

Sermon Summary for 9th September, 2018

"SACRIFICIAL GIVING"

1 Chron. 29: 6-18; Mark 12: 41- 44 (Rev. Yaw Boamah)

The subject of 'giving' is not a regular feature on our preaching calendar, which is sad. The familiar story of the poor widow's sacrificial giving in the Temple still has some useful lessons for us today.

Relationship: The people who came into the Temple did so because they had a relationship with the Lord. They were not tourists. They were worshippers and dropping money into the treasury box was not a meaningless act. It was part of the expression of their worship of the Living God. And so was this poor widow. She came as a worshipper and gave because of the relationship she knew she had with Jehovah. (Gen. 12:1&2) There was the giving of self before the giving of substance. (see Deut. 6:4-5; Exodus 25: 1,2) Here is the lesson: nobody gives money to secure a relationship with God. However, everyone who has the right relationship with God gives to promote God's work.

Obedience: Her giving was also an act of obedience. As a worshipper (Jew) her God had instructed her to do so. (2 Kings 12: 9-12)

Faith: The poor widow's giving showed that she relied on God for her upkeep not on her purse. "For the others put in what they had to spare of their riches; but she, poor as she is, put in all she had – she gave all she had to live on." (Mark 12:44 GNB; see also Proverbs 3:9&10)

She also gave **freely** without being compelled by anyone. God loves a cheerful giver (2 Cor. 9:7; see also 1 Chron. 29: 16-18) In fact, if there was somebody there directing how to give, she probably wouldn't have had the opportunity to give because what she had was very little.

She gave out of her Poverty (sacrificially). The point the Lord makes here is instructive: It is not the portion that is given but the proportion that is important! It is more about the quota (the percentage) than the quantum (the amount). Poverty should not be a barrier to giving to the Lord. (2 Cor. 8: 1&2)

In the end, her giving was noticed (even applauded) by the Lord who is all-knowing. She was, unknown to her, commended by Jesus. Her giving caught the attention of the Lord and He shared it as a lesson point with the disciples.

Therefore, God is interested in how we give only if we already belong to Him, if we have a relationship with Him. If not, then our giving does not impress Him even though it may be sacrificial. On the other hand, if we have become beneficiaries of this amazing love then He expects us to give sacrificially to His cause. And how do we do that?

- It must be based on our relationship with Him: I belong to you, therefore, all I have also belongs to you.
- In obedience to His command.
- Out of faith in His ability to provide for our every need.
- Freely, without compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
- And assured that we have a God who sees and rewards accordingly.

INFORMATION FROM CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

1. To give your Tithe — place the amount in an envelope; label as 'TITHE' and drop it in the Basket during offertory or request for a brown envelope from the Ushers for this purpose.
2. If you have been or intend to worship with us beyond 6 months, you are encouraged to visit the Church Office to regularize your membership. This will help you settle well in the LIC Family and also give us a chance to get to know you better.
3. If you want to receive the Weekly Bulletin as well as other important details on WhatsApp, kindly send a message with your name to the LIC Whatsapp number—054 200 0687, also printed on the front page of the Weekly Bulletin.

This Week's Prayer Topics

✚ Pray that God's agenda for Ghana will be firmly established. Ask that every contention over the will of God concerning the nation will be brought to nothing in Jesus' name (Matt 6:10; Dan 4:35; Prov. 19:21)

✚ Pray for all those who are weary and wavering in their faith: Ask that the Lord will revive them, increase their faith and guard their hearts. Pray also that none will fall away (Luke 17:5; Matt 7:7; Phil 4:6-7)

✚ Pray for the Pastors and Leadership of LIC: Ask for God's covering and protection for them. Commit their families into the hands of the Lord and come against every plan and scheme of the enemy against their lives and families (Isa 54:17; 1 John 5:14-15)



