

7.15 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION Colour: PURPLE

Theme: **BEFRIENDING THE WORD**

Celebrant: Canon Residentiary

Stewards on Duty: Group A

1. **Opening Hymn:** A&MRW 793 (*Tune A&MRW 784 - Morning Light*)
 2. **Introductory Sentence:** *The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy making wise the simple." Psalm 19:7*
 3. **The Preparation** (Page 170)
 4. **Collect for Purity**
 5. **Summary of the Law** (Page 172)
 6. **Words of Comfort** (Page 175)
 7. **Confession to Collect** (Pages 175-176)

 8. **Collects:**
Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning : write in our hearts the lessons of Your Law; prepare our minds to receive the Gospel, help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of Your Holy Word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Almighty God give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility so that on the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

 9. **Epistle:** 2 Timothy 3: 10-17 - **Mr. Olaniyi Tayo**
 10. **Gradual Hymn:** Holy Words, Long Preserved - **see centre page**
 11. **Gospel:** Matthew 13: 1 - 23 **Canon Residentiary**
 12. **Sermon:** Rt. Revd. **Baba Ishaya, Bishop of Zaria**
 13. **Creed:** (Page 178)
 14. **Intercession:**(Pages 183-184) **Mrs. Bukola Tayo**
 15. **The Peace:** (page 186)
 16. **Offertory Sentence:** *"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.." Matthew 7:24*
 17. **Offertory Hymn:** A&MRW 383 (Ravenshaw)
 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:** *When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, LORD God Almighty." Jeremiah 15:16*
 22. **Administration:** (Page 194)
 23. **Hymns during Administration:**
 - (i) A&MRW 390 (*St. Helen*)
 - (ii) A&MRW 460 (*Song 1*)
 - (iii) A&MRW 724 (*Buckland*)
 - (iv) A&MRW 740 (*Wiltshire*)
 - (v) A&MRW 792 (*University*)
 - (vi) A&MRW 794 (*Dominus Regit Me*)
 - (vii) A&MRW 798 (*Surrey*)
 24. **Post Communion Hymn:** A&MRW 379 (*Tune A&MRW 194 - Lux Eoi*)
 25. **Post Communion Prayer:** *Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of Your Son : sustain us with Your eternal word, that we may be fully satisfied and serve You here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*
 26. **The Lord's Prayer to Thanksgiving Prayer** (Pages 195-196)
 27. **Thanksgiving at the Altar**
- Family of late Mrs. Winifred Nnebuogo Daniel - 5 year's mind - A&MRW 299
 28. **Spiritual Tonic: Psalm 119:105**
 29. **Benediction to Dismissal:** (Pages 404)
 30. **Withdrawal Hymn:** A&MRW 807 (*Newington*)
- At the Organ:** Mr. Jola Adeosun

9.15 A.M. CHORAL MATTINS

Cantor: The Provost

Responses: William Smith in G

Theme: **BEFRIENDING THE WORD**

1. Processional Hymn: A&MRW 593 (*Evelyns*)
2. Call to Worship:
3. Confession and Absolution
4. Venite: ASB 2 - John Stainer in G
5. Psalm: 119: 137 - 152 (ASB 238 - C. Hylton Stewart)
6. 1st Lesson: Joshua 1: 1-8 - Social Welfare Service Unit
7. Benedictus: Sola Adigun in B Minor
8. 2nd Lesson: 2 Timothy 3: 10-17 - Social Welfare Service Unit
7. Te Deum: ASB30, 34, 38 - Set D
8. Creed to 3rd Collect
9. Anthem: And the Glory of the Lord - G.F. Handel
(From the Messiah)
10. Hymn before Sermon: Holy words, Lord preserved
(Tune Ancient World) see Centre page
10. Sermon: Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi
11. Intercession:
12. Hymn for Offering: A&MRW 390 (*St. Helen*)
13. Thanksgiving at the Alt
- Outing - Family of late Chief Ebuloluwa Olamiotan Omoyele, OON - A&MRW 296
- S.W.S.U - 49th Anniversary
14. Notices:
15. ***Spiritual Tonic: Psalm 119:105***
16. Conclusion to Benediction
17. Final Amen:
18. Withdrawal Hymn: A&MRW 383 (*Ravenshaw*)
At the Organ: Mr. 'Jola Adeosun
Choral Conductor: Mr. 'Jimi Olumuyiwa

