less than the creature. According to Romans 1, such worship is not acceptable to God and becomes a cause of God's wrath.

Three, it leads us to consider that being spiritual or religious does not make us true worshippers of God. Colossians 2:18, "Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind." It means that true and biblical worship must be based on the accurate and biblical doctrine of God and the object of worship must be always clearly God alone. The Colossians passage also indicates that we may face dangers of falling into wrong and misguided worship. We need to be conscious of such dangers. Four, the ones whose names are not written in the book of God are also worshippers, but not God. They may have a form of worship, but the objects of their worship are different from God. Revelation 13:8 says, "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." Then, we must know that to worship God is a privilege given only to the children of God. I'll conclude the topic of biblical worship next week.

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 November	7:30pm	<b>Young Adults Fellowship</b> Philippians – Rev Ki	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Purdee & Simon Yeo, Steve Nichols and Walter Haver to our worship services last Lord's Day.	
Sat 06 November	4:00pm	<b>Prayer Meeting &amp; Bible Study</b>		
<i>Next Lord's Day</i>	<i>Morning Service</i>	<i>Evening Service</i>	<b>LORD'S DAY DUTIES</b>  <u>Today: 31/10/2010</u>  <i>Chairman:</i> Joey Seow <i>Organist:</i> Anthony <i>Pianist:</i> Joy <i>Ushers:</i> Daniel / Constance <i>Sunday School:</i> No Sunday School <i>Lunch:</i> Mrs Ki <i>Washing Up:</i> Volunteers <i>PA Crew:</i> Lee-Wei / Joshua  <u>Next Week: 07/11/2010</u>  <i>Chairman:</i> John Poh <i>Organist:</i> Anthony <i>Pianist:</i> Joy <i>Ushers:</i> Daniel / Evelyn <i>Sunday School:</i> No Sunday School <i>Lunch:</i> Maureen <i>Washing Up:</i> Volunteers <i>PA Crew:</i> Brian / Joshua	
<i>Preacher</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki		
<i>Message</i>	The Golden Rule	The Lessons from Genesis		
<i>Text</i>	Matthew 7:12	Genesis 1-2		
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Saturday Prayer Meeting &amp; Bible Study:</b> Come and join us every Saturday to pray and study God's Word.</li> <li>• <b>Sunday Pre-Lunch Bible Study:</b> Today, Pastor Ki will continue on the series of studies based on "The Doctrine of Church."</li> <li>• <b>Remember to pray for those who are sick:</b> Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Eld Ford, Lydia, Margaret, May, Mrs Ki, Sonia.</li> <li>• <b>Remember to pray for those who are/will be travelling:</b> Eka &amp; family (Nigeria), Lydia (Paris), Jiak Eng (S'pore).</li> <li>• <b>Annual Congregational Meeting:</b> The ACM will be held after the morning service on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November. If members wish to raise a question or topic for discussion, please submit them to Jonathan or John by next Sunday.</li> <li>• <b>Lord's Supper:</b> Please note that we will be observing the Lord's Supper next Lord's Day.</li> </ul>				
<b>Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £587.86,</b> Lunch: £51.50  <b>Attendance - Morning: 40 (A) 4 (C), Evening: 27 (A) 2 (C)</b>			<b>MEMORY VERSE</b>  <b>Last Week</b> <i>"For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,"</i> <b>Romans 8:20</b>  <b>This Week</b> <i>"Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God."</i> <b>Romans 8:21</b>  <b>Next Week</b> <i>"For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now."</i> <b>Romans 8:22</b>	
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 44				
<b>Q: What doth the preface to the Ten Commandments teach us?</b>  <i>A: The preface to the Ten Commandments teacheth us, that because God is THE LORD, and OUR GOD, and REDEEMER, therefore we are bound to keep all his commandments.</i>  <u>Comments:</u> The preface to the Ten Commandments sets forth God's claims to obedience at our hands. These are: 1. God is our Sovereign – I AM THE LORD. 2. He is the Being whom we worship – I AM THY GOD. 3. He is the One who has delivered us from bondage – I AM THY REDEEMER.  <u>Proofs:</u> Deuteronomy 24:18, 2 Corinthians 5:15				

