Sermon Summary for 16th September, 2018

"SIGNS OF THE END - I"

(Rev. Julius D. Coomson)

Daniel 12: 1-3: Mark 13: 1-23

It is often said that everything with a beginning has an end. In Mark 13, Jesus teaches us that, the Jewish temple and our world will one day come to an end. The end of the world will take place when Jesus returns. How are we to respond to the information Jesus gives us about the end?

Our knowledge of Eschatology (the study about the end time) should not lead us into unhealthy arguments, but rather, help us prepare our hearts to meet the Lord Jesus.

Jesus had declared the temple barren when he cursed the fig tree (Mark 11:15-19) but his disciples were still impressed with the outward appearance of the temple (v1). Jesus again reminds them of the fate of the temple (v2) which led them to ask in v3&4 (and Matt. 24:3): 1. when the temple will be destroyed, 2. what signs will indicate its destruction and 3. what the sign of Jesus' return and of the close of the age will be. Jesus' answer is from vv5-37. In summary, Jesus indicates that the period before He returns will be characterized by intense period of distress (tribulation). Daniel also prophesied about this in Daniel 12:1-3.

Verses 5-13 and verses 15-23 show the first and second parts of the tribulation respectively. Four things characterize vv5-13:

1) Deceit (v6): by false messiahs. If Jesus warned his core disciples to be careful about this (v5) then we also need to be very careful. We shouldn't forget that if the authority of the true Messiah is rejected, false messiahs can and will become substitutes. Is Jesus Christ the Lord of your life?

2) Warfare (v7-8a)

3) Natural disasters (v8a). Jesus taught that these do not indicate that the end has arrived but show the beginning of the tribulation (v8b).

4) Persecution .: This can be categorized into official (v9-11) and relational (v12-13) types. Jesus encourages us that persecution should propel the proclamation of the gospel (v10) and not kill its fire. We shouldn't forget that we are not alone. The Holy Spirit is with us (v11).

The abomination that leads to desolation (v14) will usher in the second part of the tribulation, often called the Great Tribulation due to the intense distress which will characterize the period (v19). The abomination that causes desolation is mentioned three times in Daniel 9:24-27; 11:31; 12:11 and in 2 Thess. 2:3-10. We learn that it concerns a ruler who will enter into a contract to protect Israel but will frustrate it midway and set himself up in God's place demanding worship. He will ultimately be destroyed by the Lord Jesus (2Thess 2:8). Jesus warns the Jews to flee from Judea when this happens.

Jesus cautions us to be on guard so that these things do not take us by surprise (v23). Are we being diligent or will they take us by surprise?

LIC INTERDENOMINATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP

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. Just choose any one of the meeting days and show-up. Call 0241487506 for more details.

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 WEDNESDAY, 3rd and Thursday, 4th Oct.

Please prepare Lesson 11 (The Book of Judges) BEFORE the meeting.

This Week's Prayer Topics

Pray that every LIC member will be focused on living the holv and godly lives God expects of us in the Last Days: that we will look forward to that day and eagerly wait for His 2nd coming (2Pet 3:10-12; Mark 13:23)

- Prav for all the ministries in LIC: pray for commitment from members to the various ministries God has called them to: ask that members will be faithful to their calling, never lacking in zeal serving the Lord (Romans 12:11. Colossians 4:17)
- Prav for senior citizens in LIC: Prav for strength and good health for them especially as they age. Pray also that their love for the Lord will never grow cold, that though outwardly they are wasting away, yet inwardly, they will be renewed day by day (2 Cor. 4:16; Deut. 34:7)

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

Sep. 23: Mrs. Rita Acquah Aqvarko Sep. 23: Mr. Desire Atimpo Sep. 23: Dr. Kim Kvouna Ok Sep. 23: Theo-Vince Nii Lankwei Lamptey Sep. 23: Mr. Daniel Mensah Kwabi Sep. 24: Mr. Randolph Kwesi Johnson Sep. 24: Mr. Kwabena Opoku-Mensah Sep. 24: Mr. Elikplimi K. Agbloyor Sep. 24: Ms. Stella Nartev Sep. 24: Mr. Wolanyo Kudzo Agra Sep. 25: Mr. Kwaku Baah Obeng Sep. 25: Ms. Akua Baawa Obeng Sep. 25: Mr. Lawrence Yirenkvi-Boafo Sep. 25: Ms. Petronella Nvirneda Sep. 25: Ms. Rachel A. K. Agyemang Sep. 25: Mr. Emmanuel Otoo Sep. 26: Kennedy Emmanuel K. Fosu Sep. 26: Nana Adu Ofori-Asumadu Sep. 26: Mr. Henry Tetteh Manor Sep. 26: Mr. Nathaniel Adibuer Sep. 26: Ms. Portia Konadu Yiadom Sep. 26: Ms. Nipaa Adae Karikari Sep. 27: Mr. Stanley Asante-Berko Sep. 27: Mrs. Sarah Ago Sep. 27: Ms. Dzifa Aku Mensah Sep. 27: Mr. Richard B. Annor Sep. 28: Ms. Nganso Beatrice Tchuidsang Sep. 29: Mr. Mawufemor Kwadzo Sep. 29: Mr. Josiah Ekow Taylor Sep. 29: Miss Naa Martekie Mettle WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES Sep 29: Ebenezer and Adelaide Akwesi Sep 29: Mr. and Mrs. Thompson

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ТΟ LEGON INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHURCH SUNDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER, 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, 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

Notices for 1st Service:	Mr. Kofi-Kakraba Afful		
Notices for 2nd Service:	Dr. Millicent Cobblah		
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Scripture Passages:	lsaiah 13: 6 - 13 and Mark 13: 24 - 37		
Opening Hymn:	"Head of Thy church triumphant"		
Opening Hymn: Song Ministration:	LIC Choir		
Closing Hymn:	"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun"		

REFLECTION: The news of His second coming...

