

7.15 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION Colour: WHITE

Theme: **PLEASING THE LORD**

Celebrant: Revd. Olawole Faloye

Stewards on Duty: **Group C**

1. **Opening Hymn:** A&MRW 676 (*St. Denio*)
2. **Introductory Sentence:** *"When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him."* Proverbs 16: 7
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:**
Almighty God, Who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful men: give us grace to love what You promise, that in all the changes and chances of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where lasting joys are to be found, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

10. **Epistle:** Colossians 1:1-14 - **Mrs. Modupe Aleshinloye-Williams**
11. **Gradual Hymn:** A&MRW 790 (*Sandys*)
12. **Gospel:** Matthew 21: 28-32 - **Revd. Olawole Faloye**
13. **Sermon:** Revd. Olusegun Lufadeju
14. **Creed:** (Page 178)
15. **Intercession:**(Pages 183-184) **Mrs. Titi Olaomo-Olaoye**
16. **Offertory Sentence:** *"...live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God."* Colossians 1:10
17. **Offertory Hymn:** A&MRW 787 (*Nottingham*)
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:** *"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."* I Corinthians 10:31
22. **Administration:** (Page 194)
23. **Hymns during Administration:**
 - (i) A&MRW 689 (*St. Sepulchre*)
 - (ii) A&MRW 654 (*St. Bees*)
 - (iii) A&MRW 655 (*Doncaster*)
 - (iv) A&MRW 685 (*Tune A&MRW 588 - Sagina*)
 - (v) A&MRW 643 (*St. Helen*)
 - (vi) A&MRW 595 (*Slane*)
 - (vii) A&MRW 440 (*Schmucke Dich*)
 - (viii) A&MRW 441 (*Song 46*)
24. **Post Communion Hymn:** A&MRW 724 (*Buckland*)
25. **Post Communion Prayer:** *Merciful Father, You gave Your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd and in Your love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps to love and please You all our days through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*
26. **The Lord's Prayer to Thanksgiving Prayer** (Pages 195-196)
27. **Thanksgiving at the Altar:**
28. **Notices:**
29. **Spiritual Tonic: Psalm 18:2**
30. **Benediction to Dismissal:** (Page 196)
31. **Withdrawal Hymn:** A&MRW 755 (*University College*)

At the Organ: Mr. Princewill Ubani

9.15 A.M. CHORAL MATTINS

Cantor: The Provost
Responses: William Smith in G

Theme: **PLEASING THE LORD**

1. Processional Hymn: A&MRW 359 (*Tune: A&MRW 698 - Gwalchmai*)
2. Call to Worship:
3. Confession and Absolution
4. Venite: SPCP 1 (W. Russell)
5. Psalms: 57 - SPCP 238 - W. Crotch
63: 1-9 - SPCP 193 - T. Attwood
6. 1st Lesson: Isaiah 1: 10-20 - Mrs. Folasayo Oni
7. Benedictus: SPCP 29 (G. Cooper)
8. 2nd Lesson: Colossians 1: 1-14 - Dr. (Mrs) Funmilayo Doherty
9. Te Deum: SPCP 27,28, 29 (Set 3)
10. Creed to 3rd Collect
11. Anthem: Rejoice In The Lord Alway - Henry Purcell
12. Hymn before Sermon: A&MRW 335 (*St. Peter*)
13. Sermon: Canon Residentiary
13. Intercession: The Provost
14. Hymn for Offering: A&MRW 632 (*Richmond*)
15. Thanksgiving at the Altar
- **Family of late Princess Adejoke Ibidunni Dasaolu- Ogunsola (nee Karunwi) 21 year's mind**
(Tune A&MRW 303)
- 16.. Notices:
17. **Spiritual Tonic: Psalm 18:2**
18. Conclusion to Benediction
19. Final Amen: Williams Smith in G
20. Withdrawal Hymn: A&MRW 748 (*Wolvercote/Salvatori*)

At the Organ: Organist & Master of the Music
Choral Conductor: Mr. Jimi Olumuyiwa

9.15 A.M. CATHEDRAL YOUTH CHURCH

1. Opening Hymn: A&MRW 359 (*Tune A&MRW 698 - Gwalchmai*)
2. Call to Worship
3. Psalms: 57
4. Praise and Worship
5. Bible Reading: Hebrews 13: 12-18
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/Salvatori*)

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

TOPIC: BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

Worship Leader: Aunty Bolarin Spaine

1. Choruses
2. Opening Hymn: C.H. 552
3. Bible Reading: John 1: 29-34
4. Creed to Prayers:
5. Hymn: C.H 464 (**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

Theme: PLEASING THE LORD

Celebrant: Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi

Communion Setting: John Merbecke

1. Hymn: A&MRW 445 (*Everton*)
2. Introit: **O Come Ye Servant Of The Lord - Christopher Tye**
3. **Introductory Sentence:** *"When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him." Proverbs 16: 7*
4. **The Preparation** (Page 170)
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7. **Words of Comfort** (Page 175)
8. **Confession to Collect** (Pages 175-176)

9. **Collect:**
Almighty God, Who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful men: give us grace to love what You promise, that in all the changes and chances of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where lasting joys are to be found, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

