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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

Morning Service – 11am

Afternoon Service – 3pm

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<i>Prelude</i>	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>	
<i>Call to Worship</i>	Psalm 68:32-35	Psalm 95:1-6
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 2 – “O Worship the King”	RHC 19 – “Come, We That Love the Lord”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	---
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 120	---
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 120</i> (to the tune of Belmont, RHC 7)	---
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 311 – “Does Jesus Care?”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Mark 3:20-30	Genesis 42:1-24; 50:19-20
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Rev Gabriel Gan	Rev Gabriel Gan
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>The Fatality of Disunity</i>	<i>A Faith that Overcomes Bitterness</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 261 – “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”	RHC 379 – “O for a Faith That Will Not Shrink”
<i>Benediction/3-Fold Amen *</i>	Rev Gabriel Gan	Rev Gabriel Gan
<i>Postlude</i>	<i>The Lord Bless You</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.

INHERITANCE OR LEGACY

Adapted from New Life BPC Singapore Weekly, Sunday 24th June 2018

We have read in the papers of family members fighting over inheritances. (<http://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/fromthe-straits-times-archives-family-feuds-over-fortunes-andbusiness-empires>).

In another article, a senior correspondent highlighted the importance of having a will written up. It says that many people put this off often because they are reluctant to face the morbid subject of their mortality. What do you want to leave behind? As a child of God, it is important for us to go through this planning our legacies thoughtfully and prayerfully.

What is an inheritance and what is a legacy?

An inheritance is something you leave behind **to** someone, your family or loved ones. Usually, its value diminishes over time. It could be finances or a property that you bequeathed. A legacy on the other hand is something you leave **in** someone, your family or loved ones and they appreciate in value over time.

We all want to leave behind not just an inheritance but a legacy. It has been said we can either give a child a fish or you can teach him how to fish. An inheritance is leaving him a fish. A legacy is leaving behind the knowledge of how to fish. We can literally eat up the inheritance but the legacy lives on.

Our Heavenly Father desires that we leave a legacy and not just an inheritance. We know that there is nothing that we truly own in our lives. The patriarch Job echoes this truth when he said "Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD" (Job 1:21). Whatever we have on this earth is only temporary. We are all stewards. Nevertheless, we can add value to what God has given us in leaving a legacy which will outlive us. As faithful stewards, it is imperative that we do so. The Bible exhorts us to leave a good inheritance to our children. "A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just" (Prov 13:22). God desires us to go further than just leaving an inheritance.

Inheritance in ancient Israel

Land was sacred in ancient Israel and God had assured His covenant people that they would possess the Promised Land. Owning land was a sign of God's blessing. Our context is very different. Since Jesus came, He fulfilled God's promises – the promise of a peculiar people (1 Pet 2:9) inheriting the Promised Land. This Promised Land is not physical and it is eternal. The apostle Peter realized the inheritance is neither financial nor physical but "an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you" (1 Pet 1:4)

We are responsible to plan in advance the legacy we want to leave behind. Here is what James Russell Miller, an early Presbyterian Pastor said: “If parents give money to their children, they may lose it in some of life’s vicissitudes. If they bequeath to them a home of splendor, they may be driven out of it. If they pass down to them as a heritage an honored name, they may sully it. But if they fill their hearts with the holy influences and memories of a happy Christian home, no calamity, no great sorrow, no power of evil, no earthly loss, can ever rob them of their sacred possessions.”

The first legacy we can give is the Gospel. We would have neglected our most important duties as parents, if we provide for our children’s physical needs but leave their souls empty. We cannot force them to turn to Christ, but we can train and discipline them in the nurture of the Lord.

Moses’ Leadership Legacy – A Biblical Example

Moses is revered in both the Old and New Testaments as prophet, lawgiver, and deliverer of Israel. He is honoured in the 3 monotheistic religions – Christianity, Islam and Judaism. His legacy of leadership is summarized in the final verses of “And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, In all the signs and the wonders, which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land, And in all that mighty hand, and in all the great terror which Moses shewed in the sight of all Israel (Deut 34:10-13).

How did Moses leave such an inspiring legacy? Moses listened carefully and then obeyed what God told him to do. We too need to listen and obey God to leave a lasting impactful legacy.

Leave a lasting legacy

I want to quote from a passage I read on the difference between inheritance and legacy – “Inheritance leaves behind a monument but legacy is a movement that continually perpetuates. Succession is a success that is continually going on. With a monument you just look at it and the weather can wear it down but with a legacy it is a movement that will never die. It is ongoing from glory to glory, from grace to grace, from strength to strength.”

(<http://www.rlmonline.com/the-difference-between-inheritance-and-legacy-2/>)

Let us leave more than an inheritance. Let us leave a godly legacy!

- Eld Yap Chee Kian

WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our worship services begin promptly at **11.00 am** and **3.00 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
Sat 1 st Sept	3pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting		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.
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<i>Preacher</i>	Eld Stephen Toms	Eld Stephen Toms	<u>TODAY: 26/08/2018</u> <i>Chairman:</i> John <i>Organist:</i> Anthony <i>Pianist:</i> Anthony <i>Ushers:</i> Daniel / Margaret <i>Lunch:</i> Carry-In <i>Washing Up:</i> Volunteers <i>PA Crew:</i> Scott <u>NEXT WEEK: 02/09/2018</u> <i>Chairman:</i> John <i>Organist:</i> Anthony <i>Pianist:</i> Anthony <i>Ushers:</i> Daniel / Tom <i>Lunch:</i> Maureen <i>Washing Up:</i> Volunteers <i>PA Crew:</i> Scott
<i>Message</i>	TBC	TBC	
<i>Text</i>	TBC	TBC	
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Sunday School: Sunday School will resume in September. • Church Pulpit Ministry: Pray for Rev Gabriel Gan as he prepares to depart back to Singapore this week. Also, pray for the calling of a new minister. • Ladies Fellowship: This will be held after lunch today. 			
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £728.80, Lunch: £60.00 Attendance - Morning: 31 (A) 5 (C), Afternoon: 15 (A) 2 (C)			Church Maintenance Fund Total: £4,330.50

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 26

Q: How doth Christ execute the office of a king?

A: Christ executeth the office of a king, IN SUBDUING US TO HIMSELF, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

Comments:

A king is the ruler of a kingdom. Now there is a great kingdom set up on earth, consisting of all God's people, and its ruler is Christ. As such, his duties are here said to be threefold: 1. He makes us willing to obey him; 2. He gives us laws for our guidance and safety; 3. He limits and finally puts down all who oppose us and him.

Scriptural Reference:

2 Corinthians 10:5, Matthew 11:29, 2 Timothy 4:18

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<i>"And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."</i> 1 John 2:17	<i>"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."</i> Revelation 3:20	<i>"For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come."</i> 1 Timothy 4:8