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LORD'S DAY 15 JANUARY 2017

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>	Psalm 63:1-5	Hebrews 13:20-21
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 86 – <i>"Safely Through Another Week"</i>	RHC 59 – <i>"Shepherd of Eager Youth "</i>
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	---
<i>Christology Creed</i>	Christology Creed	---
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 46	---
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 46 verses 1-5, 10-11</i> (to the tune of Green Hill, RHC 192)	---
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 137 – <i>"Thanks to God!"</i>	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Malachi 3:13-15	John 21:14-17
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Strong Words from Stubborn Hearts</i>	<i>The Ministry of Restoration</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 395 – <i>"A Heart Like Thine"</i>	RHC 384 – <i>"My Jesus, I Love Thee"</i>
<i>Benediction/3-Fold Amen *</i>	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin
<i>Postlude</i>	<i>The Lord Bless You</i>	---
<i>* Congregation Stands</i>		

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.

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." - Proverbs 4:23

PRECEPTS FOR MANAGING OUR LIMITED TIME

WISELY

Adapted from Maranatha Messenger, Sunday 8th January 2017

Introduction

Colossians 4:5 says, *‘Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.’*

There are important pointers for regulating our time wisely in this life. We can learn a lot from a preacher who lived his life in constant expectation of capture and execution. Donald Cargill (1619 – 27 July 1681) eventually gave his life for his Lord. He had sound principles of time management for our consideration.

The following updated extract comes from one of his sermons preached in the fields during the times of persecution. He gives practical advice as well as highlighted the principles that should govern our wise use of time. Some ask how they can get more done or do things better. Yet there is no point in doing more and doing it more efficiently unless we are persuaded that these are the right things to do. “Redeeming the time” is certainly a biblical priority.

Cargill says that it is important to manage and employ our time well to the glory of God and the edifying of the saint because time is uncertain. We may lie down but we do not know if we will ever rise up again. We must make best use of our time because we do not know how much time we will have in this year for the Lord.

Time is short and the task is great, especially the task of best using it to our spiritual benefit such as putting sin to death. Nothing is more important than eternity; eternity is fast approaching and we must be prepared to meet God. This should stir us up to make best use of our time for God.

The Benefits of Good Time Management

(1) It gives peace of conscience

It keeps us from many rebukes of conscience that we otherwise might have. Those who employ their time aright, have great peace of mind. They have much comfort and are well spoken of.

(2) It gives comfort in eternity

You will then have nothing to worry if you spend your time well. What sad endings some may have, who have employed their time otherwise! Beware of time wasters and fight it with godly discipline.

(3) It makes your refreshments meaningful

Your sleep is wonderful your waking is blessed and all is well with God. The wise man says, that the “rest of a labouring man is sweet,” but especially when he has been about his master’s work and has done it well.

Pointers for Sound Time Management

We shall give you some practical directions on how you may employ your time aright.

(1) Organise and map out your time

You ought to divide your work into smaller tasks: setting so many hours apart for hearing, so many for reading, working, praying, meditating etc. and so many for your ordinary calling and follow your plan as much as possible (i.e. resting, cooking, reading ,writing, exercise etc.). It would be an excellent thing if we were tasking ourselves and saying, “Such a thing we resolve to do and we must do quickly without delay.” This would make a Christian’s work so meaningful to Him!

(2) Employ and use your time carefully.

You must have much heavenly and sweet prayer. With the psalmist, “*Lord make me know mine end.*” “*So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom*” (Psalm 90:12). If this were our main concern and petition there would not be so much lost time among us. Ephesians 5:15-17 says, ‘*See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.*’

(3) How to spend the day.

In the morning when we rise early, plan what to do we should be thinking on our last end, and in the evening we should take account of how we have spent the day, and not mourn over what we should have done. Be clear what you want to achieve and get it done soonest (DIN - Do it now!) without delay. Procrastination is the thief of time and do not be robbed daily.

Use Your Time in the Present for the Future

We should not trouble our thoughts with empty future prospects. Are there not many who have projected things for a holy time? It is better to be focused in how we employ our time. The apostle James speaks of those who make such plans, they “know not what shall be on the morrow.” Live for the present and the future as well.

If we would consider the shortness of our time and the nearness of eternity, we would think the cares of every day enough for itself. But this is to burden of ourselves with unnecessary cares.

Are not the cares of a day sufficient for itself? Why then are we anxious about tomorrow or for many days into the future? (Matthew 6:33, 34). These unnecessary cares put your heart out of the right tandem with God. They indispose the heart so that we cannot do what we ought to.

They do not only prepare us for present duty, but good duties are jostled out. Things that are at hand are put far off, and things that are afar off, are brought near. Thoughts concerning the far-off future put death and eternity out of mind. Are there not many who when they put death, judgment, and eternity far out of mind, are suddenly overtaken by them? Now consider which of these is most necessary, and having found that which is most necessary, let your thoughts be employed about it and get it done soon.

