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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 17 JULY 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Afternoon Service – 3pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 118:21-24

Psalm 134

Opening Prayer

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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Opening Hymn *

RHC 41 – “Before Jehovah’s Awful Throne”

RHC 50 – “Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All”

Responsive Reading

Psalm 13

Second Hymn *

Psalm 13

(to the tune of RHC 38 Martyrdom)

Scriptural Text

James 5:7-8

Song of Solomon 3:4

Pastoral Prayer

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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Sermon Message

An Encouragement To Patience

The Reward For Being Vigilant

Closing Hymn *

RHC 352 – “All The Way My Saviour Leads Me”

RHC 388 – “O For A Closer Walk With God”

Benediction/3-Fold Amen *

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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Postlude

The Lord Bless You

* 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.

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.

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 17

Q: Into what estate did the Fall bring mankind?

A: The Fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.

Comments:

Adam’s first sin is commonly called the Fall. And we are here told that, in consequence of this Fall, all men are now born in a sinful and unhappy condition.

Scriptural Reference:

Romans 5:12

THE SHEKINAH GLORY

Exodus 39:32-40:38

Theme: God's Protection

From the above mentioned passage, we learn about God's presence with the Israelites in the cloud that accompanied them through the desert.

God's revealing Himself in the cloud culminates in the coming of Jesus Christ. You may recall that at the very beginning of John's Gospel, John uses this very language, harkening back to Exodus, to talk about the incarnation. Speaking of Jesus, John writes, *"The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth"* (1:14). Revelation 21 gives us the fulfillment of this idea of God's dwelling among us. In verse 3 the apostle John wrote, *"Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them and be their God."* Through the appearing of the cloud in Exodus, God was teaching them about His presence in a preliminary, rudimentary, visible, and dramatic way for the people of Israel.

In addition to the cloud serving as the presence of God, it also was given to Israel for their protection. God protected them from their enemies, the Egyptians. *"The angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them: And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these: so that the one came not near the other all the night"* (Ex. 14:19-20). From the very beginning the people learned that the God who was with them was with them as their protector.

You have to remember that the number of people who went out from Egypt was very large. In the book of Numbers, we're told that the men alone numbered 603,550, in addition to the women, children, and others who went with them who were not Hebrews. This would bring the total to at least two million, and probably more. A million of anything is a lot. It's very hard to imagine a million.

God was leading this large group of people out into one of the most inhospitable environments on earth. The temperature in the daytime can go above one hundred degrees when the sun beats down out of the cloudless sky. When I was in Egypt years ago, we went down to Luxor, which is not as far out into the desert as they were in Sinai, and the temperature there was so hot that we couldn't even go out in the daytime. We had come to tour, and so we would get up about 4:00 in the morning and go out, and then come back by 8:00 a.m. Then we would cool off inside during the heat of the day, and then go back out again at night around 8:00 or 9:00. But then at night, because the air is so thin in the desert, when the sun goes down the temperature drops precipitously. Sometimes you can have temperatures in the daytime over one hundred degrees, and suddenly it falls below freezing at night, even causing water left outside the tent to freeze.

God's cloud spread out all over the people to provide shelter from the sun in the daytime, and at night it turned into a pillar of fire that provided light and a certain degree of warmth. Psalm 105:39 says, *“He spread a cloud for a covering; and fire to give light in the night.”* John Newton's great hymn “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” picks up this idea:

Round each habitation hov'ring,
See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a cov'ring,
Showing that the Lord is near:
Thus deriving from their banner
Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna
Which he gives them when they pray.

When you began to think about the cloud in that light you understand that it was not only a symbol of God's presence, which was glorious in itself, but it was also a pledge that God stood by them to protect them from any and all circumstances.

Study Questions:

1. How do we see this theme of the cloud's presence picked up in the Gospel of John to describe the incarnation?
2. In addition to showing God's presence, why else was the cloud given? How do we see this?

Reflection: How have you experienced God's protecting presence in your life or in the life of your family or friends? Praise Him for His love and care for you..

Article adapted and edited from Think and Act Biblically by James Boice, a devotional of the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals

WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our Lord's Day activities begins with the **Pre-Worship Prayer Meeting** at **10:15 am** followed by the **Worship Services** at **11.00 am and 3.00 pm**. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Worshippers, we extend a warm welcome to you this Lord's Day. We hope that you have a blessed time of worship with us today.

For those unable to attend Church in person, we are streaming our worship services online. To join our online services or for more information, please call the church manse, or email us at [admin 'at' newlifebpc.org.uk](mailto:admin@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.

After-Service Fellowship – Join us for lunch fellowship after the morning worship service. Please bring your own lunch as only drinks will be provided.

Sunday 24th July – Ps Timothy Poh will minister the Word at the morning worship and administer the Lord's Supper

Worship Service Collections: Last Sunday - £350

**Church Maintenance Fund
Total:** £9,000.50

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week

“But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.”

James 3:17

This Week

*“I am the rose of Sharon,
and the lily of the valleys.”*

Song of Solomon 2:1

Next Week

“Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.”

James 4:10

Pre-cautions for Worship Services held at the church premises:

With the lifting of the legal Covid restrictions on 24th Feb 2022, we will continue observing the following precautions:

- No offering collection during the worship service. Offerings can be made at the offering box when entering or exiting the church.
- Temperature measurements will still be taken for every worshipper and visitor for the time being. We continue to urge those who feel unwell (especially with Covid symptoms) not to come to the church services but join us at our online services.
- During worship services, please continue to sit with your own households.
- As per the current government advise, we suggest you use a face covering when attending the services. Please bring your own face covering.

To join our online services or for more information, 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