10. **Epistle:** Colossians 1:1-14 - **Mrs. Akinwunmi Dongo**
11. **Gradual Hymn:** A&MRW 384 (*Ellacombe*)
12. **Gospel:** Matthew 21: 28-32-**Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi**
13. **Sermon:** **Revd. Henry Mooh**
14. **Creed:** (Page 178)
15. **Intercession:**(Pages 183-184) **Mr. Adewale Adefisan**
16. **The Peace** (page 186)
17. **Offertory Sentence:** *"... live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God." Colossians 1:10*
18. **Offertory Hymn:** A&MRW 337 (*Blaenwern*)
(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:** *"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." I Corinthians 10:31*
23. **Hymns during Administration:**
 - (i) A&MRW 654 (*St. Bees*)
 - (ii) A&MRW 820 (*Contemplation*)
 - (iii) A&MRW 685 (*Tune A&MRW 588 - Sagina*)
 - (iv) A&MRW 643 (*St. Helen*)
 - (v) A&MRW 450 (*Tune: A&MRW 641 - Austria*)
 - (vi) A&MRW 422 (*Hyfrydol*)
 - (vii) A&MRW 434 (*Franconia*)
 - (VIII) A&MRW 455 (*Rockingham*)
24. **Post Communion Hymn:** A&MRW 456 (*Tune: A&MRW 507 - Fulda*)
25. **Post Communion Prayer:** *Merciful Father, You gave Your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd and in Your love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps to love and please You all our days through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*
26. **The Lord's Prayer to Thanksgiving Prayer** (Pages 195-196)
27. **Thanksgiving at the Altar:**
**- Family of late Lady Kofoworaola Ademola, MBE, OFR,
CPA, 20 years' mind.**

28. **Notices:**
29. **Spiritual Tonic: Psalm 18:2**
30. **Benediction to Dismissal:** (Page 196)
31. **Final Amen: Three Fold Amen (From Paschal Victor)**
32. **Withdrawal Hymn:** A&MRW 758 (*St. Gertrude*)

At the Organ: Mr. Kolapo Oyawale

SUNDAY 15/05/2022 Day 135

Bible in a year 2 Samuel 21,22; 1 Cor. 9

Points for Prayer:

- ❖ *The Rt. Revd. Dr. Isaac Iwabiolorun Oluyamo, Bishop of the Diocese of Ijesa North.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Margaret Oluyamo, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Ijesa North.*
- ❖ *The Revd. Innocent Ifeanyi Chukwu Okafor*
- ❖ *The Revd. Oluwasina Ayodeji Oso*
- ❖ *Mrs. Happiness Ajoku*
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Scottish Episcopal Church, USA)**

- ❖ **Birthday Intercession:**
Master Ayodele Peter Afolabi, Mr. O. Ebenezer Sokunbi, Mrs. Yetunde Merriman-Johnson, Miss Josephine Olabanke George, Mr. Augustine Chukwuemeka, Miss Blessing Bambi, Miss Motolani Fadekemi Lagoke, Mr. Samson Madumere, Mrs. Modupe Adeyemi Olusanya.

- ❖ **Memorial Intercession:**
(i) Lady Kofoworaola Ademola, MBE, OFR, CPA, 20 years' mind.
(ii) Mrs. Adejoke Ibadunni Dasaolu-Ogunsola, 21 years' mind.
(iii) Mr. E. Jacobs, 36 years' mind.

- ❖ **Family Intercession:**
Families of *Late Mr. Olusegun Kokumo Johnson, Prince Adegoke Ademiluyi, CPA, Late Mr. Ted Idamkue, Mrs. S.O. Moses, Senator Gbenga and Mrs. Folashade Ashafa, Mr. Obinna Nwizu, Mr. Ogidiolu, Mr. Olugbolaga Ajayi, Late Mr. Bankole Babatunde Daniel, HRH Oba A.A. Oguntayo, Late Prof. Oladele Akinla, Mr. Adewale Jones, Later Revd. Canon Lawrence C. Nwaka, Mr. John Adedamola Alamu.*

- ❖ **Prayer for Businesses**
Slimani Access Investments Limited, 1 Chronicles 410, Miam Miam Goodies, Animashaun & Animashaun and Associates, De-Wax Aluminium Co. Ltd, Skywalker Cabin and Cockpit Academy Ltd, Quintus Projects Ltd, African News Network (ANN News). D.F Groups, Bluecross Hospital, Capital Sage Group Nig. Ltd.

SUNDAY 15/05/2022 - MEETING

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.*
- (iv) *Executive Committee Meeting of the Cathedral Circle will take place at the Fellowship Centre.*

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

CALL ON ANY DOCTOR OR NURSE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.

5.00 p.m. COMMUNITY HYMN SINGING

Conductor: Revd. Henry Mooh

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday - 16/05/2022 Colour: WHITE Day 136

Bible in a year: 2 Samuel 23,24; 1 Cor. 10

6.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi

Epistle: I Thess. 4: 13-18

Gospel: Mark 6: 1-6,16-18

Points for Prayer

- ❖ The Rt. Revd. Ebenezer Akorede Okuyelu, Bishop of the Diocese of Osun North East.
- ❖ Mrs. Mary O. Okuyelu, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Osun North East.
- ❖ Mrs. Ifeyinwa Chinonyelum Ubadinobi
- ❖ Mrs. Abosede Eniola Idowu
- ❖ 13th Wedding Anniversary of Revd. and Mrs. Innocent Okafor
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of the Liverpool (York, England)**

- ❖ **Birthday Intercession:**
Rt. Revd. Babatunde Colenso Akinpelu Johnson, Ven. Adeyemo Soleye(70), Mr. Segun Ademola Agbede(60), Mrs. Adetola Yewande Onanuga (nee Fetuga), Mrs. Mojisola Teniola, Master Ajibola Shasore, Master Adeyemi Adeluwoye, Mr. Oluwatobi Isaac Adedapo, Mrs. Bunmi Baiyelo, Mrs. Mosunmola Ehindero, Miss Olubusola Adeola Lewis, Mr. Adeyemi Oseni, Miss Oyinkansola Temilola Owolabi.

