

7.15 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION Colour: GREEN

Theme: **ENEMIES OF POSSIBILITIES**

(v) Ungodliness

Celebrant: Revd. Olawole Faloye

Stewards on Duty: Group A

1. **Opening Hymn:** A&MRW 597 (*Old Hundredth*)
2. **Introductory Sentence:** *"For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out."* Romans 7:18
3. **The Preparation** (Page 170)
4. **Collect for Purity and Gloria in Excelsis** (Page 171)
5. **Summary of the Law** (Page 172)
6. **Words of Comfort** (Page 175)
7. **Confession to Collect** (Pages 175-176)

8. **Collect:**
O God, for as much as without You we are not able to please You; mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

9. **Epistle:** Romans 1:18-32 - **Mr. Jide Ladeinde**
10. **Gradual Hymn:** A&MRW 649 (*Heathlands*)
11. **Gospel:** Matthew 16: 1- 12 **Revd. Olawole Faloye**
12. **Sermon:** **Revd. Canon 'Kunle Dina**
13. **Creed:** (Page 178)
14. **Intercession:**(Pages 183-184) **Mrs. Abiola Ladeinde**
15. **The Peace** (page 186)
16. **Offertory Sentence:** *"Put to death, therefore, whatever be longs to your earthly nature : sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry."* Colossians 3: 5
17. **Offertory Hymn:** A&MRW 685 (*Tune A&MRW 588 - Sagina*)
18. **Preparation of Gifts to Eucharistic Prayer** (Pages 187-190)
19. **Breaking of Bread to Anthem:** (Pages 190-193)
20. **Prayer of Humble Access:** (Pages 193-194)
21. **Communion Sentence:** *"Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives tales; rather, train yourself to be godly."* I Timothy 4: 7
22. **Administration:** (Page 194)
23. **Hymns during Administration:**
 - (i) A&MRW 621 (*Repton*)
 - (ii) A&MRW 331 (*St. Fulbert*)
 - (iii) A&MRW 436 (*Tune A&MRW 231 - Regent Square*)
 - (iv) A&MRW 787 (*St. Bees*)
 - (v) A&MRW 694 (*Vienna*)
 - (vi) A&MRW 423 (*Unde Et Memores*)
 - (vii) A&MRW 445 (*Everton*)
24. **Post Communion Hymn:** A&MRW 652 (*CWM Rhondda*)
25. **Post Communion Prayer:** *Gracious God, by your body and blood, we renounce every act of ungodliness and obtain grace to live a holy, righteous, sanctified and godly live through the love of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.*
26. **The Lord's Prayer to Thanksgiving Prayer** (Pages 195-196)
27. **Thanksgiving at the Altar:**
- Family Harvest
28. **Notices:**
29. **Spiritual Tonic: Isaiah 14: 1a**
30. **Benediction to Dismissal:** (Page 196)
31. **Withdrawal Hymn:** A&MRW 784 (*Morning Light*)
At the Organ: Mr. Princewill Ubani

9.15 A.M. CHORAL MATTINS

Cantor: Revd. Henry Mooh
Responses: **Sope Johnson in D**
Theme: **ENEMIES OF POSSIBILITIES**

(v) Ungodliness

1. Processional Hymn: A&MRW 696 (*Wareham*)
2. Call to Worship:
3. Confession and Absolution
4. Venite: T.K.E. Phillips in A Flat
(From Sacred and Solo Works)
5. Psalm: 91 - SPCP 237
6. 1st Lesson: 1 Samuel 2: 12-17, 27-36 - Mr. Adewale Adefisan
7. Benedictus: Tunde Sosan in E
8. 2nd Lesson: Romans 1: 18-32 - Mr. Adewale Adefisan
9. Te Deum: T.K.E. Phillips in A Flat
(From Sacred and Solo Works)
10. Creed to 3rd Collect
11. Anthem: O pray for the peace of Jerusalem
- Herbert Howells
12. Hymn before Sermon: A&MRW 335 (*St. Peter*)
13. Sermon: Canon Residentiary
14. Intercession: Revd. Henry Mooh
15. Hymn for Offering: A&MRW 807 (*Newington*)
16. Thanksgiving at the Altar
- Family Harvest
- A year memorial - Pa Johnson B.A. Olowole
A&MRW 299
17. Notices:
18. ***Spiritual Tonic: 2 Corinthians 5:20***
19. Conclusion to Benediction
20. Final Amen: Sope Johnson in D
21. Withdrawal Hymn: A&MRW 748 (*Wolvercote*)
At the Organ: Mr. Jola Adeosun
Choral Conductor: Mr. Princewill Ubani

9.15 A.M. CATHEDRAL YOUTH CHURCH

Conductor: Chaplain

1. Opening Hymn: A&MRW 696 (*Wareham*)
2. Call to Worship
3. Praise and Worship
4. Psalm: 91
5. Bible Reading: Romans 1: 18-32
6. Special Number
7. Message:
8. Creed, Collects and Intecession/Creed to Prayers
9. Sunday Offering: Choruses
10. Notices
11. Prayer and Benediction
12. Closing Hymn: A&MRW 748 (*Wolvercote*)

9.15 A.M. CHILDREN'S CHURCH/SUNDAY SCHOOL

TOPIC: THE REWARD 1

Worship Leader: Aunty Jumoke Ajayi

1. Choruses
2. Opening Hymn: C.H 464
3. Bible Reading: I Corinthians 9: 24-27
4. Creed to Prayers:
5. Hymn: C.H 485. (Offering to be taken)
6. Closing Prayer
7. Closing Hymn - from Pamphlet
8. Children go to their various classes

