

Sermon Summary for 8th July, 2018

“GOD’S APPROACH TO MINISTRY TODAY”

Ephesians 4: 7 - 16; Mark 10: 35 - 45

(Rev. J. F. K. Mensah)

The ordination of a minister is important in the church of God because it is completely Biblical (Lk. 6:12, 13; Acts 6:6, 7; Acts 14:23). It recognizes the gift of God in an individual and grants official recognition to a minister so as to protect the flock from false leaders. Moreover, it allows an individual to respond to God’s call on their lives in a responsible and accountable way, while imparting new spiritual gifts (2 Tim. 1:6) to the ordained. These reasons make the ordination ceremony of our Brother Julius Coomson a truly memorable one, more so since there is no better job than being in the employ of the King of kings and Lord of lords.

The message for the day, however, focuses on God’s approach to ministry today. There are some uncomfortable truths which must be confronted. The first is that **everyone has been sent by God**. Jesus was full of this sense of sent-ness (Jn. 4:34; 6:38; 8:29; 9:4), and made his disciples aware that they were equally on mission (Jn. 17:18; 20:21). We have been sent just like God sent Jesus and John the Baptist (Jn. 1:6). We tend to forget that our lives are not our own and are easily distracted from our life’s purpose by preoccupation with other things. We must always be aware, though, that because we have been sent, we will be required to give account.

Secondly, **every one of us has been gifted**. Even after the fall, God continually provides mankind with natural talents and gifts which are a reflection of his excellent glory. Cain’s descendants were leaders in various fields (Gen. 4:19-22), and this is how come some of the most unexpected people can still be extraordinarily gifted. These natural talents are from birth and provide opportunity for excellence in a human capacity. They are still from God, but are passed on through families, and can usher an individual into glory (Prov. 22:29; Matt. 5:16). After the new birth, however, born-again Christians are additionally given gifts from the Godhead. These are used in serving God and others in a spiritually-empowered way. Both types of gifting are therefore from God, and increase with use and development. We are also held accountable by God for them.

Gifts from the Holy Spirit are manifestations of His presence (1 Cor. 12:7-11), and have been given to each Christian according to His will. Gifts from Jesus Christ are however extensions of the work and ministry of Christ Himself while He was on earth (Acts 1:1; Heb. 3:1; Jn. 3:2; Jn. 10:11, 14; Matt. 21:11; Matt. 4:23-25). These ministry gifts help to sustain the work Jesus began on earth, and they were recognized by the early Church (Acts 21:8; Rom. 1:1; Acts 13:1; 1 Cor. 12:28). Finally, gifts from God the Father (1 Cor. 12:4-6) provide distinct areas of ministry for every individual Christian. These gifts equip and mature the Church (Eph. 4:12, 13), and will result in the unity of the faith. Ordained ministers must therefore serve according to the gifts which God has uniquely given to them. Those gifted with brooms must sweep, while those given cutlasses must weed, instead of the Church expecting every minister to function as a jack-of-all-trades. God bless you as you run with His word.

LIC EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

Applications for the 2018/2019 academic year ends **TODAY 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**.

This Week’s Prayer Topics

✠ Pray asking for a personal revival in your prayer life and also in your commitment to studying and obeying the Word of God; ask that the resurrection power will fully manifest in your life (Romans 8:11; 1 Peter 2:2)

✠ Pray for missionaries and for mission work. Pray over the mission field, asking that the work of Christ will go on smoothly around the world; that God Himself will turn the hearts of men to the gospel making them receptive to His Word. Pray also for His provision, comfort and anointing for missionaries, especially those in difficult mission fields (Matt 28:18-20; 2 Thess. 3:1-3; John 6:44)

✠ Pray for Rev. Julius Coomson, thanking the Lord for his life and for the work He has called him to do in LIC. Ask that the Lord will clothe him with power and anoint him for His work. Ask for the Lord’s protection for his family (Acts 10:38; 1 John 5:14-15)

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

- 15 Jul: Mr. Ebenezer Anaman Eyiah
- 15 Jul: Mr. Derek Sarfo-Yiadom
- 15 Jul: Mr. Joseph Obeng-Sem
- 15 Jul: Nana Kwame Adomako
- 16 Jul: Ms. M. G. Amma Boadi-Siaw
- 16 Jul: Miss Nana Adjoa Senanu
- 16 Jul: Master Senam Arnorl Agamah
- 17 Jul: Mr. Festus Senyo Fiwowoyife
- 17 Jul: Mr. Kwabena Opoku
- 18 Jul: Miss Theresa Aleeza Kippo
- 18 Jul: Master Kweku Yirenkyi-Boafo
- 18 Jul: Mr. Benjamin Richard Andema
- 18 Jul: Ms. Anita Korkor Budu
- 18 Jul: Dr. Awo Asiedu
- 18 Jul: Mr. Yao Geker
- 19 Jul: Ms. Delali Abia Dziedzoave
- 19 Jul: Mr. Bright Benson Boateng
- 19 Jul: Timothy Elikem Harvat
- 19 Jul: Mr. Stephen Amu
- 20 Jul: Ms. Princess Delong
- 20 Jul: Mr. Eric Sinayobye
- 20 Jul: Ms. Maame Kesewa Eshun
- 20 Jul: Mrs. Praise Glah
- 21 Jul: Mr. Joshua Acquaye Addo
- 21 Jul: Ms. Enyonam Kakane
- 21 Jul: Mrs. Nana Asantewaa Afadzino

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 16 Jul: Victor & Grace Nortey
- 16 Jul: Kofi & Aforo Asomaning
- 18 Jul: Mr. & Mrs. Sena Agbeko
- 18 Jul: Joshua & Emily Fiagbedzi
- 18 Jul: Mr. & Mrs. Ankrah
- 21-Jul: Delali & Sylvia Kumaga