CONGRATULATIONS!!! BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

- 16-Sep: Mr. Senanu Dzidotor Dzakpasu
- 17-Sep: Mr. Oluwatobi Sanuade
- 17-Sep: Mrs. Charity Agyenim Boateng
- 17-Sep: Ms. Princess-Melissa Washington-Nortey
- 17-Sep: Mr. Victor Kwadjo Tweneboaa
- 18-Sep: Mrs. Florence Mirabelle Washington-Nortey
- 18-Sep: Mr. Godfred Osei Antwi
- 19-Sep: Mr. Obodai Wentum
- 19-Sep: Mr. Albert Bilson
- 19-Sep: Mr. Denis Achiri Tange
- 19-Sep: Mr. Prince Yawson Amattoe
- 19-Sep: Ms. Awura Adwoa Ayisibea Addae
- 20-Sep: Master Kojo Ankapong Afranie
- 20-Sep: Mrs. Alice Sena Lamptey
- 20-Sep: Ms. Annie-Lois Ama Acheampong
- 20-Sep: Dr. (Mrs.) Comfort Freeman
- 20-Sep: Master Yooku Anamuah-Mensah
- 21-Sep: Mrs. Grace Appiah-Agyekum
- 21-Sep: Ms. Felicia Adenike Gbadeyan
- 21-Sep: Dr. Yvonne A.D. Agbetsoamedo
- 21-Sep: Yaa Gyasiwah Nhyiriba Odoom
- 22-Sep: Mr. Oswald Kwaku Agbeko
- 22-Sep: Mr. Clarence Amenyah
- 22-Sep: Dr. Maureen Iheanacho
- 22-Sep: Ms. Yaa Asiedua Gyasi
- 22-Sep: Mrs. Phyllis Ansu Delong
- 22-Sep: Mr. Lord Clifford Kavi

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 17-Sep: Mr. and Mrs. Moncar
- 18-Sep: Yaw and Marian Yeboah
- 18-Sep: Cosmas & Delali Badasu
- 18-Sep: Kennedy & Theresa Fosu
- 20-Sep: Edem & Naa Afi Agra
- 21-Sep: James and Akofa Anabam
- 22-Sep: Kwame and Efua Ohene-Adu

WELCOME



TO

LEGON INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHURCH SUNDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER, 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, 16TH SEPTEMBER, 2018 (COMMUNION SERVICE)

Officiant for 1st Service: Mr. Dan Agamah
Officiant for 2nd Service: Mr. Romeo Bugyei

Sermon Topic: **"Signs of The End - I"**
Preacher: **Rev. Julius D. Coomson**

Lectors for 1st Service: Ms. Gloria Adinyira and Mr. Fred Buame
Lectors for 2nd Service: Ms. Asibi Ofori and Mr. Kwame Attrams

Notices for 1st Service: Mr. Kofi-Kakraba Afful
Notices for 2nd Service: Dr. Millicent Cobblah



Scripture Passages: **Daniel 12: 1 - 3 and Mark 13: 1 - 23**

Opening Hymn: *"Praise, my soul, the King of heaven"*
Communion Hymn: *"Are you washed in the Blood?"*
Closing Hymn: *"Jesus, keep me near the Cross"*

REFLECTION: Stand watch

When the clouds darken, the storms rage and the thunder strikes, we take cover expecting the rains. Nothing else matters and we stand watch for the rains. We are certain of the rains because we are certain of the signs and we do not need to know the exact minute the rains will pour. We do not need to know the exact day The Lord will come because we are certain of the times. Are you standing watch?
— JNA (September - 2018)

NEXT SUNDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER, 2018

Officiant for 1st Service: Mr. Cudjoe Amenyah
Officiant for 2nd Service: Mrs. Efua Ohene-Adu

Sermon Topic: **"Signs of The End - II"**
Preacher: **Rev. Julius D. Coomson**

Lectors for 1st Service: Mrs. Jackie Larbi-Akor and Mr. Terry Jumah
Lectors for 2nd Service: Ms. Amma Korkor Dugan and Mr. Edward Addotey

Scripture Passages: **Isaiah 13: 6-13 and Mark 13:24-37**

Notices for 1st Service: Mr. Kofi-Kakraba Afful
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Activity for 16th September

JOINT AREA FELLOWSHIP

Meeting at individual respective areas

Visitors' Reception for SEPTEMBER, 2018

1st: Mr. Ebenezer Nortey
2nd: Dr. Maureen Iheanacho

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

We publish the banns for the following persons:
1. For the **FIRST TIME**, between **Mr. Kenneth Kwesi desBordes** of Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Kumasi and **Ms. Josephine Afriyie Acheampong** of LIC.
2. For the **FIRST TIME**, between **Mr. Eric Otu Amankwa** of Great Tower Congregation, E. P. Church, Ashaley Botwe and **Ms. Elorm Sika Yankah** 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.

