



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

September 30th, 2018

SUNDAY COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

1 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.

2 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.

3 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.

4 The Lord Bless You and Keep 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.



Prelude/Preparatory Hymn Karen Ee/Deacon Joel Wong

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship Deacon Eugene Leong/Sonny Lim

*Hymn **HOP 21** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading Proverbs 13:17-25

Hymn **HOP 159** When I See the Blood

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings **HOP 424** Bring Ye All the Tithes

*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading James 1:13-15

Hymn **HOP 309** Yield Not to Temptation

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip

Message Yew Jinn Chieng/Kong Vui Yip

Right Response to Temptation

*Hymn **HOP 312** My Soul, Be on Thy Guard

*Benediction/Threefold Amen

Announcements

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You 4

*Congregation Standing

THEME FOR 2018:

"...what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul," (Deuteronomy 10:12)

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PASTORAL LETTER

Lead me in the way everlasting

Dear BPCWAians, Do you ever wonder where to start if you truly wanted to be walking constantly in the way of God all the days of your life on earth and not fail Him? Do you wish to constantly progress in your sanctification? Do you fear that as you go on in life and age, instead of growing spiritually in ways that please God more and more, you become more and more set in your old ways, or worse, you become more displeasing to God? Well, who better to learn from than the man whom God calls “a man after his own heart” (1 Sam 13:14).

David prayed to God, “lead me in the way everlasting” at the end of Psalm 139:24. He desired to be led by God, to be in God’s ways which are perpetual, and to be in God’s way for the rest of his life. This is being “in the way” of a sanctified life evermore while on earth. This was the purpose of his prayer. That is why God calls Him a man after His own heart. This must be our desire and walk as well.

The place to start for growth. In desiring spiritual growth and a sanctified life, David faced up to the fact that God knows his thoughts and ways through and through. Why? Because that knowledge will cause him to stop hiding from what can cause him not to grow spiritually. It will cause him to face up to what he truly is, even though others may see him to be outwardly godly and serving the LORD. We need to begin here and to keep doing so too. Notice that David begins with stating to God that God knows him thoroughly, “Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compasses my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. For there

is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether” (Ps 139:2-4). Let each of us realise this clearly – God knows your remotest thoughts in every situation. He is present and knows what you think about in bed. He is fully aware of every detail of what you do and why you do what you do.

Why it is important to know God knows. I think most of us are not intentionally continuing in known and obvious sins. You generally want to be obedient and to be sincere before God. I hope that is why you have read this Pastoral thus far. But one salient point of this Psalm is about how much more there is to know about yourself that you need to know, but you still do not know yet. But God knows. And being humble enough and being constantly interested enough to want to know how God views you is critical for growing spiritually. It is what will help you to walk in the way everlasting all your life. Furthermore, when you start knowing that God knows intimately the first stirring of impure motives in our thoughts or actions, it should make you stop pretending or stop giving excuses, and start changing. Imagine how embarrassing it is to be found out when you do something to impress others or make excuses and is exposed for all to see? Imagine how others would react if your motivations became displayed for everyone to see as twinkling neon lights above your head? This is practically what David says is happening to us with God. Man cannot see or know your heart. But God truly knows very well all and everything about you and I. This is what amazes David in verse 6. It is what stirred him to pen this Psalm to ask God to help him.

What God sees and knows about you. We all like to look good to others. We all want to be liked, admired, and thought of well by others. We all want to be seen as godly, loving, and serving God. This is the image we will project to others. Even with holy sounding words and speech. Yes,

we should indeed be godly, loving, and serving. But you can be so for the wrong motives – so that others know. For example, if you are someone who loves to be seen as helpful and kind, then examine yourself whenever you do something for others. For the very same outward act or thing said, your motive can be different from another person. The motive of every single thing you say to others is altogether crystal clear to Him. Even before you say something, help someone, and serve God in any capacity, you and I must realise that if there were any personal motives or pride, God immediately detects it from afar off while these thoughts are developing. This is the point David is making in this Psalm. Know that God is watching and knows every impure stirring and motive. David is acutely aware that he has wicked ways in him in verse 24. Until we are so deeply aware and cautious, we will not walk rightly before God, but will instead get worse and worse, the more we help and serve. I am not saying we do not help or serve. We should serve and not be paralysed. But the one who grows is the one who does so with careful self-examination and carefulness regarding his personal motives while doing or saying anything.

The point to note this week is – before you are willing to be led by God in the way everlasting, you must acknowledge that you need and want to be led by God in the first place. But until we confess that there is so much hidden in us that we still need to see as God sees us in our thoughts, we cannot be led by God. We shall see more practical examples in the coming weeks about how to ensure that we will be led in the way everlasting.

