

Sermon Summary for 5th August, 2018

“THE CERTAINTY OF THE RESURRECTION”

Deut. 25: 5-10; Mark 12: 18-27 (Rev. Emmanuel Osae-Addo)

1. Why the Sadducees came up with that question in Mk. 12:18-27

They accepted only 5 books of Moses (The Pentateuch) as their religious authority. Any doctrine that could not be defended from these five books of the OT, they rejected. They did not believe in the existence of the soul, life after death, angels or demons or the resurrection (Acts 23:8). The question was a hypothetical one:

“If there is anything like a resurrection whose wife would this woman be at the resurrection?” Prove it (Mk. 12:18-27)

2. The Lord’s Response:

Resurrection (according to Richard Longenecker)... is “a restoration of existence... after an interval in the realm of the dead” Biblical instances of people being brought to life:

- Miracles of resurrection e.g. The Widow of Zarepath’s son (1 Kings 17:17-23), The Shunamite’s son (2 Kings 4:18-37) and Elisha’s bones and the corpse (2 Kings 13:20-21). These cannot be described as resurrection accounts. They were restored to their former lives. They died again.

- Righteous people translated into heaven e.g. Enoch (Gen. 5:22-24) Elijah (2 Kings 2:1-12). Again these cannot be described as resurrection accounts. They are miraculous happenings of translation into God’s presence without the taste of death.

- Reincarnation as held by some eastern religions, has no Biblical basis. Human beings were created as responsible moral agents. It is for eternity and therefore seems irreconcilable for human beings to reincarnate into trees, insects, birds etc.

The Sadducees did not understand the scriptures they claimed to uphold, neither did they appreciate the power of God to resurrect the dead. They advertised their ignorance in asking this question.

3. The resurrection’s importance to us today.

The 4 gospel writers had in focus as their flagship the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Their aim was to establish the certainty of the resurrection to us.

Statements in the New Testament establish the certainty of the resurrection.

- Those regarding the bodily resurrection of Christ from the grave to immortality (Rom. 6:9)

- Those having to do with the present spiritual resurrection (Rom. 6: 4, 6, 13, 17)

- Statements declaring a future physical resurrection of believers from death to immortality (1 Cor 15:52)

In all these types of statements the resurrection of the dead has to do with the raising of a person from the dead to a new and permanent life in the presence of God. Christ being the “First fruit” (1 Cor 15:20-23, Jn 11:25) the statements also define the present transformed lives expected of believers in Christ. 1 Cor. 15 emphasizes the certainty of the resurrection.

A study of the question posed by the Sadducees to our Lord rather brings out to us the certainty of the resurrection, which should cause us to say together, “Amen, Come, Lord Jesus!” We need, as believers in Christ, to wait with eagerness and prepare for it earnestly. (1 Jn. 3:2 & 3)

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, 21st and **THURSDAY**, 23rd August.

Please prepare **Lesson 9** (The Book of Judges) **BEFORE** the meeting.

This Week’s Prayer Topics

✚ *Pray for believers across the globe: ask that the eyes of our understanding will be enlightened so we may become fully aware of our mission on earth and attend to it with all urgency (Eph. 1:18-20; Rom 12:11; 1Pet 4:10)*

✚ *Pray for God’s provision for all Christian organizations; asking that the Lord will cause their work to be fruitful, drawing many into His kingdom (Ps 50:10; Phil. 4:19; 2 Pet. 3:9)*

✚ *Pray against worldly influences and false teachings that have crept into the Church; ask the Lord to raise up a generation of Christians who will seek the truth, stand firm in the faith and contend for it. Ask that the scales covering the eyes of the followers of false teachers and prophets will fall off in Jesus’ name (2 Cor 4:4; Jude 3-4; 1 John 5:14-15)*

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

Aug 12: Mr. Richard Akomatey
Aug 12: Mr. Tetteh Suomi MacCarthy
Aug 12: Rev. Austin Okomohwo
Aug 12: Ms. Beatrice Anamuah-Mensah
Aug 12: Mr. Enock Kofi Anku
Aug 13: Ms. Yvonne Twumwaa Antwi
Aug 13: Ms. Mary Buremoh
Aug 13: Ms. Abena Takyiwa Yeboah
Aug 13: Miss Marcia Antwi Manu
Aug 13: Mrs. Lydia Addotey
Aug 14: Ms. Josephine Ekuwa Saighoe
Aug 14: Mr. Daniel Kojo Twimasi
Aug 14: Mr. Godfred Amoah
Aug 15: Mrs. Nana Ama Agyeman
Aug 15: Ms. Juliana Appiah
Aug 15: Dr. Aaron Abuosi
Aug 16: Mrs. Ama Pokuua Fenny
Aug 16: Mr. Kyekyeku Agyeman
Aug 16: Mr. Benjamin Gafa
Aug 16: Mrs. Judith E. Baiden
Aug 17: Mr. Henry D. L. Allotey
Aug 17: Mr. Nana Kofi A. B. Bame
Aug 17: Mrs. Eunice Wambugu
Aug 17: Mr. Peter Yaw Larbi-Yeboah
Aug 18: Mr. Seveamenu E. Anku-Quarcoo
Aug 18: Mr. Mawuli Agbesi Akoto
Aug 18: Ms. Mabel Adei Kotey

