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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 12 JANUARY 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Romans 5:1-8

Opening Hymn *

RHC 95 – “My Saviour’s Love”

Opening Prayer

Joey Seow

Responsive Reading

Psalms 134

Second Hymn *

Psalms 134

(to the tune of Belmont, RHC 134)

Scriptural Text

1 Samuel 7

Pastoral Prayer

Eld Jenson Lim

Sermon Message

Here I Raise My Ebenezer

Closing Hymn *

RHC 26 – “Come Thou Fount”

Benediction/3-Fold Amen *

Eld Jenson Lim

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 39

Q: What is the duty which God requireth of man?

A: The duty which God requireth of man, is OBEDIENCE TO HIS REVEALED WILL.

Comments:

Having just learned what God has done, is doing, and means to do for us, we are now to be told what he requires us to do for him. What he requires of us is *obedience* to all that he reveals. This is our *duty*, or *what we ought to do*.

Scriptural Reference:

Ecclesiastes 12:13, Micah 6:8

Dear brethren, this week, we conclude the article entitled “God-centred Directions for 2025” written by Rev Jack Sin, pastor of Sovereign Hope Bible-Presbyterian Church. The article has been slightly adapted for our edification.

God-centred Directions for 2025 – Part 2

Example of a theologian, Jonathan Edwards' Resolution in the 18th century

One excellent example of a man with godly resolutions is Jonathan Edwards, the great 18th century American theologian. The following below is an example adapted from volume 1, *The Works of Jonathan Edwards, Edinburgh: Banner of Truth Trust 1987, xx-xxii.*

'Being sensible that I am unable to do anything without God's help, I do humbly entreat him, by his grace, to enable me to keep these Resolutions, so far as they are agreeable to his will, for Christ's sake. Remember to read over these Resolutions once a week.'

7. Resolved, **Never to do any thing, which I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life.**
14. *Resolved, Never to do any thing out of revenge.*
15. *Resolved, Never to suffer the least motions of anger towards irrational beings.*
16. *Resolved, Never to speak evil of any one, so that it shall tend to his dishonour, more or less, upon no account except for some real good.*
17. *Resolved, That I will live so, as I shall wish I had done when I come to die.*
20. *Resolved, To maintain the strictest temperance in eating and drinking.*
28. *Resolved, **To study the Scriptures so steadily, constantly, and frequently,** as that I may find, and plainly perceive, myself to grow in the knowledge of the same.*
33. *Resolved, To do always what **I can towards making, maintaining, and preserving peace,** when it can be done without an overbalancing detriment in other respects.*
34. *Resolved, In narrations, **never to speak any thing but the pure and simple verity.***
35. *Resolved, Whenever I so much question whether I have done my duty, as that my quiet and calm is thereby disturbed, to set it down, and also how the question was resolved.*
36. *Resolved, Never to speak evil of any, except I have some particular good call to it.*
37. *Resolved, To inquire **every night, as I am going to bed, wherein I have been negligent, what sin I have committed and wherein I have denied myself and also at the end of every week, month, and year.***
40. *Resolved, To inquire every night before I go to bed, whether I have acted in the best way I possibly could, with respect to eating and drinking.*
41. *Resolved, to ask myself, at the end of every day, week, month, and year, wherein I **could possibly, in any respect, have done better.***
42. *Resolved, Frequently to renew the dedication of myself to God, which was made at my baptism, which I solemnly renewed when I was received into the communion of the church, and which I have solemnly re-made this.*
53. *Resolved, To improve every opportunity, when I am in the best and happiest frame of mind, to cast and venture my soul on the Lord Jesus Christ, to trust and confide in him, and consecrate myself wholly to him; that from this I may have assurance of my safety, knowing that I confide in my Redeemer.*

56. *Resolved*, **Never to give over, nor in the least to slacken, my fight with my corruptions, however unsuccessful I may be.**
66. *Resolved*, That I will endeavour always **to keep a benign aspect, and air of acting and speaking**, in all places, and in all companies, except it should so happen that duty requires otherwise.
68. *Resolved*, To confess frankly to myself, all that which I find in myself, either infirmity or sin; and, if it be what concerns religion, also to confess the whole case to God, and implore needed help.

Conclusion

If we aim at nothing, we are bound to hit it. Let these godly aims inspire and stimulate our hearts to greater devotion and commitment to our God in this New Year as we seek to honour and put Him first in our lives personally in the covenant home and in the church. The aims such as to Read the Bible daily, Pray fervently as a church, Attend all the services of the church and to Grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ. **Display holy conduct and godliness that will go a long way to ensure a proper state of preparedness; for the Lord is coming soon.** We will therefore be vigilant and ready for His imminent second coming, serving in the meantime with great joy and faithfulness in the church to the saving of souls and the edifying of the saints.

Finally consider the following practical goals for 2025:

1. To give myself regularly to the careful **meditation, study** and application of God's word and to fervent **prayer**;
2. **To worship God faithfully every Sunday** in spirit and in truth, in response to God's revelation of Himself in His word, in the beauty of holiness;
3. **To spread the gospel of Christ** near and far, as God may direct, with the intention of bringing some one whom the Lord called to the saving knowledge of Christ and then to maturity in the faith through New Life BP Church, London.
4. **To share with others** out of my God given resources through my regular tithes and offerings and talents, whether in time or substance to the extension of His kingdom;
5. **To discover, develop and deploy my God given spiritual gifts** and use them for the building up on one another in the church and for the glory of God;
6. **To demonstrate my love to the Lord** and walk worthy of the vocation wherein I am called;
7. **To remember not to forsake the assembling of the saints** and to come prepared for Sunday worship service and fellowship and Sunday School to both receive and give a blessing;
8. **To serve and function together** with godly maturity, with those who are accountable for the spiritual welfare of the body and of their individual families in New Life BP Church, London.
9. **To live a life of godly faithfulness and stewardship** by providing meaningful ministries and assistance for those who are in need of help
10. **To display a loving and helpful spirit**, contributing toward the unity and growth in Christ's body in New Life BP Church, London, so that the world may know the reality of Christ as I be a true disciple of Jesus Christ.

WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our Lord's Day activities begin with the **Worship Service** at **11.00 am** followed by a **Bible Study & Children's Sunday School** at **1:30pm**. 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 worshipping with us today.

For those unable to attend Church in person, please join our Worship Service and Bible Study on our live-stream via YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/@NewLifeBPCLondon>

We thank God for providing Eld Jenson Lim to minister to us this Lord's Day.

Next Lord's Day, our speaker will be Dr David Allen.

Tithes & Offerings – The offering box is located at the entrance to the Church Sanctuary.

After-Service Fellowship – Join us for lunch fellowship after the morning worship service.

Please bring your own lunch as only drinks will be provided.

Afternoon Bible Study – Eld Jenson Lim will deliver the study entitled "Characteristics of the Local Church".

Children's Sunday School – held after the After-Service Fellowship at 1:30pm.

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week

"Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for the offices thereof"
Nehemiah 13:14

This Week

"Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us."
1 Samuel 7:12

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

Dear all,

When attending the church Worship Service and Bible Study, we will continue to observe the following precautions:

- We continue to urge those who feel unwell (especially with Covid symptoms) to stay home and join us online.
- Please place your offerings in the offering box when entering or exiting the church.
- During worship services, please continue to sit with your own households.

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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