- ❖ **Memorial Intercession for:**
(ii) Mr. Samuel Ekundayo Martins, 9 years' mind.
(iii) Mrs. E.O. Adigun, 14 years' mind.
(iv) Mr. Charles Obayomi O. Phillips, CPA, 15 years' mind.
(v) Mrs. Christiana Motomori Lahanmi, 18 years' mind.
(vi) Mrs. Remilekun Josephine Samuels, 46 years' mind.

6.45 a.m. Altar Call: 60th Birthday Thanksgiving of Mr. Segun Ademola Agbede.

4.00 p.m. Women Bible Class/Health Talk - Vagina Infection by Mrs. Abiodun Oke.

Tuesday - 17/05/2022 Colour: WHITE Day 137

Bible in a year: 1 Kings 1-2; Psalm 55

6.45a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Henry Mooh

Epistle: I Thess. 5: 1-11

Gospel: Matt. 6: 7-15

Points for Prayer

- ❖ The Rt. Revd. Joseph A.F. Olusola, Bishop of the Diocese of Ijesa North East.
- ❖ Mrs. G.O. Olusola, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Ijesa North East.
- ❖ Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Mofoluwa Adeyemi
- ❖ Mrs. Caroline Modupe Akingbesote
- ❖ Mrs. Oby M. Anajemba
- ❖ Mrs. Chika W. Igwealor
- ❖ Mrs. Tolulope Temitope Oso
- ❖ 8th Wedding Anniversary of Revd. and Mrs. Victor O. Adeyemo.
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Liwolo (Central Equatoria Province, South Sudan).**

- ❖ **Birthday Intercession:**
Chief Dr. Eniola Olaseinde Akinsete, CPA, Mr. Adekoyejo Tolulope Fetuga, Mr. Maxwell Olubode Thorpe, CPA Mrs. Aderonke Ogunlela, Mrs. Patience Osayemwenne Don-Pedro, Miss Titilopemi M. Adekunle, Mr. Edwin Taiwo Nanakumo, Mrs. Edwinu Kehinde Odebode (nee Nanakumo), Miss Tosin Aina, Miss Naomi Angela Adetokunbo Sholeye, Mr. Osemwegie Alex A. Akenuwa, Mrs. Solabomi Bozimo, Mr. Taiwo Olusoji Coker, Barrister Okechukwu Chibueze Ezeogu, Mrs. Rachael Olakemi Solomon, Mr. Johnson Onyekachi Okereke, Miss Funmilayo Jimoh, Miss Tosin Dongo-Akinwunmi, Miss Adekanyisola Fetuga, Mr. Adedayo Fetuga, Miss Naomi Anjolaoluwa Shoneye.

- ❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**
Mr & Mrs. Adekoyejo Fetuga

- ❖ **Memorial Intercession:**
(i) Mrs. Folasahde Benedicta Sanyaolu, 2 years' mind.
(i) Otunba Henry O. Afolabi-Alu, 6 years' mind.
(ii) Dr. (Mrs) Awujoola Adenike Aremu Shonibare, 24 years' mind.
(iii) Mr. J. Adepegba Adeniji, CPA, 54 years' mind.

6.00 p.m. Choir Practice

Wednesday - 18/05/2022 Colour: WHITE Day 138

Bible in a year: I Kings 3-5; I Cor.11

6.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Provost

Epistle: I Thess. 5: 12-28

Gospel: Mark 6:19-24

Points for Prayer

- ❖ His Excellency, Barrister Nyesom Wike, Governor, and the People of Rivers State.
- ❖ Mrs. Constance Akpotu Zibe.
Mrs. Faith Afosubo Obatomi
3rd Wedding Anniversary - The Revd. Bayonle and Mrs. Ayobami Adefemiwa.
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Liverpool (Liandaff (Wales)).**
- ❖ **Birthday Intercession:**
Omoba Adepeju Adeniji-Fashola, CPA, Prof. Gabriel Olufemi Williams, Mr. Olumuyiwa Akintayo Adefope, Mr. Olufunmilade Lucas, Miss Adedeji Olubunmi Abe, Miss Helen Edom, Mr. Ezomo V. Imoukhuede, Mr. Vincent Olajide Wey, Mrs. Victoria Iyamide Nnatuanya, Miss Bimbo Folarin, Master Alexander Oladipo Paul, Mr. Jide Falola, Mrs. Philo Obiozor Modebe, Mrs. Harriet-Anne O. Adesola, Miss Timofeoritsetse Atake, Master Oritselaju Atake, Mr Gbolahan Olumuyiwa Aboaba, Mrs. Olajumoke Olabinri, Mr. Theophilus Onyia, Mr. Ademola Oluwatoyin Oyinloye, Master Ayomiposi Agagu, Mr. Dayo Balogun, Miss Sayo Balogun.
- ❖ **Memorial Intercession for:**
(i) Chief Mrs. Oluyinka Norman-Williams (nee Coker) 7`years` mind.
(ii) Mrs. Sabaina Erinola Kuti, 21 years` mind.

6.45 a.m. Altar Call: 50th Birthday Thanksgiving of Mr. Omodele Doherty

5.00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting.