9.15 A.M. CATHEDRAL YOUTH CHURCH

Conductor: Mr. Michael Agbogidi

1. Opening Hymn: A&MRW 383 (*Evelyns*)
2. Call to Worship
3. Praise and Worship
4. Psalm: 119: 137-153
5. Bible Reading: 2 Timothy 3: 10-17
6. Special Number
7. Message: Mr. Michael Agbogidi
8. Creed, Collects and Intecession/Creed to Prayers
9. Sunday Offering: Choruses
10. Notices
11. Prayer and Benediction
12. Closing Hymn: A&MRW 383 (*Ravenshaw*)

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

TOPIC: WHO IS COMING AGAIN?

Worship Leader: GRANDMA ILORI

1. Choruses
2. Opening Hymn: from Pamphlet
3. Bible Reading: Isaiah 53: 1-9
4. Creed to Prayers:
5. Hymn: from Pamphlet (Offering to be taken)
6. Closing Prayer
7. Closing Hymn - from Pamphlet
8. Children go to their various classes

11.15 AM. HOLY COMMUNION (SAID)

77th Anniversary – Cathedral Guild Stewards

Theme: **BEFRIENDING THE WORD**

Celebrant: Revd. Olawole Faloye

1. Hymn: A&MRW 394 (Tune: Woodlands)
2. Introit:
3. Introductory Sentence: *"The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy making wise the simple." Psalm 19:7*
4. The Preparation (Page 170)
5. Collect for Purity and Gloria in Excelsis (Page 171)
6. Summary of the Law (Page 172)
7. Words of Comfort (Page 175)
8. Confession to Collect (Pages 175-176)

9. Collects:
Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning : write in our hearts the lessons of Your Law; prepare our minds to receive the Gospel, help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of Your Holy Word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Almighty God give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility so that on the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

10. Epistle: 2 Timothy 3: 10-17 Cathedral Guild of Stewards
11. Gradual Hymn: Holy Words, Long Preserved - see centre page
12. Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-23 Revd. Olawole Faloye
13. Sermon: Ven. Henry Adelegan
14. Creed: (Page 178)
15. Intercession: (Pages 183-184) Cathedral Guild of Stewards
16. The Peace (page 186)
17. Offertory Sentence: *"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock." Matthew 7:24*
18. Offertory Hymn: A&MRW 740 (Wiltshire)
(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: *"When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, LORD God Almighty." Jeremiah 15:16*
23. Hymns during Administration:
 - (i) A&MRW 379 (Tune: A&MRW 337 - Blaenwern)
 - (ii) A&MRW 384 (Tune Ellacombe)
 - (iii) A&MRW 428 (Hollingside)
 - (iv) A&MRW 460 (Song 1)
 - (v) A&MRW 792 (University)
 - (vi) A&MRW 794 (Dominus Regit Me)
 - (vii) A&MRW 798 (Surrey)
24. Post Communion Hymn: A&MRW 712 (Living Lord)
25. Post Communion Prayer: *Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of Your Son : sustain us with Your eternal word, that we may be fully satisfied and serve You here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*
26. The Lord's Prayer to Thanksgiving Prayer (Pages 195-196)
27. Thanksgiving at the Altar:
 - **Family of late Engr. Abiodun Oyekan Ogun, 1 year's mind. (A&MRW 303)**
 - **Cathedral Guild of Stewards**
28. Notices:
29. Spiritual Tonic: **Psalm 119:105**
30. Benediction to Dismissal: (Page 196)
31. Final Amen: Great Amen - 'Tunde Sosan
32. Withdrawal Hymn: A&MRW 390 (St. Helen)
At the Organ: Mr. Jola Adeosun; Mr. Chuka Onyenze
Choral Conductor: Mr. Princewill Ubani

SUNDAY 10/12/2023

Day 344

Bible in a year: Amos 5,6; Revelation 7

Points for Prayer:

- ❖ The Revd. Michael Abrakasa, The Synod Secretary, Diocese of Ogbia and the Assistant Synod Secretaries.
- ❖ The Diocese of Lagos at 103 years Anniversary.
- ❖ The Ven. Olufemi Obayomi Akin-Johnson.
- ❖ 23rd Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Nnaemeka and Mrs. Ifeoma Ojukwu.
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Ogoni (Niger Delta, Nigeria)**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Mrs. Omobola Majekodunmi, Omoba Godwin Ibikunle Meadows-Ogunbona, Miss Oreoluwa Omotayo, Miss Christiana Imoukhuede, Miss Josephine Din, Mr. Ayotunde Yembi, Mr. Biyi Ogunade, Mrs. Veronica Omelebele Onyekwere, Miss Chikadibia Glory Ogolo, Master Tobi Emmanuel Ekisola, Mrs. Titilayo Banjo, Master Elkan Osayanmwun Ghatekha-Ogbomo, Mrs. Abimbola Ibironke Akeredolu, SAN, Miss Victoria Temiladeoluwa Fayemi, Mr. Oluseun Temitope Lewis, Master Chianugo Favour Okonkwo.

❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**

- (i) Mr & Mrs. Adedamola Ajisafe, 1st Wedding Anniversary
- (ii) Mr. and Mrs. Nukak Effiong Asanansi, 7th Wedding Anniversary.

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) Mrs. Augusta Adesola George (nee Preston Holder), 8 years' mind.
- (ii) Mr. Akinsanya Phillip Olaomo, 27 years' mind.

❖ **Family Intercession:**

Families of Mr. Muiyiwa Onigbogi, Mr. Adedayo Sojirin, Late Dr. A Olufemi Lewis, Late Prince Ademola Odunsi, Late Mr. Sammy O. Olagbaju, CPA, Mr. Deola Shonibare, Fadaka, Ms. Iyabode Aboaba, Lady Dupe Akin-Taylor, Late Chief (Mrs.) Oyin Ade-John, Mr. Olusegun Elufioye-Johnson, Dr. Bolaji Akinola.

❖ **Prayer for Businesses**

African News Network(ANN) Ltd., Joke Stores Nig. Ltd, Dapo Opeaye & Co., The Metropole Practice, Bounty Investments Ltd, Cape Enterprises Ltd, The Berkeley Agency Ltd, CBC Emea Ltd, Lenox Heights Ltd., Purple Scents Ltd, Quintus Projects Ltd, Favoured One Catering Services, Bankers Warehouse Plc, Nassh Media International, Rolly's Cakery International, Catilas Resources Ltd, SheaClass Ltd, DJ Skit Entertainment, Retro Real Estate Limited, Retro Construction Limited, Tobee Catering Services.

SUNDAY 10/12/2023 - MEETINGS

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

9.30 a.m. The Finance and General Purpose Sub-Committee will meet at the Cathedral Library.

After Mattins

- (i) The Monthly General Meeting of the **Cathedral Ladies Friendly Society** will hold at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.
- (ii) The **Cathedral Women's Guild Auxiliary** will meet at the Fellowship Centre.
- (iii) The Monthly Meeting of the **Cathedral Busy Bees Women's Society** will hold at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.
- (iv) The **Cathedral Ladies Armour Bearer** will meet at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.
- (v) There will be a meeting of the **Girls' Guild** at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.

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

CALL ON ANY DOCTOR OR NURSE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY 11/12/2023 Colour: PURPLE

Day 345

Bible in a year: Amos 7,8; Revelation 8

6.45a.m.

Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Canon 'Kunle Dina

Epistle: Rev. 1: 1-18

Gospel: Matthew 22: 23-33

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *The Revd. Canon Gospel Onuchukwu, The Synod Secretary, Diocese of Evo and the Assistant Synod Secretaries*
- ❖ *The Revd. Samuel Ekene Odindu*
- ❖ **The Anglican Church of Kenya**

- ❖ **Birthday Intercession:**
Mr. Ayodele Oseni, Master Alexander Korede Aiyelabola, Master Oluwaseun Michael Osho.

- ❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**
 - (i) *Dr. Desmond and Princess Ayoade Chikwe, 2nd* Wedding Anniversary
 - (ii) *Mr & Mrs. Segun Elufioye-Johnson, 19th Wedding* Anniversary.
 - (iii) *Mr & Mrs. Adebayo Adelugba*

- ❖ **Memorial Intercession:**
Mr. Adedapo Adelanke Ojora, 3 years' mind.

