

Sermon Summary for 3rd June, 2018

JESUS' JUDGEMENT ON 'RELIGION'

Isaiah 1: 10-17; Mark 11: 12-19

(Mr. Julius Duah Coomson)

Mark 11:12-19 contains two stories that are difficult to associate with the Lord Jesus Christ. Both stories reveal Jesus' acts of judgement. Why did the Lord act the way He did in this text? Let's examine each of the stories and draw out some lessons for our own Christian walk.

1. Jesus' Judgement on a Fruitless Tree (vv12-14):

Jesus, on His way from Bethany to Jerusalem was hungry (v12). Seeing from a distance a fig tree in leaf, He went to look for something to eat. To His disappointment, He found "nothing but leaves" (v13). Jesus then answered the fig tree with a curse (vv 14, 21) and it took effect (v21). Jesus' action might seem harsh but we need to understand two things. First, even though verse 13 notes that it was not yet the season for figs, we are told in the same verse that the tree was in leaf. This is significant because fig trees in the Middle East start to produce some edible buds by March, which are followed by some few leaves in April. Then, by May, the edible buds will fall and give way to real figs so that by June, when the leaves are fully out (the tree is in leaf), the figs would also be ready for eating. Jesus visited this tree in April (the Passover week) and even though it was not the season for figs, this tree 'promised' fruits by displaying full blown leaves. Jesus' judgement on the tree therefore was a judgement on hypocrisy; on promise without fulfilment. This is a symbolic act about God's people Israel. Throughout the O.T. and parts of the N.T., Israel is depicted as God's fig tree (eg. Micah 7:1-6, Jer. 7:9-11, 8:13, Luke 13:6-9). God was expecting fruit from them but they were only displaying leaves and Jesus was not pleased. We too as Christians are called to be fruitful (John 15:16, Gal. 5:22-23) and to heed Jesus' warning not to merely produce leaves, but more importantly, fruit. Just like the tree, many people in the church today have observable leaves (activities, names on membership lists of every ministry, religious talks, etc.) but no fruit (transformed character, making of converts, display of the fruit of the Spirit, and contributing to the growth of the church through dedicated service) to show. The Lord Jesus cautions us that fruitlessness in the Kingdom will be judged.

2. Jesus' Judgement on a Fruitless Temple (verses 15-19):

From the fig tree, Jesus went to the temple and there too, instead of finding the fruit of prayer and people lifting holy hands to God (v17), he found that the worship of God was being commercialized and that the temple had become a Den of robbers (a place where robbers hide after conducting their evil deeds). Even though the temple was busy, it was fruitless. Several people were in the temple to make profit, not to serve God in Spirit and in truth. In the words of Isaiah 1:10-17, the Israelites were trampling God's house (1:12). The condition of the temple has not changed in our days. Church has become a serious business ground and unfortunately, many people think God is pleased. On the contrary, Jesus' action teaches us that, no matter how busy the church becomes, it must not take away the essence of Christianity; which is to create the opportunity for people to encounter God. Jesus drove out what was not deserving of His house. Today, through the work of Christ on the cross we have become God's temple (1Cor. 3:16, 6:19). If the Lord Jesus should visit His temple today, are there things (attitudes, practices, sins or behaviour) He will cast out as He did in the temple? Let's surrender our lives to Him so that His Spirit can make us fruitful for His glory.

BIBLE STUDY LEADERS' & ASSISTANTS' MEETING — NEXT WEEK!

All Bible Study Leaders and Assistants are informed of their meeting with the Coordinators at 6.30pm on **TUESDAY**, 19th and **THURSDAY**, 21st June.
Please prepare **Lesson 7** (The Book of Judges) **BEFORE** the meeting.