Thursday - 19/05/2022 Colour: WHITE Day 139

Bible in a year I Kings 6,7; 1 Cor. 12

6.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Olusegun Lufadeju

Epistle: II Thess. 1: 1-12

Gospel: Matt. 6: 25-35

Points for Prayer

- ❖ His Excellency, Honourable Aminu Tambuwal, Governor and the People of Sokoto State.
- ❖ The Revd. Engr. Olumuyiwa Oluseyi Adeyemo.
- ❖ The Revd. Ayodeji Adegboyega Agunlejika.
- ❖ Mrs. Dorcas Aduragbemi Ogunsanwo.
- ❖ **The Missionary Diocese of Lodwar (Kenya)**
- ❖ **Birthday Intercession for:**
Dr. Emmanuel Babalola Durojaiye, Mrs. Juliet Ayinke Fasheun, Miss Olajumoke Olusanya, Mr. John Shokare Evabeta, Mrs. Adejoke Adeyosola Oshinowo, Mr. Isaac Adebayo Akinrele, Master Ebubechukwu Pascal Okoye, Master Oluwapelumi Olabisi Adekunjo, Master Folarin Ajayi, Mr. Mobola Olagoke, Miss Temitope Okubajo, Mr. Eugene Iheako, Mrs. Amarachi Osuji.
- ❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**
Mr. & Mrs. Oluwagbemiga Oni, 13th Wedding Anniversary.
- ❖ **Memorial Intercession:**
(i) Dr. Alexander Olufemi Lewis, 2 years` mind.
(ii) Oloye Oladisun Nathan-Marsh, CPA, 9 years` mind.
(iii) Mr. Kwesi Olatunde Banasko, 11 years` mind.
(iv) Mr. S.O. Wey, GCON, CPA, 17 years` mind.
(v) Mr. Albert Oladipo Sobayo Kuti, 45 years` mind.

6.00 p.m. Choir Practice

Friday - 20/05/2022 Colour: WHITE Day 140

Bible in a year 1 Kings 8,9; Psalm 56,57

6.45 a.m. Celebrant: Revd. Canon Emmanuel Fadipe

Epistle: II Thess. 2: 1-17

Gospel: Matt. 7: 1-12

Points for Prayer

- ❖ His Excellency, Mr. Darius Ishaku, Governor, and the People of Taraba State.
- ❖ The Ven. Lawrence Adebayo Ajayi
- ❖ The Revd. Amos Abimbola Ogunsanwo
Mrs. Bernadine Evelyn Okoro
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Lokoja (Lokoja, Nigeria)**

- ❖ **Birthday Intercession:**
Mrs. Ibiyemi Olubunmi Craig(85), Mr. Olujimi O. Olumuyiwa, Miss Bolanle Adenike Yesufu, Miss Sukanmi Yisa, Miss Gladys Modupe Pratt, Miss Busola Ojo, Mr. Andrew Olufunmilayo Lewis, Mrs. Olabisi Motolani Balogun, Master Goodluck Uwaoma Eno Peter, Mr. Ladoke Akintola.

- ❖ **Memorial Intercession for:**
(i) Mr. Buxton Cramer Modupe-Davies, 5 years' mind.
(ii) Prince Oluremi A. Olaneye, 14 years' mind.
(iii) Mr. Christian Eneli, 42 years' mind.

6.45 a.m. Altar Call - 85th Birthday Thanksgiving of Mrs. Ibiyemi Olubunmi Craig

5.00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Saturday - 21/05/2022 Colour: WHITE Day 141

Bible in a year: I King 10,11; I Cor. 13

7.45a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Olawole Faloye

Epistle: II Thess. 3: 1-18

Gospel: Matt. 7: 13-21

Points for Prayer:

- ❖ His Excellency, Mai Mala Buni, Governor and the People of Yobe State.
- ❖ Dr. Adedamola daCosta, Diocesan Medical Adviser.
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Lomega (Central Equatorial Province, South Sudan)**

- ❖ **Birthday Intercession:**
Mrs. Gloria Obinma, Mr. Oludotun Olaoye, Mrs. Omotola Adebisi Shode(nee Sapara), Barrister (Mrs) Elohor Eruenah, Miss Audrey Uwanah Ayodipupo Ekpo, Mrs. Thelma Modupe Ibronke Reffell, Dr. A.O. Akindele, Mr. Lawrence Edegware, Miss Irelioluwa Duggan, Master Abisade Akodu, Mr. Phillip Adowa Duncan, Mrs. Kikelomo Adewolu (nee Keating), Master Alexander Adeleke Campbell, Mr. Charles Kolapo Aiyelabola, Mr. Conrad Odudayo Fetuga, Mr. Oluwasegun Adedeji Macaulay, Mrs. Deborah Magbegor, Ms Irelioluwa Duggan, Mr. Olukayode Adeniyi Adekitan.

- ❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**
Mr & Mrs. Olusola Adigun
Mr & Mrs. F.A. Obafemi-Ajayi.

- ❖ **Memorial Intercession:**
Mr. Joseph Robertson Ekundayo Curtis, 41 years' mind.

9.00 a.m. Cathedral Medical Society outreach to Mopo Akinlade

12.00 noon Blessing of Marriage of Rotimi Borha and Zainah Borha

Bible Study Outline

THEME: THE LORD GOD AND THE REIGN OF PEACE

SUB THEME: Mandate of God to Earthly Leaders-1

TOPIC: Discretion

TEXT: Gen 41:33-41

AIMS:

- i. to call our attention to **Discretion** as God's mandate for our lives and
- ii. to examine how discreet our contemporary leaders are in their ways of governance.