10.00 a.m. **Social Welfare Service Unit Annual Retreat**

TUESDAY 12/12/2023 Colour: PURPLE

Day 346

Bible in a year: Amos 9; Revelation 9

6.45a.m.

Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Henry Mooh

Epistle: Rev. 1: 9-16

Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-46

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *The Venerable J.O. Woranola, The Synod Secretary, Diocese of Ibadan and the Assistant Synod Secretaries.*
- ❖ *31st Wedding Anniversary of Ven. Babatunde and Mrs. Kikelomo Oduwole*
- ❖ *25th Wedding Anniversary of Ven. Tolulope and Mrs. Mosunmola Agesin*
- ❖ *25th Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Akintunde and Mrs. Oluwamayomikun Coker*
- ❖ *8th Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Oluwasanmi and Mrs. Adesola Oloniniran.*
- ❖ *8th Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Oyinnude & Mrs. Afosubo Obatomi*
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Ogori-Magongo (Lokoja, Nigeria)**

- ❖ **Birthday Intercession:**
Revd. Canon Sunday Adelekan Ogundipe, Master Olumide Afolabi, Mrs. Oguta Finnih, Mr. Desmond Ovbiagele, Miss Oluwateniola Oluwaferanmi Ramos, Mrs Olanike Odusanya(nee Ajilo), Miss Nwabiani Egbarin, Miss Omowunmi Marusa Akindede, Mr. Solomon Imiavan, Mr. Ayodeji Sobowale, Mr. Ayodeji Obafemi Oyewole, Master Oluwabukunmi G. Mabogaje, Miss Oluwaseun Uche Ugwari, Master Tirenoluwa Morakinyo, Mr. Abiodun Akolade Fayemi, Mr. Rotimi Martins, Mrs. Joy Nneoma Ahuchaugu, Miss Motimoreoluwa Sally Sue Phillips, Mr. Anosike Chinezie Uzozie

- ❖ **Memorial Intercession for:**
Mr. Samuel Oluranti Adeyinka, 10 years' mind.

WEDNSDAY = 13/12/2023

Colour: PURPLE

Day 347

Bible in a year: Obadiah; Psalm 142,143

6.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Provost

Epistle: Rev. 1:7-2.7

Gospel: Matt. 23:1-12

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *The Venerable Amos A. Ajadi, The Synod Secretary, Diocese of Ilesha and the Assistant Synod Secretaries.*
- ❖ *All Drivers in the Diocese*
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Ohaji/Egbema (Owerri, Nigeria)**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Mr. Christopher Gbemisola OlaOluwakitan Hollist, Mrs. Oluwaseyi Adenuga, Mrs. Abiola O. Odugbesan, Mrs. Omowonuola Oni, Miss Yewande Sobowale, Miss Molks Irhemiren, Mrs. Olubodunrin Olaleye, Master Michael Olusegun Adekunjo, Miss Zoe Aisien, Mr. Adebola Akintola, Mrs. Yetunde Daniel, Mrs. Uloma Catherine Madubuofu.

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) *Mrs. Grace Olajumoke Davies, 14 years' mind.*
- (ii) *Chief John Oritsejolomi Samuels, 15 years' mind.*

