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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 08 AUGUST 2021

ORDER OF WORSHIP

	<i>Morning Service – 11am</i>	<i>Afternoon Service – 3pm</i>
<i>Call to Worship</i>	Psalm 68:1; 3-4	Ecclesiastes 12:13-14
<i>Opening Prayer</i>	Pr Mok Chee Cheong	John Poh
<i>Opening Hymn</i>	RHC 47 – “Great is Thy Faithfulness”	---
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 119:81-96	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Acts 22:10-13	Haggai 2:19-23
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Pr Mok Chee Cheong	Pr Mok Chee Cheong
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Be of Good Cheer</i>	<i>A Three-Fold Blessing</i>
<i>Closing Hymn</i>	RHC 368 – “From Every Stormy Wind That Blows”	---
<i>Benediction</i>	Pr Mok Chee Cheong	Pr Mok Chee Cheong
* Congregation Stands		

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 75

Q: What is forbidden in the Eighth Commandment?

A: The Eight Commandment forbiddeth whatsoever doth or may unjustly hinder our own or our neighbour’s wealth or outward estate.

Comment:

This commandment refers to *money* and *property*. It acknowledges that it is right and proper to gain money, and that it is wrong in a man to squander his own property, or to plunder another’s. It commands us to work for the supply of our own needs, and to help others as well as ourselves to increase in wealth. And it forbids aught that would tend to hinder these ends.

Scriptural Reference:

Romans 12:17, Ephesians 4:28

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week

“And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.”
Acts 20:32

This Week

“I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.”
Acts 20:35

Next Week

“And I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the heathen; and I will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother.”
Haggai 2:22

A BRIEF TREATISE OF THE WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

3. THE BEING OF GOD (Part 5)

Q4: What is God?

A: God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

THE ETERNITY OF GOD

The next attribute of God is, eternity. Psa 90:2 — “*from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.*” There is a threefold being.

(1) Such as had a beginning; and shall have an end; as all sensitive creatures, the beasts, fowls, fishes which at death are destroyed and return to dust; their being ends with their life.

(2) Such as had a beginning, but shall have no end, as angels and the souls of men, which are eternal; they abide for ever.

(3) Such as is without beginning, and without ending, and that is proper only to God. He is from everlasting to everlasting.

This is God’s title, a jewel of his crown. He is called “*the King eternal*” (1 Tim 1:17). Jehovah is a word that properly sets forth God’s eternity. It contains in it time past, present, and to come. Rev 1:8 — “*Which is, and which was, and which is to come,*” interprets the word Jehovah; (*which is*) he subsists of himself, having a pure and independent being; (*which was*) God only was before time; there is no searching into the records of eternity; (*which is to come*) his kingdom has no end; his crown has no successors. Heb 1:8 — “*Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever.*”

Only God could be eternal, without beginning. Angels could not; they are but creatures, though spirits; they were made; and therefore their beginning may be known; their antiquity may be searched into. Therefore it is proper to God only to be eternal, without beginning. He is Alpha and Omega, the first and the last (Rev 1:8). No creature can write itself Alpha, that is only a flower of the crown of heaven. Exod 3:14 — “*I am that I am,*” that is, He who exists from and to eternity.

Application 1

God is eternal, therefore the torments of the wicked are eternal. God lives for ever; and as long as God lives he will be punishing the damned. This should be as the handwriting upon the wall, it should “*make their joints to be loosed,*” &c. Dan 5:6. The sinner takes liberty to sin; he breaks God’s laws; he sins with greediness, as if he thought he could not sin fast enough (Eph 4:19). But remember, one of God’s names is Eternal, and as long as God is eternal he has time enough to reckon with all his enemies. To make

sinner tremble, let them think of these three things: the torments of the damned are without intermission, without mixture, and eternal.