INTRODUCTION

Discretion is defined as the right to make choices; it is an attribute of one who is careful about what they do or say (being discreet or prudent) without selfish aim to self-aggrandizement. An example of discretion is the ability of a judge to determine a verdict. A good and biblical example is seen in Joseph, whose discretion was never aimed at self-aggrandizement (Gen 41:33) and King Solomon's judgment/verdict (1Kings 3:16-28). The mandate of God to earthly leaders includes making responsible decisions; decisions that will favour the followership without prejudice. This among other things will be made possible by selfless service, being wise, and having the fear of God.

STUDY GUIDE

1. From our text, what do you understand by discretion? How is it a necessity for leaders?
2. Read Psalm 112:5 and Prov. 2:11 and explain how important discretion is for those in authority? Ref: 1Kings 3:16-28
3. Discuss how our contemporary leaders are failing in providing good governance. Isaiah 28:14-15; Matt 23:14
4. How can our lifestyle as Christians populate the kingdom of God? Gen 41:38; Pro 9:10; Matt. 5:14-16.

CONCLUSION

A discreet leader will save him/herself and his/her generation, when he/she executes good governance, averting adverse consequences for the people he/she leads and him/herself.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: A leader with discretion shall save him/herself and his/her generation

MEMORY VERSE: Proverbs 2:11

"Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee".

SPIRITUAL TONIC FOR THE WEEK

PSALM 18:2

“The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

My God and my Father, my reliable fortress and refuge, as I journey through this new week, I put my trust in You, be to me a strong tower and an unyielding shield. Whatever may happen be my stronghold and steady deliverer, let me remain safe and secure. Because You delight in me no attack of the evil ones can overwhelm me and no situation can defeat me. I will walk in this victory to the shame of my enemy and to the glory of Your holy name now and always, through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour. Amen

DIOCESAN ANTHEM

(TUNE: AUSTRIA)

1. Lagos Diocese, Premier Diocese
Of Anglican Communion
We are *Primus inter pares*
First among equals, bless'd one
Tenth December, nineteen nineteen
Praise the Lord!, He's done great things
Lagos Diocese, foremost Diocese
Came to be, through love and peace.
2. Our Divine Mandate of five-fold,
Clear and apt, to build the Church,
From above came like that of old,
For the mission of the Church,
Priestly, Pastoral, Prophetic,
Pray'r and Praise to reach a peak,
Help, O Lord Thy charge to fulfill,
Thy perfect will to do still.
3. God our Father, bless our Diocese,
Bless our Bishop, we pray Thee
Bless Thy people of this Diocese
Our existence, keep for Thee,
All believers to edify,
And Thy name to glorify,
Multiply Disciples for Thee,
And at last to reign with Thee. Amen

April, 2019

MEET WITH THE DIOCESAN

We are all invited to connect with our Bishop and Missioner, The Most Revd. Dr. Humphrey Bamisebi Olumakaiye on social media. Follow, like and share the Diocesan programmes and activities via our handles:

Facebook, Instagram & Youtube: @dioceseoflagos

Facebook, Instagram & Twitter: @drolumakaiye

We can also send in our Prayer requests and testimonies to: Prayers@dioceseoflagos.org.

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)

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.	Church Donations	GT Bank	0124088211
4.	Sustentation	First Bank	2000519164
5.	Family Harvest/Harvest Donations	FCMB	0130543010
		Union Bank	0071028724

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GOD WILL COUNTENANCE YOUR SACRIFICE

ANGLICANISM FAST FACTS

The Anglican Communion holds to the faith as expounded by the Scriptures and the early Church Fathers. It maintains the spirit of the Thirty-nine Articles, a doctrinal statement drawn up in the mid-16th century and approved by Queen Elizabeth I in 1571. Further, the Lambeth Quadrilateral defines the essential beliefs of Anglicanism. It states four indispensable elements in the Anglican conception of Christian identity: the Bible, the Nicene Creed, Baptism and Holy Communion, and the Episcopate.

WOMEN'S CORNER

NOTICES

- 16/5/2022 - Health Talk - Vagina Infection by Mrs. Abiodun Oke
23/5/2022 - Contemporary Issue - Dealing with stereotypes and Biases by Women's Guild Auxiliary
30/5/2022 - VISITATION
4/6/2022 - Clergywives' Fellowship at St. Paul's Church, Breadfruit.

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

- MAY

- By Church History Sub-Committee

1946

May 1(a) The third and final section of the Cathedral to which the Colonial Government had made a grant of 200 pounds, was dedicated by Rt. Revd. Leslie Gordon Vining, the Bishop of Lagos Diocese.

(b) The Cathedral Feast of Dedication was born.

May 22 Grant of 200 pounds by the Government towards Cathedral Building Fund.

1949

May 5 Synod in session unanimously condemn patronage of heathen cults.

1990

May Inauguration of Parish Awards to members at the celebration of the Cathedral Feast of Dedication.

1998

May Inauguration of Performance Merit Award.

1999

May 1 Ven. Thomas Akinola Jaiyeola Oluwole assumed duty in the Cathedral as the 5th Provost.

May 16 Launching of the Cathedral House Project. The President designate, General Olusegun Obasanjo worshipped at the Cathedral.

2002

May 18 The Very Revd. T.A.J. Oluwole having attained the age of 70 at which clergy retire, retired.

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.

1. Industrial Borehole - ₦15 million

2. 5 Computer Systems @ ₦400,000 each

OBAFUNKE AKINKUGBE GIFT SHOP IS NOW OPENED. VISIT THE SHOP FOR YOUR COFFEE AFTER EACH SERVICE ON SUNDAYS.