9.00 a.m. Commendation Service for Chief Christopher Ogunbanjo

11.00 a.m. Diocesan Elders' Fellowship Christmas Party

5.00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY 14/12/2023

Colour: PURPLE

Day 348

Bible in a year: Jonah 1,2; Revelation 10

6.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi

Epistle: Rev. 2: 8-17

Gospel: Matt. 23: 13-26

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *The Venerable Dayo Ojo, The Synod Secretary, Diocese of Osun and the Assistant Synod Secretaries.*
- ❖ *The Ven. Temitope Adebayo Ojamo*
- ❖ *Mrs. Dora Nwanonyoba*
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Ohio (Province V, Episcopal Church of USA)**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Mrs. Christianah Abiodun Mabogaje(40), Mr. Adeola Fetuga, Miss Modupe O. Olukoya, Mr. Olusoji Oluwale, Master Oludolapo Omowunmi Hollist, Mrs. Olujemisi Iyabode Fasanya, Miss Gbemileke Williams, Mrs. Folasade Senami Akinyemi-Williams, Mr. Hope Abiyeogo Princewill, Master Obasola Moyinoluwa Badejo, Miss Joy Ogechukwu Abattam, Mr. Ibifubara K. Ayaobu-Cookey, Mrs. Olufunke Ebinoluwa Talabi, Dr. (Mrs) Olufunmilola Adegbonmire, Mr. Oluwatimilehin Doherty, Mr. Daniel Adebisi Conde, Mrs. Mojisola Adeniran, Miss Abigail Chimnonso Ezeanya.

❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**

- (i) *Mr and Mrs. Babatunde A. Laniyan, 10th Wedding Anniversary.*
- (ii) *Ven and Mrs. Obi Nwankerendu, 21st Wedding Anniversary*
- (iii) *Mr. and Mrs. G. Oludotun Aboaba, 27th Wedding Anniversary.*
- (iv) *Mr & Mrs. Olusegun Sobola, 28th Wedding Anniversary*

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) *The Most Revd. Joseph Abiodun Adetiloye, 11 years' mind.*
- (ii) *Mr. S.O. Omogunwa, 20 years' mind.*

2.00 p.m. 10 Years Memorial Service for Mrs. Agnes Olayinka Balogun

5.00 p.m. Christian Wake-keep for Mrs. Claudette Adetutu Dawodu at Ayo Rosiji Hall.

FRIDAY – 15/12/2023 Colour: PURPLE Day 349

Bible in a year: *Jonah 3,4; Revelation 11*

6.45 a.m. Celebrant: Canon Residentiary

Epistle: Rev. 2: 18-29

Gospel: Matt. 23: 27-39

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *The Very Revd. Samson Awoyode, The Synod Secretary, Diocese of Ife and Assistant Synod Secretaries.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Grace Funmi Agboro*
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Ohio (Province V. Episcopal Church of USA)**

❖ **Birthday Intercession for:**

Mrs. Florence Esiemokumoh Porbeni(60), Miss Tagba Millar-Jaja, Miss Temiditoluwa Okusami, Miss Folakemi Adegbesan, Mr. Matthew Oluwafemi Saka, Master Kansiyoduka Kanma-Okafor, Mr. Ayomide Ajijedidun, Master Kayowale Hungbo, Mr. Alfred Olufemi Atteh.

❖ **Wedding Anniversary:**

- (i) *Mr & Mrs. Akinwande Martins, 44th Wedding Anniversary.*
- (ii) *Mr & Mrs. Akin Ajeigbe, 63rd Wedding Anniversary.*

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) *Chief Olatokunbo Isaac Thomas, 4 years' mind*
- (ii) *Sir Emmanuel Uwafili Ofulue, 6 years' mind*
- (iii) *Mrs. Antonia Oluyemisi Age (nee Adollo), 10 years' mind*
- (iv) *Mr. Felix Oluremilekun Meadows, 21 years' mind.*
- (v) *Mr. Oyeyinka Alakija, 23 years' mind.*
- (vi) *Chief Mrs. Modupe Mojisola Williams, 26 years' mind.*
- (vii) *Mrs. Kofoworola Oyebode, 42 years' mind.*

11.00 a.m. Funeral Service for Mrs. Claudette Adetutu Dawodu

5.00 p.m. Men's Bible Class

SATURDAY 16/2023

Colour: PURPLE

Day 350

Bible in a year: *Micah 1-3; Psalm 144*

7.45a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Olawole Faloye

Epistle: Rev. 3: 1-6

Gospel: Matt. 24: 1-14

Points for Prayer:

