

MISSION SUNDAY SERMON

Church of St. Stephen and St. Bede

St. James Anglican Church

Sunday, October 23, 2016

GUEST SPEAKER: Archdeacon Jason Musoke, Diocese of Central Buganda

Readings

1. Joel:2:-23-32
He was a Prophet and Priest
He expresses the Providence from God - The Providence followed by rejoicing and praising.
2. Psalm 65
Is a song of praise, praising the forgiving, saving and ruling God...the abundantly and richly providing God
3. 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Paul's historical and pastoral epistle to Timothy which - emphasizes faith in God
Talks of the Crown - from God and His sustainability
4. Luke 18:9-14
A renown and beloved physician
Emphasizes HUMBLENESS. Thus, today's theme.

We thank God that our friends in Canada and the Western World at large are so advanced and so blessed with everything they need. They are richly and abundantly provided for.

We also thank God that our friends are able to support us in Uganda, Central Buganda Diocese especially the Orphanage Program, the Clinic at Mayungwe, the children in our (Faith and myself) care and the very many projects in Parishes of Central Buganda Diocese. Plus, we are thankful for the motorcycle that the Church of St. Stephen and St. Bede will buy for the new rector at Galatia Parish. Indeed, the Crown awaits you all.

But on grounds that our friends in Canada and the Western World at large:

- 1- Are deeply rooted in faith in God,
- 2 - Forgive each other regardless of affiliation and color,
- 3 - Like Paul, fight for the Crown from God,
- 4- Continue sharing the abundancy they have to the very needy and Most of all
- 5- Be HUMBLE always before God and fellow human beings.

BECAUSE,

Humbleness is the source of all resources. It is full of love and compassion for others (the orphans, the homeless, the hungry etc., etc.)

To note that:-

However much one owns, without humbleness, all is useless

However great one is, without humbleness, is nothing.

A HUMBLER HEART:

- Reconciles with God and with fellow beings
- Does NOT boast
- Does NOT despise others
- Does NOT overlook others
- Does NOT act contrary to God's will and commandments

But:

- Appreciates God's Providence
- Rejoices with those rejoicing and mourns with those who mourn
- Shares with those in need
- Sympathizes with those in pain
- Seeks for right judgement.

A HUMBLER HEART WINS GOD'S CROWN.

Brethren in Canada and the Western World at large, it's high time to individually ask yourselves. "Am I Humble at Heart?!!!!!" and "Will I win the Crown from God when the race is over?!!!!!"

As per today's readings, you are free to rejoice because God has provided to you all that you need, but will you be able to victoriously with the Crown?!!!!

Brethren,

You are being urged to:

- 1- Above all what you have, the fancies of your possessions, to be humble in all your possessions, in your heart, in all what you think, what you say, what you do and what you might fail to do
- 2- Keep the true faith in God
- 3- Remember that there are so many at large who are in very, very, very great need.
- 4- Run the full distance, the full race of humbleness.

And lastly, 2 Timothy 4:8

"And now, there is waiting for a humble heart the victory prize of being put right with God, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give you on that day- and NOT only you, but to all those who wait with love for Him to appear", so I pray for all of us, Amen.