SUNDAY 22/05/2022

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Rogation Sunday)

Stewards on Duty: **Group D** Colour: **WHITE**

7.15 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION (SAID)

Theme: **PRAY YOUR WAY TO SATISFACTION**

Celebrant: **The Provost**
O.T. I Chr. 4: 1-10 **Mrs. Esther Adewuyi**
Epistle: Ephesians 3: 14-21 **Mrs. Esther Adewuyi**
Gospel: Matthew 7: 7-11 **The Provost**
Address: **Revd. Olawole Faloye**
Prayers: **Mr. Adewale Adefisan**
- *Thanksgiving at the Altar*

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

09.15 a.m. CHORAL MATTINS

Theme: **PRAY YOUR WAY TO SATISFACTION**

Cantor: **Revd. Olusegun Lufadeju**
Sermon: **Ven. Henry Adelegan**
O.T. Reading: I Chr. 4: 1-10 **Mrs. Titi Olaomo-Olaoye**
N.T. Reading: Ephesians 3: 14-21 **Mrs. Folasayo Oni**
Prayer: **Revd. Olusegun Lufadeju**
Thanksgiving at the Altar

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.*
- (iv) *Harvest Committee Meeting at the Fellowship Centre*

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

CALL ON ANY DOCTOR OR NURSE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

After 11.15 a.m.

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

11.15 a.m. GIFT DAY

PRAYER AND COUNSELLING



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. Gift Day 2022

Our traditional Gift Day holds next week in the context of liturgical Rogationtide. There will be prayer sessions in the Cathedral from **Sunday, 22nd May 2022 (Rogation Sunday) to Wednesday, 25th May, 2022**. It will afford parishioners the opportunity to seek the face of the Lord in prayer and one-on-one counselling session with members of the Cathedral Clergy. Theme is **“PRAY YOUR WAY TO SATISFACTION.” John 14:13**

2. Evening of Praise:

This will henceforth hold every **fourth Sunday at 5.00 p.m.** to worship and praise God for the outgoing month and to launch into each new month on the note of rejoicing. Reasons for rejoicing will not cease among us.

3. Sunday Evenings at the Cathedral:

Please note that the Cathedral remains open for worship experience on Sunday evenings. The schedule is as follows:

1st Sunday of the month - Diocesan Charismatic and Healing Service at 4.00 p.m.

2nd Sunday of the month - Cathedral Traditional Evensong Service @ 5.00 p.m

3rd Sunday of the month - Community Hymn Singing at 5.00 p.m. (Individuals and Societies are encouraged to host)

4th Sunday of the month - Evening of Praise @ 5.00 p.m.

(Worshipping with contemporary music ministered by the Cathedral band)

5th Sunday of the month - Psalmody @ 5.00 p.m.

“...the voice of prayer is never silent, nor do the praises die away.

4. Youth Sub-Committee Annual Car-Wash Fundraiser:

As a means of raising funds for youth programmes in the Cathedral, members of the Youth Sub-Committee will be washing parishioners' vehicles during the 7.15am and 9.15am services on **Sunday 22nd May, 2022**. Please support them with your generous donations. God bless you richly as you do so. For those who can't make it to church that day but would still like to support, kindly contact Michael Agbogidi - 08029180308 or Dele Faji - 07030720984.

5. Cathedral Women's Praise Day 2022

Another edition of the Cathedral Women's Praise Day will hold on **Saturday, 18th June, 2022, by 10.00 a.m.** The theme is **“PRAISING TO VICTORY” (Acts 16: 25&26)**. Come along with your friend. **Dress Code: Pink Host: Cathedral Ladies Armour Bearers.**

Please: Creche will be available for children and mothers are encouraged to please take advantage of this. Nursing mothers are welcome.

6. CATHEDRAL GUILD OF STEWARDS

Distinguished members of the Guild are kindly urged to note the following information and act accordingly.

(a) **Executive Committee Meeting** comes up on Sunday, 19th June 2022 at 9.30 a.m. at Eva Wakeman Hall.

(b) **Statutory General Meeting** comes up Sunday 26th June 2022 at 11.30a.m. at Ayo Rosiji Hall.

7. Floral Decoration at 11.15 a.m.

Our gratitude goes to Dame Elish and all the fellows of St. Hugh's College, University of Oxford for placing two pedestal floral decoration in the Cathedral for the 11.15 a.m. Service in memory of **Lady Kofoworola Ademola**

8. Bulletin Sponsorship:

Our bulletin have been sponsor for 5 Sunday starting from Sunday 24th April to Sunday 22nd May, 2022 by **Mr. Ewemade Moses Akenuwa** in thanksgiving to God for his 86th Birthday which was marked on Thursday, 21st April, 2022. *God will continue to grant him good health, joy and happiness throughout the days of his life.*

9. Harvest Season 2022

The Harvest Season is here again. We give glory to God for His past mercies and for bountiful harvest tide. **Cathedral Ladies Helpers' Union** hosts this year's Harvest and we pray that God will see them through.

Below are the details of the Harvest Season Events:

- (a) Sunday, 10th July, 2022, Harvest Launching
- (b) Saturday, 6th August, 2022, Children's Treat
- (c) Sunday, 7th August, 2022, Cultural Harvest
- (d) Sunday, 4th September, 2022, Children's and Young People's Harvest
- (e) Sunday, 2nd October, 2022, Professionals' Harvest
- (f) Saturday, 8th October, 2022, Harvest Prayer Breakfast
- (g) Sunday, 6th November, 2022, Adults' Harvest Thanksgiving
- (h) Sunday, 13th November, 2022, Gleaners' Harvest

Harvest Theme: "...THE EARTH SHALL YIELD HER INCREASE...THEY SHALL BE SAFE IN THEIR LAND." - Ezekiel 34:27

10. 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 N40,000 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.

