Word on Worship

Worship arises from hearts that contemplate God and His glory. 1 Chronicles 16:10-11 exhorts us, “Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD. Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually.” Each time when we draw unto Him in worship, we must grow in affection towards Him and His greatness and goodness. “Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD” (Psalm 105:3).

Scripture Memorisation

Dust (Man is)  
Ecclesiastes 12:7
Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

Order of Worship

Call to Worship  
*Hymn 24: Praise to the Lord, The Almighty  
*Invocation & Psalm 103:1-4  
*Scripture Reading in Unison  
John 15:9-17  
Hymn 199: The Old Rugged Cross

Scripture Memorisation  
Hymn 314: Nearer, Still Nearer

Pastoral Prayer  
Hymn 301: My Faith Has Found a Resting Place  
(Gethsemane Youth Choir)

Sermon  
Pastor Prabhudas Koshy  
“Jesus Calls Us To Enter By Him”  
John 10:7-9  
*Hymn 270: Jesus Is Calling

*Benediction & Threefold Amen  
*Congregation Standing
Hell Awaits the Unrepentant and the Unbelieving

Prabhudas Koshy

Revelation 20:14-15: “And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”

This is a description of what follows the final Great White Throne Judgment. All the wicked dead shall be brought to life again and be judged according to their works by the Lord who sits upon the Throne. According to the previous verse, Revelation 20:13, “the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.” The mention of “the sea” giving up its dead makes it clear that regardless of how far a body has disintegrated, it will nevertheless be resurrected for this judgment. The physical bodies of the unsaved will be joined with their souls; then they will be cast into “the lake of fire”!

The phrase “lake of fire” occurs only in Revelation – and that for a total of five times (19:20; 20:10, 14, 15; 21:8). In our text, the casting of the wicked dead into the lake of fire is referred to as “the second death”. It does not denote, as some erroneously taught, annihilation or complete destruction of a person. According to their teaching, the soul and body of the wicked will be completely destroyed, such that they will not suffer the eternal torment in hell or the lake of fire. That teaching of annihilation is unscriptural.

The lake of fire is the place where the wicked will suffer eternally the torments of hell. It is the place in which the wicked spend eternity in torment. John the Baptiser associated hell with “unquenchable fire” (Matthew 3:12; Luke 3:17). Jesus referred to hell as “everlasting fire” (Matthew 18:8), and “everlasting punishment” (Matthew 25:46). He also described hell as “the fire that never shall be quenched: where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched” (Mark 9:43b-44; cf. 9:45b-46, 48).

This is the place where Satan, the Antichrist and the false prophet will also be cast into forever. Revelation
20:10 says, “And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.” The epistle of Jude also testifies to the eternality of the hell-fire, which is reserved for the unrepentant wicked. In fact, hell’s torment is referred to by Jude as “suffering the vengeance of eternal fire” (Jude 1:7).

It is declared in Revelation 20:15, “And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.” This divine declaration about those whom God will cast into the lake of fire, the place of eternal torment, is sure to happen.

Let not the strident voices of the unbelieving ones – that God will not cast anyone into eternal hell – ever cause us to doubt the certainty of His judgment, which is mentioned so clearly here. God will execute the judgment of the unrepentant and the unredeemed, just as He has said here.

We are told that “whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.” The word “whosoever” means all persons, irrespective of their ranks, worldly achievements, age or social status. It is an all-encompassing word. The only group of people who will be delivered from the lake of fire will be those whose names are “found written in the book of life”. Kings, princes, statesmen, judges, philosophers, religious men, rich men, poor men, the young, the aged, as long as their names are not found written in the book of life, will be doomed to the lake of fire for eternal punishment!

In the New Testament, “the book of life” is the sacred register of all those who are saved (cf. Philippians 4:3; Revelation 3:5; 22:19). This book belongs to Christ, the Lamb who was slain for the redemption of the people whose names are written in the book of life from the foundation of the world (cf. Revelation 13:8b; 17:8b). At the last judgment, everyone not listed in the book of life is consigned to the fiery lake (Revelation 20:12, 15!)

How can you know whether your name is written in the book of life? If you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and be an overcomer of sins and trials by His grace, you can be assured that your name is in the book of life. In Revelation 3:5, Jesus said, “He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.” He will never blot out the names of those who have trusted Him for the forgiveness of their sins. The comfort of the believers is that their names are recorded in the book of life, and that they shall remain secure in the possession of the Lamb who was slain for them.

Those who repent from their sins and trust in Christ do not have to fear the eternal hell. For in Revelation 20:6, it is said concerning the believers that “on such the second death hath no power”.

But all those who are not found in the Book of Life will be doomed to an eternal punishment in the lake of fire!
Junior Worshipper's Page

Bodies to the Dust, and Souls unto God

“Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.”

