

Sermon Summary for 22nd July, 2018

“JESUS TEACHES ON STEWARDSHIP”

Genesis 31: 36-42; Mark 12: 1-12 (Rev. Yaw Boamah)

From the time Jesus entered Jerusalem, the triumphal entry in Mark 11, the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders were seeking a way to destroy Him. Their only restraint was their fear of how the crowd would react. The crowds were astonished at the teaching of Jesus. At the tail end of chapter 11, these leaders challenged the authority of Jesus but they left without an answer. Jesus only exposed their hypocrisy. It is at this point that the gospel writer informs us that Jesus began to speak to them in parables. Up to this point, Jesus had shared only one parable - the parable of the Sower in chapter 4. He now returns to that mode of instruction.

A parable is a story from everyday life which is told with the aim of teaching a lesson, usually one lesson so you may not see a lesson in every detail of the parable. Through His parables, Jesus taught some profound theological lessons to the understanding of ordinary people without using any high level language.

Mark 12

1. The Master made **maximum provision** for the Tenants (v. 1): Planted- Production was assured or even guaranteed; Fence and tower - Protection was assured; dug a pit for the winepress for processing the fruit. This shows that the tenants did not labour, the Master had made all the preparations for productivity to happen.

2. The Master had **minimum expectation** of the Tenants. He did not ask for wine, or even all of the fruit, but only 'some of the fruit'.

3. The Tenants showed **maximum disrespect** to the Master (v. 3-8). They treated all his servants, and even his heir/son with increasing cruelty and disrespect.

4. **Maximum discipline** of the tenants by the Master. (V. 9)

At the tail end of the parable, Jesus quoted a portion from Psalm 118:22&23 which in His time was well known as a Messianic psalm.

What lesson was Jesus seeking to bring to His hearers? That if you are employed as a caretaker or steward you ought to be faithful and trustworthy? Far more than that.

The verse 12 gives us a clue: “And they were seeking to arrest him but feared the people, for they perceived that he had told the parable against them. So they left him and went away.” (see also Isaiah 5:1-7) First of all, the parable suggests that the nation of Israel has a privileged position in God's plan, God's chosen tenants with a responsibility to produce fruits for their Master. The servants and finally the Master's son are sent to them. But they failed God. Secondly, it speaks of judgment on the Jewish nation for failing to fulfil their part in God's plan. Thirdly, this parable explains Jesus' perception both of his own death and of His relationship to the nation of Israel. He saw Himself as God's last and decisive messenger to the people. He saw Himself in continuity with the prophets, bringing the Word of God and calling people to serve God. He saw Himself as not just a servant like the great prophets of God, but as the beloved Son and heir of the owner of the vineyard. He is the stone the builders, that is the leaders of Israel, will reject but who will be accepted by the new (or faithful Israel) as the cornerstone of the messianic kingdom. To today's believers, the new Israel - Gentiles, wild olive shoots who have been grafted on the olive tree - the rejection of Israel has brought our reconciliation. We should not be proud or lazy but have godly fear and be productive (Romans 11; Ephesians 2:8-10). Not only to bear fruit but the kind that lasts to the glory of God (John 15:16).

COUPLES' FELLOWSHIP

Meets **THIS Sunday**, 29th July, @ 4:00pm—6:00pm at House. No. 15 Lower Hill, University of Ghana; for discussion on, “*Navigating the tough times in marriage*” **All couples are invited!**

This Week's Prayer Topics

✚ Pray for pregnant women in LIC, ask that the Lord will keep them safe and healthy to term, that He will bless them with good health, and protect them from all birth complications (Ps. 139:13-16; Mk. 11:24; Ps. 127:3)

✚ Pray against every spirit of untimely death in LIC; cover every member in the precious blood of the Lamb and pray that every member will fulfill their God-ordained years on this earth to the glory of God (Ps. 118:17; Jn. 10:10)

✚ Pray for all leaders in Ghana, from the presidency to local level leaders. Ask for God's guidance and wisdom for them; pray that they will lead the country in a manner pleasing to God. Pray also that through them, Ghana will experience true progress and development (1 Tim. 2:1-2)