This Week's Prayer Topics

✞ Pray for every child in LIC. Cover them with the blood of Jesus; ask that the Lord will preserve and establish them in all His will; and cancel the enemy's agenda concerning their lives. (Col. 1:9-11; 4:12; 1 Jn. 5:14-15)

✞ Pray for all who are seeking to know God. Pray especially for Muslims and ask that the Lord will remove every veil the enemy is using to prevent them from having an encounter with the Lord (Jer. 29:13; Jn. 8:32,36)

✞ Ask that the Lord will open people's understanding of the scriptures; that He may give us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that we may know Him better. Also, that we would have Jesus at the center of our fellowships (Eph. 1:15-18; Lk. 24:45; Ps. 119:18; 36:9)

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

- 10 Jun: Mr. Kwabena Asiedu
- 10 Jun: Mr. Nii Amaruquaye Commey
- 10 Jun: Mr. Sam Wambugu
- 11 Jun: Mr. Michael Apraku
- 11 Jun: Mr. Nii-Ayi Armah
- 11 Jun: Mrs. Augustina Ama Ayertey
- 11 Jun: Mr. Lucas Dankwah
- 11 Jun: Mrs. Sylvia Ekremet
- 12 Jun: Mrs. Janet Alemna
- 12 Jun: Mrs. Naiki Attram
- 12 Jun: Ms. Millicent Awuku
- 12 Jun: Ms. Nancy Henaku
- 12 Jun: Mr. Ohene Osei
- 13 Jun: Ms. Eyram Yvonne Buame
- 13 Jun: Mrs. Victoria Cabutey-Adodoadj
- 13 Jun: Mrs. Emma Ocran
- 13 Jun: Mr. David Witman Siameh
- 14 Jun: Ms. Lasti Asumadu
- 14 Jun: Mrs. Bernice Ayarkwa-Twumasie
- 14 Jun: Ms. Akosua Ofori-Asumadu
- 14 Jun: Ms. Maame Brayie Peterson
- 15 Jun: Mr. Daniel Aidoo
- 15 Jun: Mr. Jonathan Bill Doe
- 15 Jun: Ms. Amma Korkor Dugan
- 16 Jun: Ms. Adelaide Awo Asiedu

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Jun: Matthew & Rejoice Ocran
- 12 Jun: Baffoe & Gertrude Awotwi
- 14 Jun: Reindorf and Naa Dedei Agyei
- 16 Jun: Kofi and Tracy Yeboah

WELCOME



TO

LEGON INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, 10TH JUNE, 2018



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LIC: SAVED TO SERVE!

The Council of Elders and Pastors heartily welcome you to God's House this Sunday morning: Akwaaba!

YEAR'S THEME: "THE MISSION OF JESUS - A CALL TO PARTNERSHIP"

SUNDAY SERVICE STARTS @ 8: 00AM WITH BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY, 10TH JUNE, 2018 (INTERACTIVE SERVICE)

Officiant: Mr. Dan Agamah

Activity: <Interactive - Questions and Answers>

Speakers: Various

Notices: Dr. Esi Ansah

"It is the LORD who gives wisdom; from him come knowledge and understanding." Proverbs 2:6

Opening Hymn: "Holy Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!"

Hymn: "Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus"

Closing Hymn: "Guide Me O, Thou Great Jehovah"

REFLECTION: Unlike poles never attract

The Christian's perspective is always offensive to the non-christian. The modern accepted perspective of respecting everyone's way of worship, way of getting to God, way of interpreting the Bible and way of living is unchristian, secular and most deceptive. There is a narrow gate and a single narrow way – period!

—JNA (June - 2018)

NEXT SUNDAY, 17TH JUNE, 2018 (COMMUNION SERVICE / FATHERS' DAY)

Officiant: Mr. Kofi-Kakraba Aful

Sermon Topic: "Jesus Teaches on Faith and Forgiveness"

Preacher: Mr. Kofi Duodu Asomaning

Lectors: Mr. Kwame Attrams and Mr. Xose Kakane

Scripture Readings: Numbers 12: 1 - 15 and Mark 11: 20 - 26

Notices: Dr. Esi Ansah



ELDERS ON DUTY

SUNDAY, 10TH JUNE, 2018

Mr. Charles MacCarthy (0244-353522)
Dr. George T-M. Kwadzo (020-8161624)

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Dr. Mrs. Eureka Ahadjie Adomako (0244-281821)
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NEXT SUNDAY, 17TH JUNE, 2018

Dr. Awo Mana Asiedu (0244-575177)
Mr. K.K. Ohene-Adu (0244-631600)



Activity for 10th June, 2018

WORSHIP & EXHORTATION

Leaders:

Nana Agyei Yirenyki-Boafo; Ruth Allotey; Eyram Buame

Time is 4:00pm @ LIC

YOUTH RETREAT on Saturday, 9th June @ 9am in the LIC Sanctuary

Visitors' Reception for JUNE, 2018

Dr. Maureen Iheanacho; Mr. Ebenezer Nortey

JOINT FELLOWSHIP MEETING WILL BE ON SUNDAY, 17TH JUNE, 2018

Refer to your various Area Fellowship group platforms for more details.