11.15 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST

37th Anniversary – Busy Bees Women’s Society

Theme: **ENEMIES OF POSSIBILITIES**

(v) **Ungodliness**

Celebrant: Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi

Communion Setting: Berthold Tours in C

1. Hymn: A&MRW 754 (*Hannover*)
2. Introit: **A Prayer of Saint Patrick - John Ruther**
3. **Introductory Sentence:** *“For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.” Romans 7:18*
4. **The Preparation** (Page 170)
5. **Collect for Purity and Gloria in Excelsis**(Page 171)
6. **Summary of the Law** (Page 172)
7. **Words of Comfort** (Page 175)
8. **Confession to Collect** (Pages 175-176)
9. **Collect:**
O God, for as much as without You we are not able to please You; mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.
10. **Epistle:** Romans 1: 18-32 **Busy Bees Women’s Society**
11. **Gradual Hymn:** A&MRW 793 (*Tune: A&MRW 784 - Morning Light*)
12. **Gospel:** Matthew 16: 1-12 **Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi**
13. **Sermon: Canon Residentiary**
14. **Creed:** (Page 178)
15. **Intercession:**(Pages 183-184) **Busy Bees Women’s Society**
16. **The Peace** (page 186)
17. **Offertory Sentence:** *“Put to death, therefore, whatever be longs to your earthly nature : sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.” Colossians 3: 5*
18. **Offertory Hymn:** A&MRW 537 (*Tune: MHB 35-Noricum*)
(Please drop all your envelopes)
19. **Preparation of Gifts to Eucharistic Prayer** (Pages 187- 190)
20. **Breaking of Bread to Anthem:** (Pages 190 -193)
21. **Prayer of Humble Access:** (Pages 193 -194)
22. **Communion Sentence:** *“Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives tales; rather, train yourself to be godly.” I Timothy 4: 7*
23. **Hymns during Administration:**
 - (i) A&MRW 357 (*Old Hundredth*)
 - (ii) A&MRW 640 (*Warrington*)
 - (iii) A&MRW 650 (*Faithfulness*)
 - (iv) A&MRW 614 (*Tune A&MRW 194 - Lux Eoi*)
 - (v) A&MRW 796 (*Niagara*)
 - (vi) A&MRW 278 (*Nicaea*)
 - (vii) A&MRW 599 (*Tune A&MRW 539 - Darwall’s 148th*)
 - (viii) A&MRW 749 (*St. Botolph*)
24. **Post Communion Hymn:** A&MRW 826 (*Darwall’s 148th*)
25. **Post Communion Prayer:** *Gracious God, by your body and blood, we renounce every act of ungodliness and obtain grace to live a holy, righteous, sanctified and godly live through the love of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.*
26. **The Lord’s Prayer to Thanksgiving Prayer** (Pages 195-196)
27. **Thanksgiving at the Altar:**
 - a) **Dedication of New Members/Officers**
 - b) **Cathedral Busy Bees Women’s Society**
29. **Notices:**
30. **Spiritual Tonic: 2 Corinthians 5:20**
31. **Benediction to Dismissal:** (Page 196)
32. **Final Amen: Four - Fold Amen - ‘Tunde Sosan**
33. **Withdrawal Hymn:** A&MRW 691 (*Truro*)

At the Organ: Mr. Jola Adeosun

Choral Conductor: Mr. ‘Jimi Olumuyiwa

3.00 p.m. SPECIAL COMMUNITY HYMN SINGING
HOST: YONG WOMEN CHRISTINA ASSOCIATION

SUNDAY 15/10/2023 Day 288

Bible in a year: Jeremiah 23,24; John 9

Points for Prayer:

- ❖ *The Rt. Revd. Stanley D. Fube, Bishop of the Diocese of Langtang*
- ❖ *Mrs. Eunice Fube, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Langtang.*
- ❖ *Mr. Oluwagbemiga Kasomo, (Treasurer Lagos Archdeaconry).*
- ❖ **The Diocese of Nasir (Upper Nile, South Sudan).**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Mrs. Nike Akinola, Mrs Gladys Oluwatosin Dabiri, Mrs. Sholabomi Oyebisi, Mrs. Olubunmi Aje (nee Olaomo), Master Oluwarotimi Mabudu, Miss Favour Oluwatosin Williams, Miss Olatunde Ekundayo Ogutuga, Master Emmanuel Oluwatimilehin Spaine, Mrs. Tolani Siwoku (nee Holloway), Master Chimeka Wogu, Miss Oluwatoyin Oluwaloseyi Sofowora, Miss Hearthy Chidinma Ijezie, Mrs. Olatunde Babarinde, Miss Oluwanitemi Ajeigbe, Master Samuel Ayodeji Osundina.

❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**

Mr. & Mrs. Akin Ajeigbe, 63rd Wedding Anniversary.

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) *Pa Johnson Bamidele Agboola Olowole, 1 year's mind*
- (ii) *Madam Adeshomi Aduke Oshodi, 13 years' mind*
- (iii) *Mrs. Gladys Olatobi Oni, 13 years' mind*
- (iv) *Mrs. Sarah Oluremi Samuel, 27 years' mind*
- (v) *Madam Mercy Mairamu Williams, 29 years' mind*
- (vi) *Mr. Pius Imafidon Fadaka, 29 years' mind.*

❖ **Family Intercession:**

Families of *Dansaaki (Lt.Col) Adeleye Samuel Agbede (rtd), Prince Adeyimika Ademiluyi, Chief (Dr) Oluyomi Finnih, CPA, Mr. Jide Ladeinde, Mr & Mrs. S. Abidogun, Mr. Olusola Adigun, Femi Ajana, Late Mrs. J.M. Aluko, CPA, Late HRH Oba Ademola, Mr. Steve Amihere, Mr. Olatunji Dada Balogun, Brodie-Mends, Late Chief Gordon Edegware, CPA, Princess Adenike Adeniran, Mr. Olumide Duggan, Late Revd. Canon Lawrence Chuku Nwaka.*

❖ **Prayer for Businesses**

Cuatro Quatre Ltd, Choice Cellar Limited, Tund's Tund's, F. Jays Limited, Rooftop Engineering Nig. Plc, Alta Marea Ltd., Hopscotch Limited, Hopscotch School, Mays Hopewell Limited, Chapel Hill Denham Advisory Limited, Chapel Hill Denham Management Ltd, Chapel Hill Denham Securities Ltd, PaxHill Minerva Ltd, Middle C. School of Music (South Africa), M.K.O. Ademakinwa & Company, Holmen Consulting Limited, Trendytech9ja IT Solutions, Retro Construction Company Ltd, Retro Real Estate Ltd. Eatonhill Invest Ltd.

SUNDAY 15/10/2023 - MEETINGS

9.00 a.m. There will be a meeting of The Koinonia.

after Mattins:

- (i) *There will be a meeting of the Mothers' Union at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.*
- (ii) *The Monthly General Meeting of the Choirwives/Choir Parents Association will hold in the Choir Vestry.*
- (iii) *The Monthly General Meeting of the Cathedral Missionary Society will hold at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.*
- (v) *There will be a meeting of the Girls' Guild at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.*

11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. Clinic

CALL ON ANY DOCTOR OR NURSE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY 16/10/2023

Colour: GREEN

Day 289

6.45a.m. Bible in a year: *Jeremiah 25,26; John 10*

Holy Communion

Celebrant: **Revd. Canon Kunle Dina**

Epistle: I Cor. 13

Gospel: Matthew 10: 5-15

Points for Prayer

- ❖ The Rt. Revd. N. N. Inyom, Bishop of the Diocese of Makurdi.
- ❖ Mrs. Becky M. Inyom, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild Diocese of Makurdi.
- ❖ The Revd. Victor Opeyemi Adeyemo.
- ❖ **Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America.**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Mrs. Edowaye Tokunbo Iyamu, Mr. Samuel Iboro Akpan, Mr. Adebola Adeyemi Fayemi, Miss Ojevire Evabeta, Mrs. Bolanle Akinla-Amu, Mrs. Otolurin Gbajabiamila, Mrs. Olufunke Mabel Joe-Iyalla, Miss Adetutu Adedoyin, Mrs. Lydia Akinyanju, Mrs. Ayodele Akinmarin, Miss Oluwakemi Ogunbayo, Ms. Joy Donubari Yowika.