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

29 Jul: Mr. Ibrahim Sorie Kamara
29 Jul: Prof. Samuel Kofi Sefa-Dedeh
29 Jul: Ms. Linda Kpomone Buame
30 Jul: Nana Nimo Appiah- Agyekum
31 Jul: Maame Yaa Akyiaa Barnes
31 Jul: Ms. Akuorkor-Adaku Osuteye
31 Jul: Ms. Akweley-Korkoi Armah
31 Jul: Ms. Lydia L. Addotey
31 Jul: Prof. (Mrs.) Kate Adoo-Adeku
1 Aug: Mrs. Afi Seyram Achoribo
1 Aug: Mr. Johannes Ocran
1 Aug: Mr. Reginald Ofori
1 Aug: Mr. Abraham Worwui
1 Aug: Master. Kwesi Osam Ayensah
2 Aug: Dr. Owen Kaluwa
2 Aug: Yoophi Sarkwah Mensah-Hooper
2 Aug: Master Kimathim Sarpong
2 Aug: Dr. (Mrs.) Shola Safo-Duodu
2 Aug: Mrs. Mawunya Akosua Gyamfi
2 Aug: Mrs. Diana Adu-Amoani
2 Aug: Mr. Terry Akyea
3 Aug: Prof. E. Kweku Osam
3 Aug: Mr. Samuel Mawuli Adadey
3 Aug: Mr. Kenneth Appiah-Opong
3 Aug: Mr. Ebenezer Ato K. Yawson
3 Aug: Mr. Andrew Oduro
4 Aug: Mr. Seth Boahene
4 Aug: Mr. Victor Agyemang
4 Aug: Dr. Kofi Achampong Osei
4 Aug: Mrs. Margaret Ama Offei-Gyasi
4 Aug: Dr. (Mrs.) Regina Appiah-Opong
4 Aug: Very Rev. (Dr.) John Abedu Quashie
4 Aug: Ms. Nana Adwoa Agyemang

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

29 Jul: Nana Kwabena & Akua Boateng
29 Jul: Pastor (Dr.) K. A. & Nana Nyaaako Bilson
29 Jul: Evans & Edwina Amame Owusu
30 Jul: Mr. & Mrs. Nana Appiah-Agyekum
31 Jul: Mawuli & Millicent Agbesi Akoto
31 Jul: Ben & Awo Asiedu
1 Aug: Dela and Karis Adzossii
2 Aug: Edward & Naa Ayele Salakpi
2 Aug: Daniel & Naadu Ofori
2 Aug: John Nee Dian & Victoria Dodo
3 Aug: Theophilus & Abena Aryee
3 Aug: Augustus & Ruth-Anne Richardson
3 Aug: Charles & Evelyn Asante
4 Aug: Elms & Abigail Sarpong
4 Aug: Cyril & Akudey Laryea

WELCOME



TO

LEGON INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, 29TH JULY, 2018



**Influencing Generations
Through Christ-like Discipleship**

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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"

FIRST SERVICE: 7:00AM TO 9:00AM

BIBLE STUDY (NOT OPTIONAL): 9:15AM TO 10:15AM ON SUNDAYS

SECOND SERVICE: 10:30AM TO 12:30PM

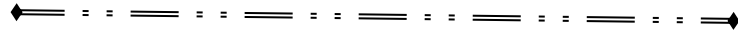
SUNDAY, 29TH JULY, 2018

Officiant for 1st Service: Prof. Esther Sakyi-Dawson
Officiant for 2nd Service: Dr. (Mrs.) Shola Safo-Duodu

Sermon Topic: **"Our Duty to God and Country"**
Preacher: **Prof. E. Kweku Osam**

Lectors for 1st Service: Ms. Amma Korkor Dugan and Mr. Jonathan Ntsiful
Lectors for 2nd Service: Mrs. Juliana Asante-Dartey and Mr. Delali Kumaga

Notices for 1st Service: Ms. Phoebe Washington-Nortey
Notices for 2nd Service: Mr. Nuku Kumaga



Scripture Passages: **Jeremiah 38: 14 - 23 and Mark 12: 13 - 17**

Opening Hymn: "All People that on earth do dwell"