11. (a) Fellowship Hour - Sunday 15/05/2022

Vacant after 7.15 a.m. Service.

We thank **Dasaolu-Ogunsola Family** who hosts the Fellowship Hour after 9.15 a.m. Service in memory of late **Princess Adejoke Ibidunni Dasaolu-Ogunsola(nee Karuwi)**, who died 21 years ago on 15th May, 2001. *May the soul of the faithful departed, continue to rest in peace and may God's blessings, mercies and protection be always upon her children and children's children. Amen.*

(b) Fellowship Hour Booking - May - June, 2022

- Sunday, 29/5/2022 - **Mrs. Folashade Omobola Ashafa** after 7.15a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services to mark her 65th Birthday on 29th May, 2022
- Sunday, 12/6/2022 - **Vacant** after 7.15a.m. and 9.15 a.m. services
- Sunday, 26/6/2022 - **Mrs. Oyebola Adisa** for her mothers birthday (**Mrs) Rebecca Olamide Afolabi-Alu** on 20th June, 2022.
- Sunday, 10/7/2022 - **Vacant** after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services.
- Sunday, 24/7/2022 - **Vacant** after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services.

(c) Advance Bookings - Fellowship Hour 2022

The following dates are available for booking for **Fellowship Hour on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of 2022**. Please indicate your preferences on first come first served.

		7.15 a.m.	9.15 a.m.
Sunday	14/8/2022	Booked	Booked
Sunday	28/8/2022	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday	11/9/2022	Booked	Booked
Sunday	25/9/2022	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday	9/10/2022	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday	23/10/2022	Booked	Booked
Sunday	13/11/2022	Booked	Booked
Sunday	27/11/2022	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday	11/12/2022	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday	25/12/2022	Booked	Booked

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.**

❖ **In the course of the week the Unit received an anonymous donation of N710,000.**

(a) Sponsorship:

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

1. **Mr. Paulinus Umoren (65 yrs):** He needs to undergo a Spinal cord injury surgery at Faith Specialist Orthopedic Hospital in Sango. He needs N3m. N1.1m has been raised already. **Remaining the sum of N1.9m.**
2. **Mr. Olukayode Oluwaponmile (4 yrs) Cerebral palsy:** Needs the sum of N90,000 per term to be enrolled in an inclusive school (Prime Way School, Baruwa, Ipaja).
3. **Mr. Abiodun Atelemo (45 years):** Needs the sum of N103,800 for his drugs for massive discrete swelling of left lower limb following trauma of 4 years.

4. **Mr. Adewole Bashiru (52 yrs):** He needs to undergo total hip replacement the cost of the surgery is N1,313,500 at National Orthopaedic Hospital Igbobi.
 5. **Miss Idowu Anjorin(12 yrs):** She needs the sum of N810,000 for her Secondary School education for 6years at N45,000 per term. **A donation of N250,500 have been paid. Remaining the sum of N559,500 to be paid.**
 6. **Miss Nifemi Yusuff: (11 yrs):** She needs the sum of N810,000 for her Secondary School Education for 6years at N45,000 per term.
 7. **Mrs. Adebisi Adiamo (60 yrs)** whose daughter has cancer need financial assistance of 1 million (N1,000,000) **N50,000 have been paid, remaining the balance of N950,000.**
 8. **Miss Temitope Mojola Faith (10 years):** She needs the sum of N765,000 for her Secondary School Education for 5 years at N45,000 per term. **A donation of N45,000 have been paid. Remaining the sum of N765,000 to be paid.**
 9. **Mrs. Olayemi Kehinde:** She needs the sum of N450,000 for her vein surgery at Hosanna Specialist Hospital & Clinic.
 10. **Mr. Adeniyi Gbadamosi:** He needs the sum of N1.5million to undergo a surgery (Lineal Rail system) at Lagos University Teaching Hospital.
 11. **Omosehin Sarah Adebisi (27 yrs):** She needs the sum of N300,000 for her Nursing Education. She gained admission to Jafad College of Nursing Science for 4 years course at N100,000 per session.
 12. **Miss Nancy Ekenechukwu Okocha (17 yrs):** She needs the sum of N400,000 for her tertiary education. She just gained admission to the University of Benin, Benin City, Edo to study Public Administration for 4 years. Course at N100,000 per session.
 13. **Miss Oliyide Mayowa Elizabeth:** She need the sum of N400,000 for her tertiary education. She just gained admission into University of Lagos to study Zoology for 4 years. Course at N100,000 per session.
 14. **Mr. Egbetayo Israel (42 yrs):** He need the sum of N2.5m to undergo a spinal cord injury surgery at Detopaz Medical Nigeria Limited, Osogbo (Bone and Joint Hospital). **N500,000 has been raised so far. Remaining the sum of N2m to be paid.**
- (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

Almighty God, our Source and Sustainer, in You we live and move and have our being; only You can satisfy the longings of our hearts; only You have the power to strengthen our frames. Amid dryness and lack offered by the world, we cannot find true satisfaction until we are in Your company. Father, draw us closer to Your satisfying presence, nourish our bodies, souls, and spirits at Your ever-flowing well of abundance, make us into well-watered gardens and springs whose water never fail. Grant that from the abundances of our lives, we may give succour to the needy and the unsatisfied around us until we all attain unending satisfaction in You, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer.