(1) Without intermission. Their pains shall be acute and sharp, and no relaxation; the fire shall be slackened or abated. Rev 14:11 — *“They have no rest day nor night,”* like one that has his joints stretched continually on the rack, and has no ease. The wrath of God is compared to a stream of brimstone (Isa 30:33). Why to a stream? Because a stream runs without intermission; so God’s wrath runs like a stream, and pours out without intermission. The damned soul never says, I am now more at ease.

(2) Without mixture. Hell is a place of pure justice. In this life, God in anger remembers mercy, he mixes compassion with suffering. Deut 23:25 — Asher’s shoe was of iron, but his foot was dip in oil. Affliction is the iron shoe, but mercy is mixed with it; the foot is dip in oil. But the torments of the damned have no mixture. Rev 14:10 — They *“shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture.”* No mixture of mercy. How is the cup of wrath said to be full of mixture! Psa 75:8 — *“For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring them out, and drink them.”* Yet in the Revelation it is said to be without mixture. It is full of mixture, that is, it is full of all the ingredients that may make it bitter; the worm, the fire, the curse of God, all these are bitter ingredients. It is a cup mixed, yet it is without mixture; there shall be nothing to afford the least comfort, no mixture of mercy, and so without mixture. In the sacrifice of jealousy, Num 5:15, no oil was put to it; so in the torments of the damned, there is no oil of mercy to abate their sufferings.

(3) Without cessation, eternal. The pleasures of sin are but for a season, but the torments of the wicked are for ever. Sinners have a short feast, but a long reckoning. Eternity is a sea without bottom and banks. After millions of years, there is not one minute in eternity wasted; and the damned must be ever burning, but never consuming, always dying, but never dead. Rev 9:6 — They shall *“seek death, and shall not find it.”* The fire of hell is such, as multitudes of tears will not quench it, length of time will not finish it; the vial of God’s wrath will be always dropping upon a sinner. As long as God eternal, he lives to be avenged upon the wicked. Oh eternity! eternity! who can fathom it? The breath of the LORD kindles the infernal lake, Isa 30:33, and where shall we have engines or buckets to quench that fire? *“The smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever”* (Rev 14:11). What a terror is this to the wicked, enough to put them into a cold sweat, to think, as long as God is eternal, he lives for ever to be avenged upon them!

Application 2

Of comfort to the godly. God is eternal, therefore he lives for ever to reward the godly. Rom 2:7 *“To them who seek for glory and honour, eternal life.”* The people of God here are in a suffering condition. Acts 20:23 — *“Bonds and afflictions abide me.”* The wicked are clad in purple, and fare deliciously, while the godly suffer. Goats climb upon high mountains, while Christ’s sheep are in the valley of slaughter. But here is the comfort, God is eternal, and he has appointed eternal recompenses for the saints. 2 Cor 4:17 — An *“eternal weight of glory.”* The saints shall bathe themselves in the rivers of divine pleasure; and these rivers can never be dried up. Psa 16:11 — *“At thy right hand are pleasures for evermore.”* 1 Thess 4:17 — *“Ever be with the Lord.”* There is peace without trouble, ease without pain, glory without end, *“ever be with the Lord.”* Let this comfort the

saints in all their troubles; their sufferings are but short, but their reward is eternal. Eternity makes heaven to be heaven; it is the diamond in the ring. 1 Pet 5:4 — “*Ye shall receive a crown of glory that gareth not away.*” The wicked have a never-dying worm, and the godly a never-fading crown. Oh how should this be a spur to virtue! How willing should we be to work for God! Though we had nothing here, God has time enough to reward his people. The crown of eternity shall be set upon their head.

- adapted and edited from Thomas Watson, *A Body of Divinity*, pp 60-64

NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Worshippers, as the Church Premises reopens for Morning Worship Service please note that there will be strict social distancing measures put in place. Face coverings must be worn in the church at all times out of consideration for all worshippers.

For the time being, the 3:00pm Afternoon Worship Service will still be conducted online.

