


The Devil

FOLLOWING THE LAMB IN THE DYING DAYS OF THE DRAGON
REVELATION 12

 Questions and/or comments about the sermon or scripture text?
Email George at questionpastor@gmail.com.

Going Deeper

- ① GETTING TO KNOW ME Have you ever used a ouija board or some such similar device?
- ② GETTING INTO THE BIBLE Please pray God will make you into good soil that bears much fruit as you read the Bible.
 - 1) Read Rev 12.
 - 2) Read Luke 10:17-20; John 8:44,12:27-33,14:25-31; Ephesians 6:10-20, Colossians 2:13-15.
 - 3) Read Rev 12.
- ③ GETTING REAL What is the Holy Spirit “putting His finger on” in your life? Can you share this with others for prayer?



Welcome!

Helping ordinary people
be confident, joyful disciples
of Jesus Christ.

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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 messiahchurch.office@gmail.com 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, you are welcome to bring children to the north side of the lobby before or during the service. For Sunday School, children are invited to "follow the cross" during the third worship song.

The Offering Plate

If you are visiting, please feel free to let the plate go by. If you would like to donate, please make cheques out to "**Church of the Messiah**." If you prefer to donate online, go to www.canadahelps.org, then search "Church of the Messiah Ottawa."

TODAY'S SERVICE

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First Reading Revelation 12	The Gospel Luke 8:4-15	*Free Bibles are available at the Besserer door.
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LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rector Rev. Canon George Sinclair	Worship Leader & Young Adults Leader Jeremiah Smith
Administrative & Communications Manager Amy van Hemmen	Ministry Interns Jeremy Giles & Daniel Gilman

Wardens: Dick Butler, Gary Graber, John Rayson
Shannon Ripley, Karl Ruban, Natasha Wallace

UPCOMING EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

- MON/ FEB 24 Women's Prayer Group**
8:30am @ Heidi Jost's
- TUE/ FEB 25 Lowertown Home Group**
7:00pm @ Ian Murray's
Messiah Prayer Meeting
7:00pm @ Messiah Office
- WED/ FEB 26 Men's Bible Study**
5:30pm @ Rideau Centre
The Wurttemberg Home Group
7:30pm @ The van Hemmen's
- THU/ FEB 27 The House (Young Adults)**
6:30pm @ The Giles'
- FRI - SAT FEB28-MAR1 Promise Keepers Men's Conference**
Email jrayson@rogers.com to register.
- SAT/ MAR 1 The Rescue Summit 2014**
Visit rescuesummit.com for more info.
- SAT/ MAR 8 Annual Vestry & Potluck**
4:00pm @ St. P&P's (152 Metcalfe)
- SUN/ MAR 9 Alternate Location for Sunday Services**
Stay tuned for details.
- FRI - SUN MAR 28-30 Messiah Women's Retreat!**
Bethesda Renewal Centre

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BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES OF FINANCE

Are you interested in learning more about Budgeting, Investment & Saving or Money & Children? Karl Ruban, CA, CFP, RFP, CPCA is offering group or family sessions on the Biblical Principles of Finance. If you're interested, Karl will be available after the 10:00am service on **March 16** to receive your input and answer questions.

① I NEED TO DEVELOP GODLY ATTITUDES

First steps to developing godly attitudes are:

- A) Pray for godly attitudes in general & certain attitudes in particular.
- B) Ask others to pray the same thing for you.
- C) Say the attitude again and again to help it sink in.

Do this in conjunction with A & B!

- Attitude A) The Devil is real. Demons are real.
- Attitude B) I should never obsess on the Devil and I should never make a habit of ignoring Him.
- Attitude C) In Jesus, I am covered by His triumph over every demon and the Devil.

② 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.

Lord Jesus Christ, I praise You that You have defeated the devil and all demons in Your death upon the cross and Your resurrection. I praise and thank You that when I turned to You in repentance and faith I became Your child by adoption and grace and that I am now covered by Your victory. Please help me to deny myself and pick up my cross and follow You today and everyday until I see You face-to-face. Amen.

③ I NEED TO GET GOD'S WORD IN MY MIND & HEART

"He disarmed the rulers and authorities[a] and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him." (Colossians 2:15 ESV)

④ 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 _____."

Dear Friends,

Anglicans are not always consistent in their terminology. In some parts of North America, "vestry" refers to the church board or council. In other parts of North America, vestry refers to a binding business meeting of the whole congregation. For us, vestry is a congregational business meeting.

Like most churches, we are required to have at least one annual general meeting. In Anglicanese, we call it "The Vestry Meeting." If we have other binding congregational business meetings, they are referred to as a "Special Vestry." A major difference between a Special Vestry and The Vestry Meeting is that the Special Vestry can only vote on matters which are advertised in advance. So, while a congregation could get updates on many matters and/or discuss many matters, it could only vote on matters which had been clearly advertised.

On March 8, 2014 we will be having our annual Vestry Meeting. We will probably have reports on topics including the Ottawa Theological College, Kwagala Ministries and the Property / Rental Situations. We will receive reports from some of our ministries and I will read my "Annual Report" (sort of a "state of the nation" address). The main item on our agenda will be to receive 2013 financial reports and to pass a budget for 2014. Since it is our general meeting, sometimes other matters arise from those who are gathered. Oh yes, there is also usually a raft of "thank you" motions.

Who can attend and vote in the Vestry? Unless vestry members vote to close the meeting so only vestry members can attend, observers are welcome. To be able to vote, you must sign a declaration stating that you are: over 16 years of age; have either attended regularly over the past year or have attended regularly over the prior 4 months; have received holy communion regularly; have regularly contributed financially to the church; accept the church's doctrine, mission and vision; and will not vote in another church's Annual Meeting.

Please pray for our Annual Meeting. Ask God to make clear to us what divine assignments He has for us. Ask Him for wisdom as we pass the budget and acknowledge that only He knows the future. Ask Him to reform us by the Bible, revive us by the Holy Spirit and renew us in mission and worship!

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