Theme for the year: DIVINE SATISFACTION

TEXT: PSALM 91:16 HYMN FOR THE YEAR

O GOD OF BETHEL, BY WHOSE HAND

A&MRW 744

Tune: Martyrdom

1. **O God of Bethel, by whose hand
thy people still are fed,
who through this weary pilgrimage
hast all our fathers led;**
2. **Our vows, our prayers, we now present
before thy throne of grace;
God of our fathers, be the God
of their succeeding race.**
3. **Through each perplexing path of life**

**our wandering footsteps guide;
give us each day our daily bread,
and raiment fit provide.**

**4. O spread thy covering wings around
till all our wanderings cease,
and at our Father's loved abode
our souls arrive in peace.**

ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (EASTER 3) - 08/05/2022

7.15 a.m.	Holy Communion (Youtube 335/Facebook 166 views)....	203
9.15 a.m.	Children's Church/Sunday School.....	150
9.15 a.m.	Cathedral Youth Church	30
9.15 a.m.	Choral Mattins (Youtube 272/Facebook 163 views).....	239
11.15 a.m	Sung Eucharist.(Youtube 179/Facebook 163 views).....	194

Week-Day Services - Saturday - Friday

	HC		HC
Saturday 07/5/2022	63	Wednesday 11/5/2022	54
Monday 9/5/2022	12	Thursday 12/5/2022	19
Tuesday 10/5/2022	32	Friday 13/5/2022	26

Coming Events (May 2022)

- 21/5/2022 - Cathedral Missionary Society - Revival in Lagos Island
- 29/5/2022 - Cathedral Missionary Society - Visit to the sick and Elderly members
- 29/5/2022 - Ladies Helpers' Union visit to Charity Homes/Ageing and Sick members
- 31/5/2022 - Diocesan Hour of Intercession



SOUL FOOD 20/2022 PLEASING THE LORD

"...live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience... to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light."

Colossians 1:10-12

Pleasing the Lord should be the goal of all believers – those called out of darkness into the marvellous of Jesus Christ, having received “redemption, the forgiveness of their sins.” Jesus made a huge sacrifice to save humankind. To reciprocate this kind and unmatched kindness and favour, the believers must devote their entire life to pleasing the one who loved them so much to die for their redemption. It was Paul’s prayer for the church at Colosse that God would enable them to live a life worthy of Him. “For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God...” (Colossians 1:9&10)

God wants His children to please Him. He demands them to live according to His dictates daily and in all circumstances. In Isaiah chapter one, God expressed this wish by outrightly rejecting the worship and offerings of the people of Sodom and Gomorrah. He said to them point-blank: “Stop bringing meaningless offerings! Your incense is detestable to me.

New Moons, Sabbaths, and convocations - I cannot bear your worthless assemblies... When you spread out your hands in prayer, I hide my eyes from you; even when you offer many prayers, I am not listening. Your hands are full of blood!" (Isaiah 1:13) This shows the seriousness of His desire that they please Him. Nothing would suffice or be given in exchange for this demand, not even the array of sacrifices or heap of prayers and other affectations they display to get His attention. Jesus also, with the parable of the two sons in Matthew 21:28-32, presses home the point that pleasing the Father is not negotiable to have access to the kingdom of God.

The Lord says, "Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight; stop doing wrong. Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow." (Isaiah 1:16&17) To please the Lord, we must be clean. We must distance ourselves from all appearances of evil and learn to do right. We must also side with the oppressed and the needy around us. Fulfilling all these demands will pave the way for a closer interaction with God. "Come now, let us settle the matter," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." (Isaiah 1:18) Paul describes this as bearing fruits in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God in our text.

These required attributes to make God happy are not readily obtainable in the natural man. He cannot just produce them without the divine assistance that comes only through Jesus Christ. Paul, in his letter to the Romans, chapter 7, corroborated the depravity of the natural man, saying, "I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do." (Romans 7:15) How may we find the divine assistance to lead lives pleasing to the Lord?

The first step to receiving divine assistance to please the Lord is Faith. The writer to Hebrews says, "...without faith it is impossible to please God because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. (Hebrews 11:6) We must have faith in God and live by it. God cannot be pleased with those who shrink back from Him because they have no confidence in Him, doubt the truth of His declarations and promises, or do not believe that His ways are right and holy and perfect.

Secondly, we must live a life of love. Pleasing God is living according to His precepts and commandments and doing so in love. We always want to please those we love, and the New Testament is full of exhortations to righteous living and loving Christ by obeying His commandments. Jesus made this very plain: "If you love me, you will obey what I command" (John 14:15). He added, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them." (John 14:23)

The third step for believers in pleasing God is to walk in the Spirit, not in the flesh. Those who walk in the flesh have their minds set on sinful desires, whereas the ones regenerated by Christ have a completely new mind controlled by the Spirit and desire to live according to Him. "The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so" (Romans 8:6-7).

Pleasing the Lord is pertinent to divine satisfaction. "If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good things of the land, but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword." For the mouth of the Lord has spoken. (Isaiah 1:19&20) The "good things of the land" give satisfaction, fulfilment, and happiness. I encourage us, therefore, to do everything to be obedient to God's instructions and please Him to enjoy all He has prepared for our satisfaction now in this life and then in the hereafter.

Have a blessed week

The one who serves among you,



Very Revd. Adebola Ojofeitimi

Provost

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