

# TEN COMMANDMENTS: AN OUTLINE OF SANITY

Do not bear false witness - Daniel Gilman

Reading: Deuteronomy 5: 1-6 and 20

Second reading: Luke 18: 9-14

\*Free Bibles available.

## EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Join us on September 3 for worship at the Novotel Hotel (33 Nicholas St - between Besserer and Daly). There will be two services: 8am and 10am. Watch your email for details on the room location.

**September 10 and 17:** There will be two worship services (8am and 10am) at École Ste Anne.

Messiah folks will be serving at **Jericho Road Coffeehouse** on Thursday, August 31 from 6:30-8:30pm at their new location - Jules Morin Park Fieldhouse (40 Cobourg). Come out to serve!

**You are invited to lunch with a Baroness!** Baroness Caroline Cox, a member of the British House of Lords and a fearless internationally acclaimed humanitarian, will speak at a luncheon sponsored by the Anglican Relief and Development Fund Canada (ARDFC). And you are invited!

- Date: Saturday September 23, 2017, 12 noon
- Location: Metropolitan Bible Church, 2176 Prince of Wales Dr
- Cost: No charge. This event is sponsored by the ARDFC. A freewill offering will be taken for ARDFC's Cameroon healthcare project.
- Information: For more information **and to RSVP**, please see the ARDFC website. [www.ardfc.ca](http://www.ardfc.ca)

Please pray for this event, as well as for Baroness Cox's meetings with MPs and diplomats.

Questions and/or comments about the sermon or scripture text? Email [daniel.gilman@gmail.com](mailto:daniel.gilman@gmail.com)

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## WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH!

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We are a prayerful, Bible-teaching, evangelical church in the heart of the city with a heart for the city and the world. We are a member of the Anglican Network in Canada and part of the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans. We seek to be a biblically faithful and orthodox church within the Anglican Way of following Jesus.

### Are you new? Get connected!

Is this your first visit to Church of the Messiah? Thank you for being with us. We are glad you're here. Interested in learning more about Messiah and getting connected? Contact us: [info@messiahchurch.ca](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca) or 613.235.0596.

### Nursery & Sunday School

Nursery (0 - 24 months) and Sunday School (2 yrs - Grade 6) are available at the 10am service. For Nursery, please bring children to the vestiaire (ask a greeter) before or during the service. For Sunday School, kids are invited to follow the cross after the last worship song.

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

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**Rev. Canon George Sinclair**  
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- 1) Place cash or cheques payable to "Church of the Messiah" in the offering basket on Sunday, or mail to the church office. Please contact the office if you are interested in using offering envelopes.
- 2) Email your contribution to [givings@messiahchurch.ca](mailto:givings@messiahchurch.ca) Please use the security question: "What is the pastor's first name?" and the answer: "George"
- 3) You can use PayPal to donate to the church. Click on the "Contact" tab (far right side) on our website ([messiahchurch.ca](http://messiahchurch.ca))
- 4) Pre-authorized debit – You can authorize the church to debit your bank account for a fixed amount on a recurring basis of your choice. To get started, please contact the office: [info@messiahchurch.ca](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca)

## After Failure

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Dear friends,

Everybody fails. It is not that we fail all of the time, but that we cannot live without failing in some of our endeavors. For a Christian, how do we live after failure?

There is a wonderful Scripture text which historically has played a key role in Anglican worship. Morning and Evening Prayer are "orders of worship" that a person can do by themselves in private worship and they can also be used for public worship. Early on in both Morning and Evening Prayer there is an exhortation which explains worship and calls us to worship. As part of that exhortation, Ezekiel 18:23 is paraphrased. The original text [ESV] is, *Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, declares the Lord God, and not rather that he should turn from his way and live.* The Prayer Book paraphrase puts it in the form of an exhortation, "God takes no delight in the death of a sinner, but that he should turn from his wickedness, and live." Ezekiel wrote before Jesus. His promise is even more powerful after the death and resurrection of Jesus. Now we know that we truly are saved by grace alone through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone. In love and mercy, God held nothing back. He gave us His only Son to take our place so that He bore our doom and we are granted His destiny.

When we fail, we are tempted to despair. But God desires us to live. So, after failure, come to God in prayer. Thank Him for Jesus. Thank Him that in Jesus, God's final word about you will not be, "rejected as a failure." In Jesus His "final" word to you will be, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

Ask the Lord what He wants you to learn after failure. Be ready to repent of any sin on your part which contributed to failing. Ask the Lord to make clear to you the role that your pride plays in your feelings of despair after failure. Ask Him to help in repenting of pride. Ask Him to help you to have a humble confidence in Jesus. Ask the Lord to make clear to you whether this failure is a stop sign or a sign for humble persistence to try again or a guideline that you are to move in a new direction.

In particular, mindful of Jesus as your gracious Saviour and Lord, ask Him, "What's next?" Spend less time in prayer dwelling on the past and more time asking the Lord, "What's next?" "What would You have me do now?" Remember that in Jesus, God is never finished with you. Given your eternal destiny in the New Heaven and Earth, He has only just begun!

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