Pre-Sermon Song: "Ancient Words"

Closing Hymn: "Land of our Birth, we pledge to thee"

REFLECTION:

In fighting human authority, you question God's authority and could lead you away from God's plan for you. The authorities unfairly condemned Christ to the cross but ultimately escorted Him to His crown. When your country demands your life for pleasing God, give it. When they demand you disobey God or you lose your life, then, it is better to lose it. You would have pleased God and honored your country. — JNA (July - 2018)

NEXT SUNDAY, 5TH AUGUST, 2018

Officiant for 1st Service: Mrs. Lillian Phillips-Kumaga
Officiant for 2nd Service: Mr. Romeo Bugyei

Sermon Topic: **"The Certainty of the Resurrection"**
Preacher: **Rev. Emmanuel Osaе-Addo**

Lectors for 1st Service: Nana Yaw Ofori-Asumadu and Ms. Linda Buame
Lectors for 2nd Service: Mr. Terry Jumah and Ms. Adelaide Asiedu

Scripture Passages: **Deuteronomy 25: 5 - 10 and Mark 12: 18 - 27**

Notices for 1st Service: Mr. Nuku Kumaga
Notices for 2nd Service: Mr. Kofi -Kakraba Afful

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION WILL BE HELD AT THE SECOND SERVICE



Activity for 29th July, 2018

NO MEETING

Support for VBS set-up

BABY DEDICATION

On Sunday, 12th August, 2018 @ 10:30am.

All who wish to have their babies dedicated should kindly register at the Church Office.

Deadline: Wednesday, 8th August

Visitors' Reception for AUGUST, 2018

Dr. E. Sinayobye; Dr. Awo Asiedu; Ms. Cecilia Adjei

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

We publish the banns for the FIRST TIME, between Mr. Theophil Asamoah-Gyadu of Immanuel Methodist Church, East Airport and Dr. Maame Amankwaa Ofori-Asumadu of LIC.

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.

SUNDAY, 29TH JULY, 2018

Mr. Frank Yaw Yeboah (024 463 6841)
Mrs. Monica Senanu (0244748746)

Mr. Charles MacCarthy (0244353522)
Dr. George T-M. Kwadzo (020-8161624)

ELDERS ON DUTY

Reception

Counseling

NEXT SUNDAY, 5TH AUGUST, 2018

Mr. Theo Aryee (0204-315133)
Mr. Samuel Owusu Yeboah (0504441114)

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

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.

Drew Kristoff Efanam Korkoe Adogla
Miss Theresa Aleeza Kippo
Mr. Elikplimi K. Agbloyor
Mr. Crossby Osei Tutu
Mr. Nelson Mawuli Zotoo

Ms. Sharon Betty Baddoo
Dr. Adelaide A. Asante
Ms. Patience Ampomah
Dr. Louis Asiedu
Dr. Owen Kaluwa

Ms. Victoria M. Baah
Mr. Philip Afari Baah
Mr. Richmond Effah-Mensah
Ms. Angela Dzirzor Kumah
Mrs. Sylvia Ama Sampong Ekremet

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. Emefa Aveh (024 270 1822)

DATE	TIME	OFFICIANT	ACTIVITY	SERMON TOPIC	PREACHER
Mon. 30th July to Fri. 3rd August	8:00am-12:30pm	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018 <i>All parents are encouraged to be at the Closing Ceremony on Friday at 12:30pm prompt!</i>			
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 Ansa
Wed. 8th Aug	6:30pm-8:00pm	Ms. Patience Ampomah	Prayer & Teaching Service	"The Believer's Mission: Exercising faith in hopeless situations" (Exod. 14:10-25)	Rev. Mrs. Agnes Phillips
Wed. 15th Aug	6:30pm-8:30pm	Mr. Kofi Yeboah	BETHESDA MOMENT (John 5:1-9)	To be led by Mr. David Avor. Music by the LIC Choir.	
Sat. 18th Aug - Sun. 26th Aug			YOUTH WEEK, 2018		

◇ 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:** 9:15 - 10:15am; **Monday:** 6:45 - 8:00pm