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) Ms. Bernice Olujimi Fetuga, 13 years' mind
- (ii) Revd. John W. Worley, 37 years' mind.
- (iii) Mrs. Ethel Omotola Ayodele, CPA, 23 years' mind
- (iv) Revd. Isaiah Imona-Russel, 62 years' mind.

4.00 p.m. Women Bible Class/Bible Study - *Let Us Rebuild* by Ladies Armour Bearer (Lady Akin-Taylor)

TUESDAY -17/10/2023

Colour: GREEN

Day 290

Bible in a year: *Jeremiah 27,28; John 11*

6.45a.m. **Holy Communion**

Celebrant: **Revd. Henry Mooh**

Epistle: I Cor. 14: 13-25

Gospel: Matthew 10: 16-23

Points for Prayer

- ❖ The Rt. Revd. David K. Bello, Bishop of the Diocese of Otukpo.
- ❖ Mrs. E.T. Bello, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Otukpo.
- ❖ The Revd. Tajudeen Bamidele Akande.
- ❖ The Revd. Oluleye Bolaji Oluwadare.
- ❖ The Revd. Engr. Innocent Chiemejoghmi Jiji.
- ❖ **The Diocese of Namibia (Southern Africa).**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Mrs. Olubukunola Onikepo Smith, Mrs. Winifred Nnebuogo Nwamaka Iyadunni Daniel, Master Gbowoade Orekoya, Mrs. Aduke Modupeolu Thorpe, Mr. Yemi Ojeahere, Miss Adeola Osunkoya, Miss Adetounse Ademiluyi, Miss Pamela Aghogho Dan-Egua, Mr. Akinkunmi Bailey, Mrs. Morinola Okenla.

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) Mr. Sigismund Aboyade-Yebovi, 2 year's mind
- (ii) Mr. Adebayo Olonode, 14 years' mind.
- (iii) Mrs. Roseline Kehinde Kuti, 25 years' mind.
- (iv) Mrs. Eunice Amana Moore, 26 years' mind.
- (v) Pa Omomeji Kehinde, 58 years' mind.

6.00 p.m. **Choir Practice**

WEDNESDAY -18/10/2023 Colour: RED

Day 291

St. Luke The Physican

Bible in a year: Jeremiah 29-31; Psalm 119:1-24

6.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Provost

Epistle: 2 Tim. 4: 5-13

Gospel: Luke 10: 1-9

Points for Prayer

- ❖ The Most Revd. Henry C. Ndukuba, Archbishop Metropolitan and Primate of all Nigeria and Bishop of the Diocese of Abuja.
- ❖ Mrs Angela Ndukuba, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Abuja
- ❖ Ven. Omotayo Julius Aduloju
- ❖ 19th Wedding Anniversary of the Ven. Adebayo & Mrs. Oluwayemisi Olayinka
- ❖ **The Area Mission in Navajoland (Province VIII, Episcopal Church of USA).**

- ❖ **Birthday Intercession:**
Ven. Julius Omotayo Aduloju, Mr. Babafemi Babajide Vaughan, Mrs. Folashade Adeteju Ekisola, Mr. Toluwalase Philips, Mrs. Olayinka Paul, Mr. Sotonwa Akinyemi Sowemimo, Mr. Emmanuel Chukwuma Wogu, Miss Abimbola Rhoda Abisiga, Mr. Orokenwyu Rex Ahoda, Mr. Olufemi Araba, Miss Mary Fashoranti, Mr. Oluwagbeminiyi Olugbenle, Mr. Oluwakorede Olugbenle, Master Isaac Ajakaiye, Mr. Rotimi Olu-Steven, Miss Marvelous Osinachukwu Mooh, Ms. Babra Sokoromo.

- ❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**
Prof. & Dr. (Mrs.) Samuel Adetunji Ademiluyi, 53rd Wedding Anniversary.

- ❖ **Memorial Intercession:**
 - (i) Chief Adedotun Adeolu Adeseye, 4 years' mind
 - (ii) Mrs. Victoria Arinola Ajayi, 6 years' mind
 - (iii) Mrs. Oluwabusola Ajayi-Bembe, 11 years' mind
 - (iv) Mr. Olatunji Sowande, 24 years' mind
 - (v) Arc. Adesanya Adeyemi, 26 years' mind
 - (vi) Rt. Revd. I.G.A. Jadesimi, 47 years' mind

5.00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY 19/10/2023

Colour: GREEN

Day 293

Bible in a year: Jeremiah 32,33; John 12

6.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi

Epistle: I Cor. 14: 26-33A, 37-40

Gospel: Matthew 10: 31-42

Points for Prayer

- ❖ The Rt. Revd. Markus Magudu Dogo, Bishop of the Diocese of Kafanchan
Mrs. Rahila Nana M. Dogo, President, Mothers Union, Women's Guild and Girls' Guild, Diocese of Kafanchan.
- ❖ Mrs. Modupe Okupevi.
- ❖ Mrs. Esther Amarachi Ezeji.
- ❖ **The Diocese of Ndokwa (Bendel, Nigeria).**

- ❖ **Birthday Intercession:**
Mrs. Comfort O. Oyeleye, Miss Omotola Makinwa, Mr. Archibald Babatunji, Mr. Ayoola O. Nelson-Cole, Prince Adeyemi Olaoluwa Karunwi, Mr. Emmanuel Oluyomi Ajilo, Mr. David Adeleye Conde, Mr. Obafemi Tade, Miss Olutukeayo Falomo, Mr. Babatunji Jackson

- ❖ **Memorial Intercession:**
 - (i) Olori Victoria Durojaiye Ademola, 23 years' mind.
 - (ii) Mr. Jonathan Olukoya Oguntuyo, 31 years' mind.
 - (iii) Commodore Edwin O. Kentebe, 38 years' mind.

