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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 31 JULY 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Prelude

Psalm 136:1-4

Psalm 138:1-2 & 4-5

Call to Worship

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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Opening Prayer

RHC 61 – "O For a Thousand Tongues"

RHC 63 – "Jesus, the Glories of Thy Face"

*Opening Hymn **

Psalm 15

Responsive Reading

Psalm 15

*Second Hymn **

(to the tune of RHC 563 Lloyd)

Song of Solomon 5:16

Scriptural Text

James 5:19-20

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

Pastoral Prayer

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

Altogether Lovely

Sermon Message

Persevering in Practical Graces

RHC 429 – "We Have Not Known Thee As We Ought"

*Closing Hymn **

Insert – "Keep Us, Lord, O Keep Us Ever"

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

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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 19

Q: What is the misery of that estate whereinto man fell?

A: All mankind by their fall lost communion with God, are under his wrath and curse, and so made liable to all miseries in this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell for ever.

Comments:

We are here taught the extent of the misery which has come upon us through Adam's sin. We are told that we have, in consequence, no longer that intercourse with God which Adam enjoyed, but are living under his displeasure, and therefore exposed to all the sorrows of this life, the pangs of death, and the pains of hell for ever. This is the condition in which we all are by nature; and, unless God had taken pity on us, this is the condition in which we should all have remained.

Scriptural Reference:

Isaiah 59:2, Ezekiel 18:4, Genesis 3:17, Psalm 9:17

ORDINATION AND CONSECRATION

Levitcus 8:1-10:20

In this passage, we learn about the Israelite priesthood, and see that because the Lord Jesus Christ is our great High Priest, we, too, have been made priests who glorify God and serve others.

If you want to understand Leviticus, you have to understand holiness, as seen in the theme, “*Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God am holy.*” (19:2), which you find again and again throughout the book. But now we should ask what holiness is, since many of us have a mistaken idea of it. Somehow we think of holiness in exclusively ethical terms. Because we think of ethics as a scale from 0 (if you’re very bad) to 100 (if you’re very good), we think of holiness as kind of moving up the scale.

Now it’s true that ethical matters are involved in holiness. People who are holy are going to behave in a holy manner. But that’s not the chief idea behind the word “holy.” The word itself really has to do with consecration or separation. A good translation of the word “holy” would be “set apart.” That’s why the word can be used for objects. In the book of Zechariah, it is said that in the day of God’s blessing upon Israel in the future, even objects such as the bells on the horses and the pots in the temple of the Lord were going to be holy. Pots and bells do not have ethical values, but they can be set apart. In that day the people are going to be so set apart for God that everything they have is going to be set apart for Him.

If you desire to be holy, you are to belong to God; be set apart to God; live for God so that everything you have belongs to God. Your bank account ought to be holy because it ought to be set apart to God. Your time ought to be holy because you are to be set apart for God. That’s the idea of holiness that we have here in Leviticus.

In this study, we will focus on the priests, who were to be set apart in the service of the Lord. We will look at their installation and ordination, as well as their function, and then finally the deaths of two of the priests. And as we look at Israel’s priesthood, we have to remember that according to the New Testament all of God’s people are priests. Although there are certain things in these chapters that pertain particularly to the Old Testament priests — the offering of literal sacrifices, for example — the principles that are found here in these chapters apply to every single Christian.

In Leviticus 8 we have the public ordination of the priests. First, they were purified by washing with water. Then they were clothed, the items of which were described in great detail in Exodus 28. The order in which the vestments are described here in Leviticus is according to how Aaron and his sons put the vestments on. The next thing that happened was the consecration of the tabernacle and the priests. They are anointed with special oil that’s been prepared according to the instructions given in Exodus 31.

In the Bible, oil is frequently used as a symbol of the Holy Spirit. When an individual was anointed with oil, it signified that the Holy Spirit was coming upon that individual to bless him for that particular office to which he was being consecrated. There were three different offices in the Old Testament for which one was anointed: prophet (for example, when Elijah anointed his successor, Elisha), priest (as we will see in this passage), and king (such as when Samuel anointed both Saul and David). Their anointing with oil showed that they were set apart by that special ritual to their unique office and function.

In the Old Testament period, a prophet could not be a priest, a priest could not be a king, a king could not be a prophet, and so on. In Jesus' case, all three are combined in His one person. He is our great prophet because He speaks the words of God. In the book of Deuteronomy, God tells Moses that He is going to raise up a prophet like Moses from among the people. And God is going to put His words into this prophet's mouth, and this prophet will speak to the people all that God commands (Deut. 18:18). Jesus Christ is this prophet, and He comes to speak the words of God.

The book of Hebrews says that Jesus Christ also fulfills the function of a priest, and that He is a priest forever. In the Old Testament, priests succeeded priests, one after the other. And furthermore, they never finished their work; they had to keep offering sacrifices again and again. Hebrews says this is symbolized by the fact that there were no chairs in the temple, and in the tabernacle before that (see Heb. 10:11). The priest's work was never done; he could never sit down. But in the case of Jesus Christ, we have an eternal high priest who offered the sacrifice of Himself once for all. And having done that, He sat down at the right hand of God the Father (Heb. 10:12). The atonement was made forever by our great high priest, Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ is also our king. The great prophecy in Isaiah 9:6 talks about the one who is going to be called "Wonderful Counsellor," "Mighty God," "Everlasting Father," "Prince of Peace." It goes on to say that one will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing it with justice forever. That's exactly what Jesus Christ has come to do. In the book of Revelation we read that He is given the title King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Study Questions:

1. How was a priest ordained and consecrated?
2. What was the significance of anointing someone with oil?
3. Describe how Jesus functions as our prophet, priest, and king.

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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 '@' 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.

Worship Service Collections: Last Sunday - £800.00

Church Maintenance Fund Total: £9,000.50

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week

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

James 4:10

This Week

"Awake, O north wind; and come, thou south, blow upon my garden, that, the spices thereof may flow out. Let my beloved come into his garden, and eat his pleasant fruits."

Song of Solomon 4:16

Next Week

"Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coning of the Lord draweth nigh."

James 5:8

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,
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