Conclusion

2017 offers us the good opportunity to spend our time well doing the right things to the glory of God. Cargill gives the biblical perspective of focussing on each day, managing the minutes and hours well so that our days are well spent and let us apply these precepts in our lives and live it to the fullest for God.

Be moderate in all things, Cargill says, even in the use of all lawful enjoyments. It is strange that we, who seek after other things, should be so taken up with such frivolous things. It is strange to see even believers so much taken up with the world, and the cares of this life. This eats out the comfort of the soul, and where there is much of this, there cannot be much prosperity in true godliness, and where there is much real godliness there it will not be much of the world, for these two are inconsistent with one another. We cannot serve God and mammon.

Is it not strange that we should be so much taken up with these things when there are eternal things to care for? (Matthew 6:21)

Cargill shows that we have much time to redeem when we consider how we have spent what has already been given us. In the short time that we have to live and die, we ought to be as travellers, obliged to run more in this life by the will of God. Make 2017 a spiritually productive and eventful year for our God and your life and make a difference for His sake.

(adapted and edited from <http://www.reformationscotland.org/true-priorities-for-managing-your-time/>)

- *Rev Jack Sin*

The Word Made Flesh

The Ligonier Statement on Christology

We confess the mystery and wonder
of God made flesh
and rejoice in our great salvation
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

With the Father and the Holy Spirit,
the Son created all things,
sustains all things,
and makes all things new.
Truly God,
He became truly man,
two natures in one person.

He was born of the Virgin Mary
and lived among us.
Crucified, dead, and buried,
He rose on the third day,
ascended to heaven,
and will come again
in glory and judgment.

For us,
He kept the Law,
atoned for sin,
and satisfied God's wrath.
He took our filthy rags
and gave us
His righteous robe.

He is our Prophet, Priest, and King,
building His church,
interceding for us,
and reigning over all things.

Jesus Christ is Lord;
we praise His holy Name forever.

Amen.

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
Weds 18 th Jan	7pm	Mid-Week Outreach Bible Study	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We do hope that you have a blessed time of worship on this day.
Sat 21 st Jan	4pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin	<u>TODAY: 15/01/2017</u>
Message	Fellowship under the Fear of God	Life Purpose for You, Not Your Neighbour	Chairman: Jonathan
Text	Malachi 3:16-18	John 21:18-22	Organist: Anthony
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			Pianist: Keene
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-lunch Bible Study: This week, Dr Martin will continue with the study on "Building Firm Foundations". • Pulpit Ministry: Pray for Dr Martin as he serves as the minister and for the continuation of his PhD studies. • Study of the Book of Psalms: at 3pm, Dr Martin will lead a Bible Study on the book of Psalms, using the book "<i>The Flow of the Psalms</i>" by Palmer Robertson. • Sunday Evening Video Series: After Evening Service today there will be a Video Series on "<i>Mastering Your Money</i>". • Church Maintenance Day: Saturday 21st January, 11am. All are encouraged to come and help do maintenance to the church building. • Chinese New Year Carry-in Lunch: Sunday 29th January. Please see Jonathan or John if you wish to bring in a dish for Sunday lunch. 			Ushers: Tom / Joel
			Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael
			Lunch: Maureen
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: Scott / John
			<u>NEXT WEEK: 22/01/2017</u>
			Chairman: John
			Organist: Anthony
			Pianist: Michael
			Ushers: Tom / Yetta
			Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael
			Lunch: Maureen
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: Scott / Joel
Worship Service Collections – Last Sunday: £731.20; Lunch: £46.00			Church Maintenance Fund Total: £1,650
Church Maintenance Fund: £160			

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 49

Q: Which is the Second Commandment?

A: The Second Commandment is, THOU SHALT NOT MAKE UNTO THEE ANY GRAVEN IMAGE, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth, THOU SHALT NOT BOW DOWN THYSELF TO THEM, NOR SERVE THEM: for I the Lord thy God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Comments:

The First Commandment tells us whom we are to worship. The Second tells us how we are to worship him. It tells us we must not think to represent God to our minds by any image visible or even conceivable, or that he will accept such worship at our hands. We must worship God, who is a Spirit, in spirit and in truth. We are here likewise told that God visits the iniquity of the fathers upon the children; but this does not mean that the children have to bear the *guilt* of the fathers. It means only that bad fathers are punished by seeing the evils of their misconduct entailed upon their children, while good fathers are cheered and rewarded by the opposite.

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<i>"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."</i> Proverb 28:13	<i>"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."</i> Psalm 46:1	<i>"Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.."</i> Proverbs 16:3