6.00 p.m. Choir Practice

FRIDAY – 20/10/2023 Colour: GREEN

Day 293

Bible in a year: Jeremiah 34,35; John 13

6.45 a.m. Celebrant: Canon Residentiary

Epistle: I Cor. 15: 1-6

Gospel: Matthew 11: 1-6

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *The Rt. Revd. Moses Bukpe Tabwaye, Bishop of the Diocese of Gwagwalada.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Rebecca P. Moses, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Gwagwalada.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Oluwamayomikun Coker*
- ❖ **The Diocese of Nebbi (Uganda).**

❖ **Birthday Intercession for:**

Mr. W. Babatunde Thomas, Mrs. Christiana Olabisi Olujuigbe, Mrs. Roli 'Bode-George, Mrs. Aronke Nylander, Mrs. Yejide Owootomo, Mr. Zeberu Imoudu, Mr. Dehinde Harrison, Mr. Abdul Damilola Fika, Miss Olayide Elizabeth Ogun, Miss Jokotola Teniola, Master L. Wogu, Miss Adeola Opemipo Fetuga, Miss Miracle Omolaye Ibrahim, Miss Praise Onipede, Miss Wittoria Oluwapemisire Agbana, Miss Tolu Aboso.

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) *Mr. Samuel Olufemi Asekun, 8 years' mind*
- (ii) *Mr. Ebenezer S. Oyewole, 22 years' mind.*
- (iii) *Mr. T.A.B. Adekunle, 31 years' mind*
- (iv) *Mr. Samuel Ebunoluwa Menson, 67 years' mind*

5.00 p.m. Men's Bible Class

SATURDAY – 21/10/2023

Colour: GREEN

Day 294

Bible in a year: Jeremiah 36,37; Psalms 119: 25-48

7.45a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Olawole Faloye

Epistle: I Cor. 15: 12-29

Gospel: Matthew 11: 7-15

Points for Prayer:

- ❖ *The Rt. Revd. Godwin Ajayi Robinson, Bishop of the Diocese of Lafia.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Afinikei Ikokaza Robinson, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Lafia.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Nkechi Obioma Ezenwa.*
- ❖ *16th Wedding Anniversary of The Revd. Nelson & Mrs. Blessing Onyenuwe*
- ❖ **The Diocese of Nasik (North India).**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Mrs. Yetunde Odumosu, Mrs. Bamidele Adebunmi Onimisi, Mrs. Mary Ebunoluwa Oso, Master Babatunde Sowemimo, Mrs. Olubukola Jukwey, Miss Adaeze O. Isiadingo, Miss Adaeze Ogochukwu Chime, Mr. Ayotunde Fabanwo, Mr. Charles Temitayo Fetuga, Mr. Oluwadara Olufon, Miss Annabel Adanna Onuoha, Mrs. Mabel Sheyin, Chief Stephen Adeleye John, Mr. Ezinwa Samuel Ibegbulem, Miss Jesulayomi Adelegan, Mrs. Oluyemisi Aiyegbusi.

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) *Mrs. Tejumade Doherty, 10 years' mind*
- (ii) *Ven. Festus Akinyele Akinola, 24 years' mind.*

Bible Study Outline

**THEME: GOD'S CHILDREN AS PILGRIMS TO THE HEAVENLY KINGDOM:
MANIFESTATION OF GOD'S REIGN ON EARTH**

SUB-THEME: Challenges to Manifestation as Pilgrims to heavenly Kingdom 6

TOPIC: Economic Challenge

TEXT: Gen 26:1-2, 12-22

AIMS:

i. to affirm that economic challenges are part of our world and

ii. to show how PILGRIMS TO HEAVENLY KINGDOM can manifest irrespective of these challenges, including poverty and hunger.

INTRODUCTION

Though Isaac was a direct descendant of God's promise of blessings to Abraham, he still found himself in a land ravaged by famine. In fact, nowhere in scripture did God promise a life free of challenges, and this include economic challenges; usually in the forms of poverty, hunger and difficulty in catering for basic needs. These also characterize our present world. Jesus, our Lord, underlined this truth by comforting us in John 16:33.

STUDY GUIDE

1. How do you understand Economic challenge in Biblical context? Read Gen.26:1; 2Kings 6:25-29.
2. How can economic challenges affect our manifestation as Pilgrims to heavenly kingdom? 2Kings 4:1; Mk 8:2-4; Acts 6:1; and how can we overcome them? Rom.15:25-26.
3. What consolation would you give a Christian brother/sister who is going through economic hardship, poverty and challenges? Rom 8:18; 2Co 4:17; 1Pe 1:6-7; 4:13.
4. What can the Church or fellowship of Christians do to alleviate the pains of a suffering believer? Acts 11:28-30; Rom.15:26-27.

CONCLUSION: Economic challenges are real and inevitable; but true Christians – Pilgrims to heavenly kingdom can face them with courage and wisdom. However, our hope should be built on the fact that our Lord has overcome the world and has prepared something better for us in eternity.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Economic hardship is terrible, but God is faithful.

MEMORY VERSE: John 16:33 - These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

SPIRITUAL TONIC FOR THE WEEK

2 Corinthians 5:20

“We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.”

Thank You Father for counting me worthy to be Your ambassador on earth. Today, I declare upon my life that I will be a channel of blessing to my generation. I will be a solution and not a problem. I shall be a shining light of Your glory. Through your power working in me, I will destroy every deed of darkness known to me in my little corner. Together with Your other children, I will labour to enthrone You Lord over our nation. So shall it be. In Jesus mighty name I pray.



ANGLICANISM FAST FACTS

39 ARTICLES OF RELIGION

ARTICLE III, IV & V

VI. Of the Sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures for Salvation.

Holy Scripture contains all things necessary to salvation; so that whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not to be required of any man, that it should be believed as an article of the Faith or be thought requisite or necessary to Salvation. In the name of the Holy Scripture, we do understand those Canonical Books of the Old and New Testament, of whose authority was never any doubt in the Church.

VII. Of the Old Testament.

The Old Testament is not contrary to the New: for both in the Old and New Testament, Everlasting Life is offered to Mankind by Christ, who is the only Mediator between God & man, being both God and Man. Wherefore they are not to be heard, which feign that the old fathers did look only for transitory promises. Although the Law given from God by Moses, as touching Ceremonies and Rites, do not bind Christian men, nor the Civil precepts thereof ought of necessity to be received in any commonwealth: yet notwithstanding, no Christian man whatsoever is free from the obedience of the Commandments which are called moral.

TITHE:

Remember to pay your Tithe*

(into Cathedral Zenith Bank Account Number)

1013180620

(The tithe is a tenth of all our increase)

'You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field, year by year' Deut. 14:22.

SUSTENTATION

Please pay your Sustentation/Church Dues (for the upkeep of the Church to: First Bank: **2000519164**

(Kindly indicate the following: Name & Sustentation No)

157, BAMBOSE BUILDING PROJECT

Please pay all donations toward the project into Cathedral Access Bank Account Number: **0773948851**

(I Chronicles 29:14)

PAYMENT INTO CHURCH'S ACCOUNTS

"Honour the LORD with your possession... so your barns will be filled with plenty". Proverbs 3: 9&10.
Your kind and generous donations to the Cathedral will be highly appreciated. Below are the Church's Bank Accounts.