Are you a student or national service personnel, seeking to deepen your relationship with God? ...then sign up for **ONE** of the Week-days LIC Discipleship sessions. Monday to Friday: 3-4pm (Level 100); 4-5pm (Continuing Students); 6:30-8pm on Thursdays (Medical Students and National Service personnel). You don't need to be an LIC member to join. Call 0241487506 for more details.

SUNDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER, 2018	ELDERS ON DUTY	NEXT SUNDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER, 2018
Dr. Awo Mana Asiedu (0244-575177)	Reception	Mr. Charles MacCarthy (0244353522) Dr. George T-M. Kwadzo (020-8161624)
Mr. Frank Yaw Yeboah (024 463 6841) Mrs. Monica Senanu (0244748746)	Counseling	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. Clement Mensah Okey	Mr. Isaac Anyimiah	Mr. Emmanuel Tetteh
Ms. Lois Saah Ntim	Ms. Portia Dede Opare	Ms. Theodora Tetteh
Mr. Shine Selasi Kutor	Mrs. Henrietta Terko Kwansa-Bentum	Mr. Samuel Adjornor
Ms. Melody Asante	Ms. Vivian Amoako Kyereme	Mr. Edwin Berfi Ofosu
Ms. Gloria Adinyira	Ms. Irene Awuku-Asabre	Mr. Yaw Agyemang Sarpong

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. David Avor (020 762 8947)

DATE	TIME	OFFICIANT	ACTIVITY	SERMON TOPIC	PREACHER
Wed. 19-Sep	6:30pm-8:30pm	Mrs. Ruth Opoku	BETHESDA MOMENT (John 5:1-9)	To be led by Mr. Eugene Birikorang. Music by LIC Choir.	
Sat. 22-Sep	9:00am-2:00pm	LIC WOMEN'S FORUM: Register to attend at https://goo.gl/forms/3DeOj6O6zzFNg8v2 Bazaar begins at 2.30pm on the Lawn. The entire LIC Family is invited to come see and buy.			
Wed. 26-Sep	6:30pm-8:00pm	CHRISTIAN LIFE SEMINAR: "Conversation with Dr. Paul Opoku-Mensah, Executive Director, National Cathedral of Ghana"			
Friday, 28th to Saturday, 29th Sep.	EVANGELISM BOOTCAMP				
Saturday, 29th Sep.	SINGLES' SUMMIT 2018: LIC YOUTH MINISTRY & JOYFUL WAY INC.				
Fri. 5-Oct	10:00pm - 4:00am	Mr. Tsatsu Adogla -Bessa Jnr.	All-Night Prayer Meeting	EMPOWERED TO WITNESS (Acts 1: 8; 4: 24 - 31)	Rev. Julius D. Coomson

◇ **PRAYER MEETINGS:**
Sunday Morning: Prayer for Sunday Activities @ 7:30am - 7:50am; Sunday Evening: In the Conference Room @ 6:30pm - 8:00pm; Monday: In the Vestry @ 6:30pm - 8:00pm; Wednesday: Prayer & Teaching Service @ 6:30pm - 8:00pm in the Sanctuary, except for 'Bethesda Moment' which will be from 6.30 - 8.30pm; 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 - 4:00am in the Sanctuary.
◇ **BIBLE STUDIES:** Sunday: 9:15 - 10:15am (for 2 Services); 8:00 - 9:00am (for Joint Services); Monday: 6:45 - 8:00pm
◇ **REHEARSALS:** LIC BAND: Tuesdays @ 7:00pm - 9:00pm LIC CHOIR: Saturdays @ 4:00pm - 7:00pm