(Ecclesiastes 12:7)

Have you ever wondered what happens to us when we die?

The Bible teaches us in Ecclesiastes 12:7 that when we die, our body and soul will be separated. Our bodies will return to the dust from which it was taken. But our souls will not die with the body. Upon death, our souls will leave the body and appear before God. While the body disintegrates and disappears in the grave, the soul shall live before God to face His judgment (cf. Hebrews 9:27).

When the apostle Paul spoke of his impending death, he described it as him departing – “For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand… Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing” (2 Timothy 4:6, 8).

As for the souls of all Christians, since their judgments have been borne away by Christ, there is a glorious hope. The souls of the dead believers will be with the Lord in heaven. Jesus’ words from the cross to the dying criminal, who repented and trusted Him, clearly affirm this truth – “Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise” (Luke 23:43). As the criminal’s body lay dead, his soul went to be with Jesus in Paradise, for Jesus clearly meant that His human soul would be in Paradise when His human body died, hanging on the cross.

As Paul confidently declared, “to be absent from the body … (is) to be present with the Lord” (2 Corinthians 5:8)! Amen.

Prabhudas Koshy
COLLECTIONS
LORD’S DAY on 14th June 2020
Tithes: 6,590.00
Offerings: 7,705.00
GBWL: 150.00
Designated Gifts: San Antonio Building Fund 225.00; Cebu Building Fund 40.00; Dn Lok Kwok Wah 100.00; Pr Zhu Xinkai 50.00; GBPC-Ethiopia 100.00; India Missions 50.00; Pr Kelvin Lim 50.00; Pastor Koshy 50.00; Vizag Vehicle 2,040.00; Sharon dela Cruz 120.00; Andronicus Koshy 120.00; Dorcas Koshy 120.00; Philippines Missions 100.00

Non-Sunday Collections
(7th–13th June 2020)
General Fund: 5,050.00
GBWL: 1,000.00
Designated Gifts: Vizag Vehicle 5,000.00; Cebu Building Fund 1,000.00; Philippines Missions 1,000.00; India Missions 1,000.00; TGCM 1,000.00; Matthew Peh 20.00

Total Funds Collection
(as of 14th June 2020)
Vizag Vehicle Fund: 7,290.00
San Antonio Bldg Fund: 15,225.00
Cebu Building Fund: 118,420.00

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Send in your gifts to ‘Gethsemane Bible-Presbyterian Church’ via bank transfer (DBS Current Account 025-011173-7), or you may scan the QR code to transfer via Paylah! or PayNow.

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Send in your gifts to ‘Gethsemane Bible Witness Limited’ via bank transfer (DBS Current Account 025-904568-2), or you may scan the QR code to transfer via Paylah! or PayNow.

UPCOMING ZOOM FELLOWSHIP MEETING
Links to the meetings will be provided in the respective Whatsapp Groups.

YOUNG MOTHERS’ FELLOWSHIP
Topic: The Word & Prayer in Motherhood
Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy
Chairperson: Sis. Sharon dela Cruz
Date & Time: Fri, 26 June 2020, 3.00pm

ADULTS’ FELLOWSHIP
Devotional Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim
Chairperson: Bro. Lijoy George
Date & Time: Sat, 27 June 2020, 4.00pm
Announcements

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMMES/ROSTERS (JULY TO DECEMBER 2020)

Leaders of all fellowship groups are kindly asked to submit your programme/roster for July-December 2020 to Bro. Norefel at norefel.gbw@gmail.com for consolidation and Sunday's bulletin announcement purposes. Please do so by 21st June 2020.

To facilitate the collation and announcement of information, please include the following information in your schedule: (i) the preacher, (ii) the topic, and (iii) the name of the chairperson.

OUR ONLINE RESOURCES

In this period where our regular church meetings are curtailed, we hope that our online resources will continue to be a source of encouragement and edification for you.

- For Christian literature, please visit biblewitness.com/magazine to find past issues of our BW Magazine.
- For 24/7 fundamental Christian music, please visit our Bible Witness Web Radio at biblewitness.com/webradio/radio-player/
- For our sermons, you may visit our church’s YouTube channel at youtube.com/user/gethsemanebpc/ or gbi-online.com
- Finally, you may also follow our church’s Facebook page at facebook.com/Gethsemane.BP.Church/ to stay updated with any urgent announcements from our church leaders.

Please pray for our BWMM staff as they labour to maintain all these services and resources.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (ACM) REPORT

Leaders of respective ministries and fellowship groups are to submit a short write-up for collation as part of the Annual Report for the upcoming ACM. Please send it to Dn Low Boon Siang at lbs83@yahoo.com by 26th July 2020.

UPDATED BIBLE WITNESS WEBSITE

We thank the LORD that biblewitness.com has been updated to a new design! We pray that this new design will be much easier to navigate. Do note that some things are still being tweaked.