No	PURPOSE	BANK	ACCT NO
1.	Social Welfare Service Unit	Polaris Bank	1770128010
2.	Cathedral Clinic	First Bank	2000514561
3.	Donations/Sunday Collection/Thankoffering	GT Bank	0124088211
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5.	Sustentation	First Bank	2000519164
6.	Family Harvest/Harvest Donations	FCMB	0130543010
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FOR YOUR OFFERINGS AND OTHER DONATIONS. GOD BLESS YOU.

FAMILY HARVEST 2023 (WK11)

Sunday, 15th October, 2023

The following families will be called to the altar.

1. Gboyega Banjo Family
2. Family of Late Yinka Lijadu
3. Family of Late Prof. & Mrs. Oladele Akinla
4. Prince & Olori Adegoke Ademiluyi, CPA
5. Sir Jide and Lady Ololade Oki, CPA
6. Gbenga & Yejide Owootomo
7. Mr. & Mrs. Alfred O. Ore-Dawodu
8. Mr. Olawale Anthony Kunle-Ajakaiye
9. Miss Iyabo Aboaba
10. Late Mr. Samuel Olagbaju
11. Mr. & Mrs. Cosmos Enyioko
12. Lady Susan Akin-Taylor
13. The Okwusi
14. Late Sir Adeyemo & Lady Ayo Alakija
15. Okikiade Olusola
16. Comfort Oyewunmi
17. Mrs. Augusta Folashade Ojo
18. Dr & Mrs. Olusegun J. Johnson
19. Dr & Mrs. Bolaji Akinola
20. Late Mr. E.O. Tayo
21. The Adeyeye
22. Late Dr. J. Akanni Doherty
23. Mrs. Bamidele Abiola
24. Elufioye-Johnson
25. Obada-Obieh P.
26. Late Sir Josiah C. Onumonu, KSC
27. Family of late Mr. Johnson Olowole
28. Mr. & Mrs. Abolade Adeleye Olatunji
29. Mr. Israel Amadi
30. Pa I.O.S. Osisanya
31. Mrs. T.A. Iremiren, OON and Family
32. Chief Mrs. Patience Sokoromo Family
33. Family of Late Chief B.I.D. Ezeogu
34. Family of late Dr. S.U. Okoli
35. Omoroba Omoroluwo Omo Agboke Toyinbo Family of Egba, Abeokuta Union Family
36. Family of late Adekunle Baderinwa Adeluwoye
37. Mrs. Modupeola Sowemimo-Coker

May the good LORD continue to enlarge the coast of our families.

FAMILY HARVEST 2023 (WK 12)

Sunday, 22nd October, 2023

The following families will be called to the altar

1. Mrs. Lydia Bandele Onafeko, OFR, CPA and Family
2. Family of Late Arc. Akinwande Craig
3. Mr. & Mrs. Gbolaga Ajayi, CPA
4. Mr & Mrs. Olumide Sofowora, SAN
5. Mr & Mrs. Sylvester Oputa Family
6. Joy Olufunmilayo Pratt
7. The Fadaka Family
8. The Adekitan Family
9. The Ademuyiwa Family
10. Nnamdi Emmanuel Ozochukwu Family
11. Mr & Mrs. Sebanjo Family
12. Mrs. Kehinde Adekoya Family
13. Mr. Alaba and Mrs. Oluranti Unuefa
14. Prince Lanke Ademiluyi Family
15. Esther Onuoha and Family
16. Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Fadeyi
17. Mr. Sunday and Mrs. Olauwunmi Folorunsho
18. Mrs. Gbemisola Esho Family
19. Sam C. Apakama Family
20. Mrs Constance M.A.N.O. Ishie
21. Princess Victoria E. Otunba-Payne Family
22. Falodun Abayomi Family
23. Family of Dr & Mrs. O. Sowunmi
24. Mr. Olubode & Mrs. Aduke Thorpe
25. Family of Late HRH Oba Engr. Onadeko
26. Adebayo Alaba Family
27. Aderibigbe Shamonda Family
28. Mr. & Mrs. Ntomchukwu Robinson Okonkwo
29. Mrs. Bimbo Oyenuga Family
30. Lt. Col. Sade Odunaike Family
31. Mr. L.O. Olowoselu Family
32. Mr. John Jacobson Family
33. Mrs. Esther Asubiaro-Adewuyi Family
34. Mr. & Ms. Deola Shonibare Family
35. Family of Late Mrs. Ruth Elizabeth Okonedo
36. Mrs. Kemi Adebawale and Family
37. Late Mr. E. O. Tayo and Family
38. Omoroba Omoroluwo Omo Agboke Toyinbo Family of Egba, Abeokuta Union
Family

May the good LORD continue to enlarge the families.

FAMILY HARVEST 2023 (WK 13)

Sunday, 29th October, 2023

The following families will be called to the altar

1. Family of Late Mr & Mrs. D.O. Ogun
2. Ayoko Oyewunmi Family
3. Mr. & Mrs. Femi Akinrolabo
4. Family of late Amb. E.O. Fowora
5. Family of late Mr. Olusegun Kokumo
Johnson
6. Brodie Mends Family
7. Jumoke Adeniyi-Jones
8. Family of late Mr. Andrew Ekwe
Kutojo
9. Family of late Mrs. Subuola Odunsi-Bode Thomas
10. Ms Bimpe Alaba and Family
11. Mr. & Mrs. M.A.O. Kehinde,CPA
12. Chief Gbola Akinola,SAN,CPA and
Family
13. Family of late Bankole Babatunde
Daniel
14. Chijioke Okoli,SAN and Family
15. Prince Adegoke Ademiluyi,CPA
16. Late Ruth Elizabeth Okonredo Family
17. Mrs. Abosede Rebecca Peters
18. Late Richard Gbadebo & Eunice Titilola Onafeko Family
19. Family of late Dansaki Samuel
Adeleye Agbede
20. Mrs. Maria Eruada and Family
21. Mrs. Gladys Ayodele Aberdeen &
Family
22. Chief & Mrs. Bode George

23. Family of Late Adelola Martins
 24. Family of late Chief E.A.O. Shonekan, CBE,GCF,CPA
 25. Prince Dapo Opeaye and Family
 26. Family of Late Revd. P.O. Osa
Ogbomo
 27. Ven. Godwin Oludotun Otubanjo
Family
 28. The Adebogun Family
 29. Revd. Henry Mooh Family
 30. Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi
Family
 31. Revd. Olawole Faloye Family
 32. Revd. Canon Adekunle Dina Family
 33. Revd. Canon Emmanuel Fadipe
Family
 34. Ven. Uchenna Ubadinobi Family
 35. Ven. Henry Adelegan Family
 36. Very Revd. Dr. Adebola Ojofeitimi Family
- May the good LORD continue to enlarge the families.*

WOMEN'S CORNER

16/10/2023 - Health Talk - Autoimmune Diseases by **Dr. (Mrs) Oluchi Okafor**

23/10/2023 - Contemporary Issue - Christian Education in National Development by **Revd. Henry Mooh**

Payment of Sacrifice

- Women's and Girls' Organisations

May God bless and prosper you as you give monthly towards Women's work in the Diocese. Thank you for giving to the Lord.