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TO

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SUNDAY, 15TH JULY, 2018



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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, 15TH JULY, 2018 (COMMUNION SERVICE)

Officiant: Prof (Mrs.) Regina Appiah-Opong
 Sermon Topic: "Jesus' Authority Challenged"
 Preacher: Mr. Dan Agamah
 Lectors: Mrs. Selassie Agamah and Ms. Stella Nyarko
 Notices: Ms. Phoebe Washington-Nortey
 Scripture Passages: Exodus 5: 1 - 9 and Mark 11: 27 - 33
 Opening Hymn: "Crown Him with many crowns"
 Bible Recital: Master Kofi Effah Kaufman
 Pre-Communion Hymn: "Man of Sorrows! What a name"
 Closing Hymn: "Jesus shall reign"



REFLECTION: Is He Lord or your Lord?

It is possible to recognize Christ's lordship but not submit to Him as Lord of their life. It is possible to be called a Christian but not deserving of the call. It is possible to walk with Christ and not be like Christ. When you know and genuinely believe in His Will yet do your Will out of logic, pleasure or convenience, then you recognize His lordship but questions His Lordship of your life. — JNA (July - 2018)

SCHEDULE FOR TWO SERVICES - STARTS ON SUNDAY, 29TH JULY, 2018

First Service..... 7:00am - 9:00am → At a point in the Service, children will leave for Sunday School (from ages 3 years and above)
BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL 9:15AM - 10:15AM → ALL CHILDREN will be in Meeting Room 1 for their usual sessions
 Second Service..... 10:30am - 12:30pm → At a point in the Service, ALL CHILDREN will leave for their classes

NEXT SUNDAY, 22ND JULY, 2018

Officiant: Dr. Maureen Iheanacho
 Sermon Topic: "Jesus Teaches on Stewardship"
 Preacher: Rev. Yaw Boamah
 Lectors: Mr. Daniel Twimasie and Mrs. Florence Washington-Nortey
 Scripture Passages: Genesis 31: 36 - 42 and Mark 12: 1 - 12
 Notices: Ms. Phoebe Washington-Nortey



Activity for 15th July, 2018

BIBLE STUDY (TREASURE HUNT)

Leaders: Ruth Allotey; Marcie Agyeman; Frances Abedu Quashie
 Time is 4:00pm @ LIC

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY MEETINGS FOR ALL JHS AND SHS LEAVERS ... 12:00NOON — 2:00PM

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

All Bible Study Leaders and Assistants are reminded of their meeting with the Coordinators at 6.30pm on TUESDAY, 24th and THURSDAY, 26th July. Please prepare Lesson 8 (The Book of Judges) BEFORE the meeting.

Visitors' Reception for JULY, 2018

Mrs. Amanda Derban & Ms. Aileen Asafu-Adjaye

SUNDAY, 15TH JULY, 2018

Mr. Charles MacCarthy (0244-353522)
 Dr. George T-M. Kwadzo (020-8161624)
 Mr. Theo Aryee (0204-315133)
 Mr. Samuel Owusu Yeboah (0504441114)

ELDERS ON DUTY

Reception

Dr. Mrs. Eureka Ahadjie Adomako (0244-281821)
 Mr. Kwadwo Otu Addae (0243-367611)

Counseling

Dr. Awo Mana Asiedu (0244-575177)

NEXT SUNDAY, 22ND JULY, 2018

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.

Ms. Sefakor Amabel Agbanu	Master Yooku Anamuah-Mensah	Miss Grace Ellen Naa Kordei Clottey
Ms. Diana A. Asandem	Miss Abena Asare-Konadu	Miss Danielle Naa Klorlor Clottey
Ms. Dionne Baake Reindorf-Partey	Master Nyameye Elorm N. Kumaga	Master Ebenezer Nii Klote Clottey
Mrs. Nancy Gyamfi	Master Dzidzor Kwamena Kumaga	Miss Naa Martekie Mettle
Ms. Dedo Nyako	Miss Faustina Naa Ayele Aryeetey	Master Nii Akoe Mettle

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 - Mr. Tsatsu Adogla-Bessa Jnr. (050 001 8351)

DATE	TIME	OFFICIANT	ACTIVITY	SERMON TOPIC	PREACHER
Wed. 18-Jul	6:30pm-8:30pm	Mr. Stanley Asante-Berko	BETHESDA MOMENT (John 5:1-9)	To be led by Mr. Vincent Dogbey. Music by the LIC Choir.	
			Fri. 20th July: 6:30pm - 8:25pm Sat. 21st July: 7:30am - 4:00pm	Evangelism BootCamp	
SUN. 22-July	3:30pm-6:00pm	VBS TRAINING FOR TEACHERS & VOLUNTEERS (COMPULSORY FOR ALL)			
Wed. 25-Jul	6:30pm-8:00pm	CHRISTIAN LIFE SEMINAR: "Using technology to improve your home life" by Sandra Abrokwa Owusu-Kyeremanten of VIAMO			
Mon. 30th July to Fri. 3rd August		VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018: Deadline to register—TODAY SUNDAY, 15th July Register Wards - http://bit.ly/2ta5Q7f Volunteers - http://bit.do/VBS18-Volunteers T-Shirts - Ghc 20.00; CD/DVD - Ghc 5.00; Pendrive with music (limited copies) - Ghc 30.00			
Fri. 3-Aug	10:00pm-4:00am	Mr. Eugene Birikorang	All-Night Prayer Meeting	BINDING THE STRONG MAN (Luke 11:14-22)	Rev. Samuel Vincent Anshah
Sunday, 5th August 9:15am		Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5pm to 6pm		BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION	

◇ 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