Please save the date and plan to be part of this!

LIC EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

Applications for the 2018/2019 academic year may be submitted from now till Sunday, 15th July. Applicants should be registered members of LIC with a minimum of 2 years of membership. The Fund supports vocational, technical and tertiary levels up to First Degree ONLY.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

We publish the banns for the following persons:

- For the SECOND TIME, between Mr. Vincent Kwasi Denteh and Ms. Jessica Nina Johnson both of LIC.
- For the FIRST TIME, between Mr. Benjamin Fosu-Saah of LIC and Ms. Baaba Safoh of Bethel Methodist Church, West Adenta.

Please inform the Pastors or Presiding Elder if you know of any just and valid reason why these persons may not be lawfully joined together in marriage. Kindly keep them in prayer.

PRAYING WITH ONE ANOTHER

The Prayer Ministry requests the under-listed persons to kindly provide the Ministry with their active/current contact numbers and professions as they pray for them this week. The Ministry's week begins on Monday and runs until Saturday.

Mr. Albert Tetteh	Mrs. Joyce Otsyina	Ms. Helena Abena Konadu
Mr. Benjamin Diabah	Mrs. Winnie E. Halm Whajah	Mr. Abraham Otobil Arthur
Ms. Efua Idan Osam	Mr. Francis Amos Whajah	Ms. Precious Cramer
Ms. Grace Dapaah Marfo	Mr. Frederick Ntiamoah	Mr. Dzidzomu Kwasi Anaglo
Mr. Robert Otsyina	Mr. Nii Amarquaye Commey	Ms. Emeffa Lumorshie Aveh

Kindly contact the following people with any two specific prayer requests, latest by 12 noon on Wednesday: Mr. Kofi Yeboah - 0244875493 and Mrs. Ruth Opoku - 0509547267. Also, please update your records with the Church Office.



MID-WEEK SERVICES SCHEDULE AND OTHER PROGRAMMES

YEAR THEME: "THE MISSION OF JESUS — A CALL TO PARTNERSHIP"

Coordinator - Ms. Phoebe Washington-Nortey (024 355 3859)

DATE	TIME	OFFICIANT	ACTIVITY	SERMON TOPIC	PREACHER
Wed. 13-June	6:30pm-8:30pm	Mr. David Avor	BETHESDA MOMENT (John 5:1-9)	To be led by Mr. Kofi Asomaning. Music by the LIC Choir.	
Fri. 22-June	6:30pm-8:00pm		LIC NIGHT AT THE MOVIES - "I Can Only Imagine"		
Sun. 24-June	9:15am-11:15am		INVITATION SUNDAY : Please pick up an invitation card from the Ushers or Church Office and invite an unbelieving relative, friend or colleague as we continue to pray for them.		
Sat. 30-June	4:00pm-7:00pm		40 TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT & AWARDS EVENING: The Bible in Word, Hymns, Songs & Dance		
Mon. 2-July	9:00am-1:00pm		40 TH ANNIVERSARY BARBEQUE (PICNIC – ON SITE)		
Sun. 8-July	9:15am-11:15am		ORDINATION SERVICE FOR MR. JULIUS DUAH COOMSON		
Thurs. 12th to Sat. 14th July			Discipleship Workshop		

◇ PRAYER MEETINGS:

Sunday Morning: Prayer for Sunday Activities @ 7:30 am - 7:50 am; Sunday Evening: In the Conference Room @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm; Monday: In the Vestry @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm; Wednesday: Prayer & Teaching Service @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm in the Sanctuary, except for 'Bethesda Moment' which will be from 6.30 – 8.30 pm; Saturday: Prayer for Missions @ 7:00 - 8:30am on the Right Verandah of the Sanctuary; All Night Prayer Meeting: 1st Friday of the Month @ 10 pm - 4:00 am in the Sanctuary.

◇ BIBLE STUDIES: Sunday: 8:00 - 9:00am; Monday: 6:45 - 8:00pm