Yours in our Lord's service

Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

1. **Fellowship Lunch (Today, after Worship):** All worshippers and visitors are welcome to join the fellowship lunch after Worship Service today. Do take the opportunity to mingle and get to know one another better.
2. **City Evangelism (Today, 2:00 pm):** Has it been a while since you shared the Gospel? Join us as we go into the city to carry out the Great Commission. A prayer team will pray at Church until 5 pm, where we will meet back in Church for testimonies.
3. **Men’s Fellowship and Ladies Fellowship (Next Sunday, 7 October, 6:00 pm):** Come and join us as we study how to live a God honouring life as a Christian man or woman. Dinner starts at 6 pm with both programs starting at 7 pm. Translation will be available.
4. **Family Seminar (Next Saturday, 13 October, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm):** Pastor will be conducting a family seminar on “The Covenantal Family”. This is intended for building strong marriages and families for God. Hence all are welcome to come to learn about what a Christian home should be. If you have any questions on this topic, please submit them to Terry Chong by 6 October. There will be a separate program for children 6 years and under running concurrently. Please see Terry for any queries.
5. **Holy Matrimony:** The Session congratulates Adrian and Mary Ng on their Holy Matrimony yesterday, conducted by Pastor in Kuching. May they build a family obedient to God’s Word for the rest of their lives.

6. **Lemon Tree:** Worshippers should exercise caution when plucking lemons from the lemon tree in near Jeremiah House as the church grounds are regularly sprayed with pesticide.

7. **Programs planned for October:**

DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
7/10 (Sunday)	6:00 pm	Men's Fellowship and Ladies Fellowship
13/10 (Saturday)	9:00 am	Combined Husbands and Mothers Fellowship (Family Seminar)
20/10 (Saturday)	10:30 am	Seniors Fellowship
28/10 (Sunday)	-	Reformation Sunday
28/10 (Sunday)	3:30 pm	Adelphe Bible Study

8. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**

- Thank God for Chinese Retreat last Monday for the edification in His Word and opportunity for fellowship with one another.
- Thank God for those who came to Busy Bee and the opportunity to serve together in God's church.
- Pray for God to direct the affairs and decisions at BPCWA according to His plan and purposes.
- Pray for Men's Fellowship and Ladies Fellowship to be used to build up godly men and ladies to live for Him in all areas of their lives.
- Pray for families to come and for Pastor's preparation of messages at the seminar to help families understand and follow God's purpose for parents and families.
- Pray for the Word of God heard at Worship Services and Bible Studies to be received on good soil in hearts that will bear fruit for His glory.

SERVICE DUTY	30/9 COMBINED - Fellowship Lunch	7/10 COMBINED - Holy Communion
Speaker/Interpreter	Yew Jinn Chieng/Kong Vui Yip	Pastor Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Eugene Leong/Sonny Lim	Deacon Joel Wong/Sonny Lim
Preparatory Hymn	Deacon Joel Wong	Deacon Eugene Leong
Musician(s)	Karen Ee	Winnie Lim
Welcomers	Colin Chng, Fiona Chng, Ellainne Liew	Alex Luu, Grace Luu, Kenny Tan
Offering Stewards	Eddie Foo, Caleb Cheng, Allan Ang Kenny Tan, Mark Heath, Jonathan Woo	Alex Luu, Jason Tey, Benjamin Kan Michael Lee, Mark Heath, Terry Chong
Ushers	Kenny Chia, Shie Tian Wong, Rowena Cheng	Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Vincent Naing
Audio Visual	Yi Choong Liew	Caleb Cheng
Kitchen Duties	Yi Min Chieng, Phyllis Voun Shuin Ning Jong, Victoria Lew	Yi San Chieng, Lily Liow Edward Teng, Joanne Teng

APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK

Sunday	30/9	12:45 pm	Teens Q and A
		2:00 pm	City Evangelism
Tuesday	2/10	10:00 am	Chinese Bible Study
		7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng, Deacon Adrian Cheng, Ellainne Liew
Wednesday	3/10	7:30 pm	Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Old Testament History
Friday	5/10	7:30 pm	Fellowships Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CAF/CSF
Sunday	7/10	8:30 am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00 am	English Basic Bible Knowledge Class/Chinese Basic Bible Knowledge Class
		10:00 am	Sunday Combined Worship Service
		2:00 pm	Nursing Home: Concorde/Onslow Gardens
		3:30 pm	Nursing Home: Berrington/Bull Creek
		6:00 pm	Men's Fellowship and Ladies Fellowship

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCES & OFFERINGS

Attendances - Sunday Worship: 198 (Combined: 172; CSS: 26); Prayer Meeting: 79

Tithes and Offerings - Sunday Worship: \$7,084.10

Building Fund - Last Week: \$11,472.24; To Date: \$121,498.85; Gap: \$1,178,501.15

WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH - CHAPTER ONE: OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

9. The infallible rule of interpretation of Scripture is the Scripture itself; and therefore, when there is a question about the true and full sense of any Scripture (which is not manifold, but one), it must be searched and known by other places that speak more clearly.