Kindly make cheques payable to Womens' & Girls' Organisations, Diocese of Lagos.

THIS MONTH IN THE HISTORY OF THE CATHEDRAL - OCTOBER

- By Church History Sub-Committee

2004

Oct.26 The first African Anglican Bishop

to Conference was held at the Archbishop

Nov 1 Vining Memorial Cathedral Church, Ikeja, Lagos, with the theme "Africa comes of Age - An Anglican Self Evaluation".

Oct.31 The Cathedral played host to six Bishops including the Archbishop of Uganda who preached the sermon at 7.15am Holy Eucharist, and the Bishop of Zambia who shared the word with the congregation at 9.15am Mattins. The day was concluded with an Open Air Holy Eucharist at Onikan Stadium.

NEEDS OF THE CATHEDRAL

Donations are vital to the Cathedral's future, and your gift will make a difference.

Kindly donate towards the purchase of any of the items listed below. Thank you.

- i. Risograph Printing Machine @ N4.5m
- ii. Cisco 350X-24 MP Switch for CCTV cameras @ \$1500
- iii. Transformer and Tape Guide for the Lift car in the Cathedral House @ \$3000
- iv. D-link Switch - DGS-1210-28P @ NGN230K
- v. IP Camera @ NGN1,196,000
- vi. One 1.5 hp Airconditioners @ N220,000 each
- vii. Two 2 hp Airconditioners @ N300,000 each

OBAFUNKE AKINKUGBE GIFT SHOP IS NOW OPENED. VISIT THE SHOP FOR YOUR BRANDED GIFT ITEMS, COFFEE AND SNACKS. THE SHOP OPENS DAILY EXCEPT ON MONDAYS. THANK YOU.

SUNDAY 22/10/2023

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
(Pentecost 21)

Stewards on Duty: **Group B** Colour: **GREEN**

7.15 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION (SAID)

Theme: **ENEMIES OF POSSIBILITIES**

(vi) Unforgiveness

Celebrant: **Ven. Adebayo Olayinka**
N.T. Reading: Romans 12:9-21 **Mr. Enyinnaya Akagha**
Gospel: Matthew 18: 23-35 **Ven. Adebayo Olayinka**
Address: **Ven. Henry Adelegan**
Prayers: **Mrs. Chioma Akagha**
Thanksgiving at the Altar

9.15 a.m. CHORAL MATTINS

Theme: **ENEMIES OF POSSIBILITIES**

(vi) Unforgiveness

Cantor: **Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi**
Sermon: **Ven. Adebayo Olayinka**
OT. Reading: Jonah 4: 1-11 **Dr. (Mrs.) Funmilayo Doherty**
N.T. Reading: Romans 12: 9-21 **Mrs. Aleshinloye Williams**
Prayers: **Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi**
Thanksgiving at the Altar

9.00 a.m. *There will be a meeting of The Koinonia.*

After Mattins

- (i) *The Young Women's Christian Association will meet at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.*
- (ii) *The Monthly General Meeting of the Cathedral Ladies Helpers' Union and the Youth Wing will take place at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.*

(iii) There will be a meeting of the **Girls' Guild** at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.

After 11.15 a.m.

Communion The Statutory Meeting of the Standing Committee will take place at the Chapter House.

11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. Clinic

CALL ON ANY DOCTOR OR NURSE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.

11.15 a.m. **SUNG EUCHARIST**

Theme: **ENEMIES OF POSSIBILITIES**

(vi) **Unforgiveness**

Celebrant **Rev. Olawole Faloye**
N.T. Romans 12: 9-21 **Guild of Stewards**
Gospel: Matthew 18: 23-35 **Rev. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi**
Address: **Ven. Adebayo Olayinka**
Prayer: **Guild of Stewards**
Thanksgiving at the Altar

5.00 p.m. **EVENING OF PRAISE**

WELCOME

A warm welcome to this and every worship in this Cathedral. Whether you have come from far or near, may you find real joy and inspiration in this service. We are very happy to see you and hope that you will come again.

GENERAL NOTICES

1. Busy Bees Women Society

We congratulate and rejoice with the President and members of the Cathedral Busy Bees Women's Society as they celebrate their 37th Anniversary today. May the good LORD continue to enlarge their coast.

2. St. Luke's Day:

According to tradition, he was the author of the Third Gospel and of Acts. He was a physician (Col.4:10) and it has been inferred from Col. 4: 11 that he was a Gentile. He accompanied St. Paul on parts of his second and third missionary journeys (Acts 16: 10-17, 20:5-21) and went with him to Rome. According to tradition recorded in the Anti-Marcionite Prologues, he wrote his Gospel in Greece and died at the age of 84. We celebrate him **Tuesday, 18th of October.**

3. A Day with the Lady of Virtue (Women's & Girls' Organisation)

This programme is taking place on Saturday, 4th November, 2023 in all Archdeaconries of the Diocese between 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Year 2023 Lady of Virtue is ACHSAH (Jos. 15: 16-19, Judges 1: 12-15)

4. Cathedral Dues:

The Sustentation from **January to September, 2023** is ready. Please check online (www.thecatherallagos.org/onlinepaymentportal.php) and the Membership Desk to ensure your name, duplex number and the amount contributed are correct.

5. Upcoming Youth Programme

Cathedral Cup

A football competition between the Youth teams of the Cathedral Church of Christ, Archbishop Vining memorial and St. Jude's Ebute Metta. **From 14th to 28th October, 2023.**

You can contact the Youth Chairman, Michael Agbogidi, for more details on 08029180308.

6. Budget 2024

All Groups and Ministries should endeavour to send in their budget proposals for **2024** to the Provost or the Parish Accountant on or before 24th November, 2023

7. 2023 Calendar of Worship and Events:

All Societies and Service Units are enjoined to forward their year 2023 events with dates to the Provost for the compilation of **2023 Calendar of Worship and Events** not later than **end of November 2023.**

8. Annual Report 2023

All Societies, Sub-Committees and Service Units are to please send a one-page report of their activities for the year 2023 to the Secretary, Standing Committee, **Mr. Soji Kuboye** by email to sojikuboye@yahoo.com before **December 31.**

9. 2023/2024 Admission of Lagos Anglican Dioceses Bible College:

The Lagos Anglican Bible College forms for admission into Certificate, Diploma and Advanced Diploma Course in Biblical Studies for session is out. Contact Lagos Anglican Bible College Central Office, 17 Broad Street, Lagos for further information.