Every opportunity to remind ourselves of the 2nd coming of Jesus Christ should excite Christians because it will transition us from this world where we are considered misfits, homeless and persecuted daily to a place we can call our home. Yet the thought of Jesus' 2nd coming frightens Christians and some wish He wasn't coming sooner because they have made the world their home. — JNA (September - 2018)

	NEXT SUNDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2018	
Officiant for 1st Service:	Mrs. Lillian Phillips-Kumaga	
Officiant for 2nd Service:	Mr. Ben Asiedu	
Sermon Topic:	"The Stage is set for Jesus' Death"	
Preacher:	Rev. Yaw Boamah	
Lectors for 1st Service:	Mrs. Jessica Nina Denteh and Mr. Caleb Sackey	
Lectors for 2nd Service:	Mrs. Afia Serwaa Attrams and Mr. I. Kofi Agamah	
Scripture Passages:	Psalm 31: 9 - 15 and Mark 14: 1 - 11	
Notices for 1st Service:	Ms. Phoebe Washington-Nortey	
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SUNDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER, 2018 Mr. Charles MacCarthy (0244-353522) Dr. George T-M. Kwadzo (020-8161624) Mr. Theo Aryee (0204-315133) Mr. Samuel Owusu Yeboah (0504441114)		Reception	ELDERS ON DUTY <u>Reception</u> <u>Counseling</u> <u>Reception</u> Dr. Mrs. Eureka Ahadjie Adomako (0244-281821) Mr. Kwadwo Otu Addae (0243-367611) Dr. Awo Mana Asiedu (0244-575177) Mr. K.K. Ohene– Adu (0244-631600)			
The Prayer Ministry requests the under-listed persons to kindly provide the Ministry with their active/current contact number professions as they pray for them this week. The Ministry's week begins on Monday and runs until Saturday. Mr. Sona Ebai Ms. Williams Ohenewa Mr. Cuthbert Drew Ebow Ess Mrs. Linda Ebai Ms. Deborah Nuamah Kesewaa Ms. Victoria Chimbwanda Mr. Yaw Agyemang Sarpong Ms. Cordie Aziz Mr. Henry Nii Akwei Allotey Mr. Kevin Osei Agyemang Ms. Grace Korankyewaa Pae Mr. Godfred Ashitey Amarh Kindly contact the following people with any two specific prayer requests, latest by 12 noon on Wednesday: Mr. Kofi Ye Ved.44875493 and Mrs. Ruth Opoku - 0509547267. Also, please update your records with the Church Office.					nbwanda wei Allotey Adeku tey Amarh Mr. Kofi Yeboah	
Mid-Week Services Coordinator - Mr. David Avor (020 762 8947)						
Date	Тіме	OFFICIANT	Αςτινιτγ	SERMON TOPIC	PREACHER	
Wed. 26-Sep	6:30pm- 8:00pm	CHRISTIAN LIFE SEMINAR: "Conversation with Dr. Paul Opoku-Mensah, Executive Director, National Cathedral of Ghana"				
Friday, 2 Saturday, 2	8th to 9th Sep.	EVANGELISM BOOTCAMP				
Sat. 29-Sep	9:30am- 3:15pm	SINGLES' SUMMIT 2018 IN THE LIC SANCTUARY: LIC YOUTH MINISTRY & JOYFUL WAY INC.				
Sat. 29-Sep	2:00pm- 5:00pm	FRESHERS' RECEPTION ON THE LIC LAWN: For all freshmen of University of Ghana				
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	
Wed. 10-Oct	6:30pm- 8:00pm	Mr. William Berko Asamoah	Prayer & Teaching Service	"The Believer's Mission: Ordained to be fruitful (John 15: 1-16)	Rev. Mrs. Agnes Phillips	
8:00pm; <u>M</u> Sanctuary, the Right V BIBLE STL	rning: Pray onday: In except for 'E erandah of t IDIES: Sun	the Vestry @ 6:30p Bethesda Moment' wł he Sanctuary; <u>All Nig</u>	m - 8:00pm; <u>Wednesday</u> nich will be from 6.30 – 8. <u>ht Prayer Meeting</u> : 1st Fr (for 2 Services); 8:00 - 9:	Sunday Evening: In the Conference R Prayer & Teaching Service @ 6:30p 30pm; Saturday: Prayer for Missions @ iday of the Month @ 10 pm - 4:00am in th 00am (for Joint Services); Monday: 6:4 LIC CHOIR: Saturdays @ 4:00pm - 7:	m - 8:00pm in th 7:00 - 8:30am o ne Sanctuary. 5 - 8:00pm	