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Aug 12: Isaac & Nana Ama Agyeman
Aug 12: Yaw & Naa Anyele Perbi
Aug 13: Ezra & Josephine Blasu
Aug 13: Kofi & Elizabeth Osei
Aug 14: Mr. & Mrs. Labi Ansah-Koi
Aug 18: Oswald & Dinah Agbeko

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TO

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SUNDAY, 12TH AUGUST, 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"

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, 12TH AUGUST, 2018

Baby Dedication



Officiant for 1st Service: Mrs. Isabella Agra

Officiant for 2nd Service: Mrs. Bernice Offie

Sermon Topic: **"The Great Commandment"**

Preacher: **Rev. Yaw Boamah**

Lectors for 1st Service: Mr. Arnold Poku-Adu and Ms. Davis Kaufmann

Lectors for 2nd Service: Mr. Kweku Afful and Mr. Julian Larbi-Akor

Notices for 1st Service: Mr. Nuku Kumaga

Notices for 2nd Service: Mr. Kofi-Kakraba Afful

Scripture Passages: **Micah 6: 6 - 8 and Mark 12: 28 - 34**

Opening Hymn: "God reveals His presence"

Pre-Sermon Song: "Hark, my soul! it is the Lord"

Closing Hymn: "Higher Ground"

REFLECTION: The greatest commandment

The beauty of Jesus's answer to the Scholar, was not just the summary of hundreds of laws into just two – love God and love one another but that, he ultimately summarized them into one great commandment – God. You cannot love another as yourself unless you love yourself. You cannot love yourself unless you love God and you cannot love God unless He teaches you because love is of God and God is love. And love is not love unless it is given so He taught us by giving Himself to us – not His love but Himself. — JNA (August - 2018)

NEXT SUNDAY, 19TH AUGUST, 2018 (COMMUNION SERVICE)

Officiant for 1st Service: Mr. Cudjoe Amenyah

Officiant for 2nd Service: Dr. Awo Mana Asiedu

Sermon Topic: **"David's Son or David's Lord?"**

Preacher: **Mr. Theo Aryee**

Lectors for 1st Service: Miss Frances Abedu Quashie and Mr. Daniel Twimasie

Lectors for 2nd Service: Miss Joana Asante and Mr. Fred Buame

Scripture Passages: **Jeremiah 23: 5 - 8 and Mark 12: 35 - 40**

Notices for 1st Service: Mr. Nuku Kumaga

Notices for 2nd Service: Mr. Kofi-Kakraba Afful



Activity for 12th August, 2018

MOVIE

Leaders:

Tsatsu Adogla-Bessa; Victoria Kotey; Nke Opoku

Time is **4:00pm @ LIC**

Visitors' Reception for AUGUST, 2018

1st: Ms. Cecilia Adjei; Mrs. F. Washington-Nortey

2nd: Dr. E. Sinayobye; Dr. Awo Asiedu

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

We publish the banns for the THIRD and FINAL 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.

ELDERS ON DUTY

SUNDAY, 12TH AUGUST, 2018

Dr. Awo Mana Asiedu (0244-575177)

Mr. Frank Yaw Yeboah (024 463 6841)
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NEXT SUNDAY, 19TH AUGUST, 2018

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

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

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. Sanick Amoah-Nti	Mr. Emmanuel Mishiwo	Mr. Ebenezer Agbedanu
Mr. Hope D. Ewudor	Mr. Andy Asante	Mr. Prince Y. Adonu
Ms. Maame Yaa Adomaa Aboagyee	Mr. Believe Quarcoo Dedzo	Ms. Vanessa A. S. Agbemor
Mr. Edem Seshie	Ms. Sarah N. Nikoi	Mr. Emmanuel Y. Lartey
Mr. Thomas T. Sarpong	Mrs. Sylvia Ekremet	Ms. Nancy K. Nyakoe

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
Wed. 15-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.	
Fri. 17-Aug - 6:00pm - 7:30pm		CHILDREN MINISTRY'S 40TH ANNIV. QUIZ WITH NEIGHBOURING CHURCHES			
Wed. 22-Aug	6:30pm-8:30pm	YOUTH WEEK 40TH ANNIVERSARY QUIZ All Ministries should nominate 2 members to represent them.			
Sat. 18th Aug - Sun. 26th Aug		YOUTH WEEK, 2018 (JOINT SERVICE FOR YOUTH SUNDAY)			
Fri. 31-Aug	6:30pm-8:30pm	NIGHT OF PRAISE AND ADORATION			
Sunday, 2nd Sep		ANNUAL HARVEST AND THANKSGIVING SERVICE			
Fri. 7-Sep	10:00pm-4:00am	Mr. Kofi Osew	All-Night Prayer Meeting	LET MY PEOPLE GO (Exodus 10: 1-26)	Pastor Selassie Mawuenyega
Fri. 14-Sep	6:30pm-8:00pm	LIC NIGHT AT THE MOVIES			

◇ **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