10. Home Calls: We announce the home calls of the followings:

- i) **Papa Chief Chris Ogunbanjo** on Tuesday, 10th October, 2023. He was 99 years. He was patron of FOH24NG. The family can be visited at 2, Ilabere Avenue, Ikoyi through Mcewen Road.

Funeral arrangements as follows:

Thursday, 12th Dec. - Service of Songs & Night of Tributes by 4pm
Wednesday, 13th Dec. - Commendation Service at the Cathedral by 10.00am
Thursday, 14th Dec. - Funeral Service, Ijebu, Ogun State

- ii) **Mr. Abiodun Peter Olunmi** on Tuesday, 10th October, 2023. He was 59 years. The family can be visited at 16, D A Street, Shagari Estate, Ipaja, Lagos. *Funeral arrangements will be announced later.*

- iii) **Mrs. Olunmi Farayola Owolabi (nee Ayodele)** on 12th October, 2023. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

May their gentle souls rest in perfect peace

11. Mid-Week Fellowship and Love Feast:

Are you celebrating your birthday or any joyous occasion in your family or remembering a loved one? Think of sharing your joys with the less privileged, who can give you nothing in return, but are being led to Christ by us. Sponsor a Wednesday afternoon.

Cost is N100,000 per Wednesday. You can pay part of an afternoon's cost. See Omoba Ademola or the Parish Clerk during the week. Thank you and God bless.

We thank Mrs. Aronke Nylander for sponsoring our Mid-Week Fellowship for Wednesday, 18th October, 2023, in thanksgiving to God for her birthday which comes up on Friday, 20th October, 2023. God will continue to grant her good health, joy and happiness throughout the days of her life.

12. (a) Fellowship Hour - Sunday 15/10/2023

We thank the **Family of Late Pa Johnson Bamidele Agboola Olowole** who will host the Fellowship Hour after 9.15 a.m. Service who died one year ago on 15th October, 2022. *May the soul of the faithful departed, continue to rest in peace and may God's blessings, mercies and protection be always upon his children and children's children. Amen.*

(b) Fellowship Hour Booking: Oct. to December 2023

Sunday, 22/10/2023 - **Mrs. Aronke Nylander** for her Birthday which comes up Friday, 20th Oct. 2023 after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services.

Sunday, 12/11/2023 - **Mrs. Oyebola Adisa** for her Birthday which comes up on Thursday 9th November, 2023 after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services.

Sunday, 26/11/2023 - **Engr. Julius Folorunso Obember** for his Birthday after 7.15 a.m. Service.

Sunday, 26/11/2023 - **Vacant** after 9.15 a.m. Service

Sunday, 10/12/2023 - **Vacant** after 7.15a.m. & 9.15a.m. Services.

Sunday, 24/12/2023 - **Mr. Oluwadamilola Mojolaoluwa Ajilo** for his Birthday after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services.

- (b) Fellowship Hour - Parishioners who are not the main hosts of the Fellowship Hour but who wish to celebrate any events in their lives or who will like to simply contribute to the 'community spirit of the Cathedral are encouraged to do so by providing fruits, cakes, muffins, etc. Such parishioners should please contact Omoba Adegbola Ademola.



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WELFARE SUB-COMMITTEE

Parishioners should please inform either the Welfare Sub-Committee - Mrs. Ayo Shodipo-Olabode 0802 787 2516; Mr. Akin Martins - 0802 316 0305 or Mrs Mary Ojutiwon (Provost's Secretary) - Tel No. 08053322557 of any one that has not been present in the Church for some time (young or old) either due to illness or any other reason whatsoever and who needs to be given Communion at home.

SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICE UNIT (SWSU)

❖ *The SWSU Panel wishes through this medium, to appreciate all those who are helping the needy through the Unit (SWSU) in cash and kind. God Almighty will bless and enrich you more in Jesus name. Amen.*

(a) Sponsorship:

Our Social Welfare Service Unit is seeking sponsorship for the following. Part payments will be gratefully appreciated.

1. **Adereti Esther Oluwatimilehin (19 years)** needs the sum of N1,083,995 for her University Education. She got an admission into Lagos State University for 5 years at N216,799 per session.
2. **Mr. Jimoh Aleem** a secondary School student needs a sum of N900,000 for a 6 years level of education at N50,000 per term.
3. **Miss Avodele Abavomi Ivanuoluwa (19 years)** needs the sum of N600,000 for her University education. She got an admission into University of Ilorin, Kwara State to study Electrical/Electronic Engineering, a 5 years course at N120,000 per session.
4. **Miss Marvis Ramota Mustapha (26 years)** needs the sum of N720,000 for her education, she got an admission into University of Benin studying Law for 6 years at N120,000 per session.
5. **Miss Priscilla Olubanke Balogun (24 years)** needs the sum of N480,000 for her education. She got an admission into University of Lagos studying Psychology for 4 years at N120,000 per session.
6. **Master Daniel Elijah (10 years)** needs the sum of N900,000 for his Secondary School Education at N50,000 per term.
7. **Miss Ikuomola Oluwanifemi Blessing (13 years)** needs the sum of N900,000 for her Secondary School Education at N50,000 per term.

(b) The members of the Social Welfare Service Unit would appreciate the donation of fairly used clothes, shoes for both young and old, and also food items like Rice, Gari, Beans, Provisions, etc.

PRAYER FOR THE YEAR

Eternal Father, the only God of wonders and possibilities, Your power is beyond compare, with You there is no impossibility, we acknowledge before You our feebleness; if Your power will not be our power we are doomed to failure: Grant, O Lord, that each day of our lives, this year and beyond, will be a reflection of Your wondrous power, level the mountains and break down gates of bronze before us to make possible every impossibility that lies ahead. We beseech You also to visit our land with Your unfailing help, cut through the bars of iron to deliver to us the treasures and riches stored in secret places, in Your mercy redeem and re-establish our Nation; and accomplish for Your Church what only You can accomplish to the praise and honour of Your one and only Son Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Amen

Theme for the year: "WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE"

**TEXT: MATTHEW 19:26
HYMN FOR THE YEAR**

ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE TO HIM

1. All things are possible to him
That can in Jesus' name believe;
Lord, I no mote thy truth blaspheme,
Thy truth I lovingly receive;
I can, I do believe in thee;
All things are possible to me.

2. The most impossible of all
Is that I e'er from sin should cease;
Yet shall it be; I know it shall;
Jesus, look to thy faithfulness!
If nothing is too hard for thee,
All things are possible to me.

3. Though earth and Hell the word gainsay,
The word of God can never fail;
The Lamb shall take my sins away,
'Tis certain, though impossible;
The thing impossible shall be,
All things are possible to me.