If you require the link to our online zoom services, or have any questions or require further clarity, please call the church manse, or email us at admin 'at' newlifebpc.org.uk.

Tithes & Offerings – There will be an offering box at the entrance to the Church Sanctuary for you to place your offerings in.

The Church would like to extend their heartfelt condolences to Pastor Ki & Family for the home-going of Pastor Ki's father.

Pastor Ki's father was warmly referred to as Grandpa Ki by many of the congregation.

Please uphold the Ki Family in your prayers as they make the appropriate arrangements for the up-coming funeral.

Worship Service Collections: 27/07/21 - £595.00, Maintenance Fund - £50.00

Church Maintenance Fund Total: £7,230.50

CHURCH NOTICE

Dear fellow worshippers and friends,

We are pleased to inform the worshippers and visitors of New Life Bible Presbyterian Church that the church will resume holding worship services in the Church premise on Sunday mornings.

The church activities will take place as follows:

- Sunday Morning Worship Service, 11am – Church Premises & Online
- Sunday Afternoon Worship Service, 3pm – Online only

Provided that there is no worsening of the pandemic in London, we hope to start holding the Afternoon Worship Service and Fortnightly Bible Study within the church premises in the coming months.

Changes introduced to the Worship Services held at the church premises

In compliance with the current Government guidelines, the following changes have been introduced:

- Singing will be allowed during the Morning Worship Service
- No offering collection during the worship service. Offerings can be made at the offering box when entering or exiting the church.
- All Bibles and hymn books will be kept and unavailable for use. Please bring your own Bible and remember to take it away with you after worship service.
- Adopt a 2-metre social distancing seating arrangement (household members may sit with each other).
- Face coverings to be worn in the church **at all times** out of consideration for all worshippers. For young children under the age of 11, the use of face covering is optional. **Please ensure you bring your own face covering.**
- No food and drinks will be made available (Fellowship Lunch has been temporarily suspended).
- After Morning Worship Service, you may gather for fellowship inside or outside of the Church premises, but please adhere to social distancing.
- No access to non-essential areas of the church – this includes the Fellowship Hall and kitchen.
- New movement arrangements to be adopted (please follow directions).
- Temperature measurements will be taken for every worshipper and visitor.
- Worshippers and visitors are required to complete the contact details slip for the NHS Test & Trace service. These details will be kept securely in church for 21 days and then destroyed. They will only be submitted to Test & Trace if a Covid-19 case occurs.
- Alternatively, please download the NHS COVID-19 Mobile App and scan one of the QR codes in the Church entrance to check-in.

To join our online services or to obtain further updates, please visit the church website (www.newlifebpc.org.uk) or call the church manse (020 73280869).

With the Lord's blessing,

John Poh & Jonathan Kim
Task Force Members

RHC 47 – Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my
Father!
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions,
they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Chorus:
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and
harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses
above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
[Chorus]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to
guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for
tomorrow -
Blessings all mine with ten thousand
beside!
[Chorus]

Thomas O. Chisholm

Tune: Great is Thy faithfulness

RHC 368 – From Every Stormy Wind That Blows

From ev'ry stormy wind that blows,
From ev'ry swelling tide of woes,
There is a calm, a sure retreat -
'Tis found beneath the mercy seat.

There is a place where Jesus sheds
The oil of gladness on our heads,
A place than all besides more sweet -
It is the blood-bought mercy seat.

There is a scene where spirits blend,
Where friend holds fellowship with friend,
Tho sundered far, by faith they meet
Around one common mercy seat.

Ah! whither could we flee for aid
When tempted, desolate, dismayed,
Or how the host of hell defeat,
Had suff'ring saints no mercy seat?

Ah, There on eagle wings we soar,
And sin and sense molest no more;
And heav'n comes down our souls to
greet,
While glory crowns the mercy seat.

Hugh Stowell

Tune: RETREAT