

MY HEART AND THE DESIRES OF MY HEART
PROVERBS: ANCIENT WISDOM FOR A POSTMODERN WORLD

First Reading: Proverbs 11:20; 13:12; 14:10; 14:13; 14:30; 17:20; 19:3; 20:9; 21: 1-2; 23:17; 23:26; 25:20; 27:19; 28:26

The Gospel: Matthew 7:15-21 *Free Bibles available on stage near Besserer door.

Questions and/or comments about the sermon or scripture text? Email george@messiahchurch.ca



Making disciples gripped by the gospel, living for God’s glory.

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WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH!

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!

Are you interested in learning more about Messiah and getting connected? Email info@messiahchurch.ca or call **613.235.0596**. Also check out our website at messiahchurch.ca

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 lobby before or during the service. For Sunday School, kids are invited to "follow the cross" during the third worship song.

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Giving

If you are visiting, please feel free to let the plate go by.

If you would like to donate, there are two ways to give:

- 1) Place cash or cheques payable to "Church of the Messiah" in the offering plate on Sunday, or mail to the church office. Please contact the office if you are interested in using offering envelopes.
- 2) Visit messiahchurch.ca/give to donate online via CanadaHelps.

Financial Update at June 30:

Target Offering: \$153,555

Actual Offering: \$135,083

PRAYING FOR WHAT I CAN DO WITHOUT GOD

Dear friends,

If I was to come right out and tell you, "Only pray for things that you think you have the resources to accomplish without God's help", you would know I was not giving you godly, biblical advice. The problem is, I do not have to tell you this; most people already tell themselves this over and over again. I am not pointing my finger at you and pretending I am immune. I share the common human habit of drifting into a prayer life where I censor my prayers and pray for things I could probably do myself if I ever got around to it. When this happens, God becomes small and my quiet cynicism grows big.

As we walk with Jesus we will learn to censor our prayers. We will learn not to pray for injustice or evil. We will learn when our prayers are flowing out of greed and unforgiveness and hatred. God does desire us to learn to censor our prayers. However, it is not God who teaches us to censor our prayers so that He is small and we are big. He wants us to learn that He is big and we are small and that is alright.

So, please pray that God will help you to know that He is big and sovereign. He is bigger than your problems, fears, strengths and resources. He is big and He longs to do what only He can do. Pray that God will help you to pray big, impossible prayers - for His glory, not your own.

In that vein, please pray a Luke 10:2 prayer. Jesus said, *...the harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few*. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest. Let us be honest. When we think of our city we do not usually think of a plentiful harvest. So, note that Jesus tells us to pray this way for these things! He tells us to pray this in Ottawa today and in the days ahead.

One way to help focus this prayer is to pray for God to use us in planting prayerful, Bible-teaching, evangelical churches with a heart for the city and a heart for the world in Ottawa-Gatineau, Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec. Please pray that God will use us to raise up labourers to plant churches in: Kanata, Manotick, Leitrim, Orleans, Arnprior, Almonte and Cornwall. I know this is sociologically impossible - but it is theologically and spiritually humble and wise to do what Jesus tells us to do.

George +

I need to develop godly attitudes.

- A) Pray for godly attitudes in general & certain attitudes in particular.
- B) Ask others to pray the same thing for you.
- C) Repeat the attitude to help it sink in. Do this in conjunction with A & B!

Attitudes.

- 1) My heart, and every heart, is crooked.
- 2) God knows my heart better than I know my heart.
- 3) *God has made me for Himself and my heart is restless until it rests in Him.*
Augustine.

I need to grow in prayer.

A great way to do this is to learn to pray the Bible. Pray this prayer until you can pray without reading:

Almighty God, to whom my heart is open, all my desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of my heart by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that I may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your Holy Name, through Christ, my Lord. Amen.

I need to get God's word in my mind and heart.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21

I need to do something or start to do something.

Complete the following sentence: "In light of God's word, the Holy Spirit is leading me to _____."

GOING DEEPER

Getting to know me.

When you were a child, what was your most treasured possession?

Getting into the Bible.

Remember to pray that God will make His Word real to your heart.

Read: Matthew 6:21; 11: 28-30; 12:34; 15:8;

Mark 12:30;

Romans 2: 15; 10: 8-10;

2 Corinthians 1: 22; 4:6;

Galatians 4:6;

Ephesians 3: 17;

2 Thessalonians 3: 5;

Hebrews 4: 12; 13:9

Getting real.

What has God pressed upon your heart as you have read His Word? Can you share some of this so others can pray for you?

TUE / JUL 28 Lowertown Home Group
7pm @ 110 Nelson St.

WED / JUL 29 An evening with the Primate of Nigeria
6pm @ St Peter & St Paul's (152 Metcalfe St.)
Church on Wednesday

7pm @ uOttawa Agora
Wurtemberg Home Group
7:30pm @84 Fairmont Ave.

SAT / AUG 15 Church picnic and baptism
11am @ Missie Lang's cottage Details / directions coming soon.

The weekly **Tuesday Prayer Meeting** will resume on Tuesday, September 8 at 7pm.

Are you willing to help with Sunday School in August? Please sign up in the lobby after the service or see Lisa Moore Ede.

Our friend, Norman Igloopialik, is at the Mamisarvik Healing Centre for two months. He would love to receive cards or notes of encouragement from his friends at Church of the Messiah. If you would like to send Norman a card or note, please do! Mamisarvik Healing Centre, 1863 Russell Road, Ottawa ON K1G 0N1

Being part of a **Home Group** is a great way to get connected to friends at Church of the Messiah. Not only do you get to know people on a more personal level, but you learn about God and Jesus as you study together. You are welcome to join any of the currently established Home Groups: (Tuesday - in Lowertown; Wednesday - in Westboro; Thursday - in Old Ottawa South (taking a break in the summer) Looking for something else? Let us know!

- A group that meets in a different part of the city?
- Men or Women only?
- Moms and Tots?
- A group that meets in your workplace?
- A group meeting Sunday @ 9am @ the OLT?

Please contact the office (info@messiahchurch.ca) if you would like more information or have some suggestions!

St Peter & St Paul's Anglican Church (152 Metcalfe St.) will host the **Primate of the (Anglican) Church of Nigeria**, The Most Rev. Dr. Nicholas Okoh, and his wife, Mama Nkasiobi Okoh. Come hear the archbishop's vision for the Church in the 21st Century on **Wednesday, July 29 at 6 p.m.**