4. When thou the work of faith hast wrought,
I here shall in thine image shine,
Nor sin in deed or word or thought;
Let men exclaim and fiends repine,
They cannot break the firm decree;
All things are possible to me.

5. Thy mouth, O Lord, to me hath sworn
That I shall serve thee without fear,
Shall find the pearl which others spurn,
Holy and pure and perfect here;
The servant as his Lord shall be;
All things are possible to me.

6. All things are possible to God,
To Christ, the power of God in man,
To me, when I am all renewed,
When I in Christ am formed again,
And witness, from all sin set free,
All things are possible to me.

ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - 08/10/2023

7.15 a.m.	Holy Communion (Youtube 319/Facebook 314 views)	220
9.15 a.m.	Children's Church/Sunday School.....	275
9.15 a.m.	Choral Mattins (Youtube 245/Facebook 157 views).....	275
11.15 a.m	Sung Eucharist. (Youtube 120/Facebook 142 views)	125

Week-Day Services - Saturday - Friday

	HC		HC
Saturday		Wednesday	
07/10/2023	18	11/10/2023	27
Monday		Thursday	
09/10/2023	14	12/10/2023	12
Tuesday		Friday	
10/10/2023	15	14/10/2023	13

COMING EVENTS (OCTOBER 2023)

21/10/2023 - LADGOS Bible Quiz



SOUL FOOD 42/2023

ENEMIES OF POSSIBILITIES

(V) Ungodliness

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. Rom. 1:18

Ungodliness is really living your everyday life with little or no thought for God, his will, his glory, or your own dependence on him. I think if you understand that, you can see how someone can lead a more or less respectable life and still be ungodly in the sense that God is pretty much irrelevant to them. Of course an atheist is going to live as if God is irrelevant to him – he doesn't believe God exists – but think about the definition I just gave and think about how you live your own life.

The sad fact of the matter is that we Christians often tend to live our daily lives with little more thought for God than our atheist friends. Maybe we read our Bibles and have some prayer time each morning, but when we put our Bibles away and head out to start the day we basically live out our lives as if God doesn't care or doesn't exist. We might go for hours without ever even thinking about him. What's the difference between us and our atheist neighbour? God isn't in his thoughts at all and is seldom in ours.

The New Testament is really convicting when it comes to our ungodliness. I said that it's often the case that we seldom think about just how dependent on God we are. Look at what St. James writes in his epistle: Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit" – yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." (James 4:13-15). James' issue with these people wasn't in their making plans. What he condemns here is that they don't acknowledge God in their planning. They don't acknowledge their dependence on him. Think about your own life. How often do you make plans – plans for big things and plans for small mundane things – without included God or thinking about your dependence on him. When it comes to our lives, St. Paul doesn't cut us any slack. His clear exhortation is that we live our lives before the face of God. If there was anyone in an unjust and unfair position in the ancient world, it was the slaves. They made up a huge part of the population. And we know that a lot of the members of the Colossian church were slaves. Look at what Paul writes to them: Slaves obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving Christ. (Col. 3:22-24).

If anyone had a right to be unhappy and unfulfilled in their jobs, it was these folks. If any could be justified in doing their work in half-hearted way, it was them. And yet St. Paul tells them to faithfully serve their masters as unto the Lord. None of us is that bad off, but the same principle applies to us in the context of our vocations and professions. But how many of us approach our work with this principle in mind. To understand this, it took my getting fired from a good and well-paying job. I ended up having to take a \$4.85 minimum wage job watering and dead-heading plants in a retail garden centre, and one day as I was grumbling about it I realised this was what Paul was talking about. God is sovereign. He puts us where we're at, and if he puts us there, then we need to do the work he's called us to do, no matter how unpleasant or menial it may seem and no matter what the earthly compensation is. The next day a coworker asked me why I was suddenly so happy. God gave an opportunity to say, "I just realised that no job stinks if you're doing it for God!"

But God wants more than just our jobs. St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Cor. 10:31). Eating and drinking are about as mundane as it gets, but that's Paul's point: do all – everything – to the glory of God. That means that in everything we do, our desire should be first

to please God, and second, that all our activities will give honour to God before other people. Just like Jesus said, "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16). The mark of a godly man or woman is that they do everything, from the moment they wake up until the moment they fall asleep, to the glory of God.

But so far I've been talking mostly about how we relate to the world. How about how we related to God? Our godliness or ungodliness can be measured, more than anything else, by our desire to develop an intimate relationship with God. David wrote in Ps. 42, "As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?". The Psalms are full of this sort of desire for closeness to God. In Ps. 63:1, David writes of his thirsting for God and earnest seeking of him. In Ps. 27:4 he expresses his desire to leave the world behind, only wanting more than anything else to dwell in the presence of the Lord and gaze on his beauty. These are the expressions of a godly man, and yet how many of us can honestly say that this is what we truly desire more than anything else?

For the godly person, God is the very centre and focus of life. Every circumstance, no matter how big or small, whether it's earthly or spiritual, is viewed through the lens of this God-centredness. But we can only develop that kind of God-centredness in the context of an ever-growing intimate relationship with him. There's no way anyone can genuinely desire to please God or glorify him without that kind of relationship.

Each of us falls somewhere on the spectrum between godliness and ungodliness. We need to ask ourselves where we are on that spectrum. Jesus was the only person ever to live a completely godly life. We're not talking about righteous versus unrighteous living, we're talking about living our life as if God is relevant or irrelevant. The sad thing is that survey after survey shows us that there's not much difference between the way Christians and non-Christians live their lives. It's a sad state and it exists because we give so little thought to God and how we can please and glorify him.

Pride lies behind a lot of sins, but how much would it curb our pride to live each day with the awareness that all we are, all we accomplish, and all we have comes by the grace of God? How many other sins would we put an end to if we lived our lives with the constant understanding that we live them before the face of God? Look at the big oaks right outside our windows here. Sin, like those branches, is rooted in a big trunk that supports them. And that trunk might be the sin of pride, but the trunk can't stand without a big root system. Ungodliness is the root system that feeds our pride and all our other sins.

So how can we deal with ungodliness in our lives? St. Paul wrote to Timothy, telling him, "Train yourself for godliness" (1 Tim. 4:7). The word train comes from the athletic culture of the Greek world and refers to the rigours of the athletes in their contests. It carries with it the ideas of commitment, consistency, and disciplined training.

Take some time to meditate on and pray over some of the Scripture passages that I've given here tonight. And above all, pray that God will make you more conscious of the fact that you live every moment of every day under his all-seeing gaze. You may not be mindful of him, but he's certainly aware of you and sees every deed you do, hears every word you say, and knows every thought you think. Even beyond that, he even knows every motive. Let us then seek to be as mindful of him as his is of us.

Have a blessed week!

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