- ❖ *The Revd. Michael A. Komolafe, The Synod Secretary Diocese of Oke-Osun and the Assistant Synod Secretaries.*
- ❖ *The Ven. Ebenezer Olufemi Onipede.*
- ❖ *The Revd. Marc. Samuel Bangura.*
- ❖ *6th Wedding Anniversary - The Revd. Abiodun and Barr. Mrs. Ibukun Fasoro.*
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Oji River (Enugu, Nigeira)**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Mrs. Victoria Chidinma Opara, Mrs. Wuraola Florence Ojebuoboh, Miss Mary Omolade Ajibade, Mrs. Eseoghene Enatufe (nee Agbogidi), Mrs. Biodun Adetola Joe-Iyalla, Miss Kofo Ojebuoboh, Engr. Ademolu Sonuga, Mrs Phebean Moshopef Oluwa Dasuki, Mrs. Ebunoluwa Obisesan, Mr. Abiodun Shode, Miss Kariba Bibelemoye Spiff, Miss Emmanuella Eniola Bamgbose, Miss Olufikunayomi Falomo, Master Michael Oluwaseun Imana, Mrs. Adaeze Chinweude Onwuemelie.

❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**

- (i) *Mr & Mrs. Tonye Bozimo, 17th Wedding Anniversary.*
- (ii) *Asiwaju & Chief Mrs. Fola Osibo, 51st Wedding*

Anniversary.

❖ **Memorial Intercession for:**

Mrs. Abna Moyosore Oduwusi, 7 years' mind.

Bible Study Outline

**THEME: GOD'S CHILDREN AS PILGRIMS TO
MANIFESTATION OF GOD'S REIGN ON EARTH**

THE HEAVENLY KINGDOM:

SUB-THEME: Living the Victorious Life 1

TOPIC: Victory over the World

TEXTS: 2Tim 3:10-15

AIMS:

- i. to clarify the geographical context of "the world" from the biblical contexts and*
- ii. to understand having victory over the world as against the consequences of gaining the world.*

INTRODUCTION

Geographically, the world is the planets and all the people on it.. Biblically, "the world" means the universe and everything that God has made as recorded in Psa 24:1. "The world" was first used to mean 'human existence and life on earth' as opposed to future life in heaven or hell. Victory is a triumph and decisive superiority in any battle or contest. The pilgrims' Victory over "the world" on earth simply means triumphing over every discouraging, intimidating, depressing, oppressive and depriving challenge we encounter in our Christian journey on earth.

STUDY GUIDE:

1. How can you explain the geographical and biblical context of 'the world' according to Psa 24:1; Jer 25:26; Matt 4:8.
2. What are the things of the present world that can be very tempting as to distract the pilgrims? See Luke 4:3, 5-7; 9-11; 1 Tim. 6: 10.
3. How can you explain 1 Jn 2:15-17 in relation to Exod 20:3-5 and give biblical examples of those who loved the world more than God. Judg 14:1-3; 1Sam 28:6-7; 2Tim. 4:10.
4. How can we overcome the world as pilgrims in the context of 1Jn 5:4; Rom 8:35-37; 2Tim 3:10-12?

CONCLUSION: The nearer we get to God the less we are fascinated to the things of the world. This cannot be achieved without the power of the Holy Spirit; because, our victory comes from within, not from without, as the Holy Spirit within us gives us victory over the world. He t

SPIRITUAL TONIC FOR THE WEEK

PSALM 119:105 teaches us the ways and the wills of God.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Be possessed of the Holy Spirit and conquer the world.

MEMORY VERSE: 1 John 5: 4

"For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith."

SPIRITUAL TONIC FOR THE WEEK

PSALM 119:105

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path."

Father God, You are great and Your word is Yes and Amen; when You speak it is a done deal. I surrender myself to the guidance of Your holy word. Guide me in the right path of peace,

comfort and prosperity. Let the light of Your word drive away any work of darkness in and around me. Let Your word be to me a ready made sword to slay every evil imagination and satanic agent that may come my way. Thank you Father in Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

HOLY WORDS, LONG PRESERVED

1. Holy words long preserved
for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart
Oh, let the Ancient words impart.
Words of Life, words of Hope
Give us strength, help us cope
In this world, where e'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us Home.

***Ancient words ever true
Changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts
Oh let the ancient words impart.
Ancient words ever true
Changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts
Oh let the ancient words impart.***

2. Holy words of our Faith
Handed down to this age.
Came to us through sacrifice
Oh heed the faithful words of Christ.
Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world.
They resound with God's own heart
Oh let the ancient words impart.

Words and Music: Lynn Deshazo

TITHE:

Remember to pay your Tithe*
(into Cathedral Zenith Bank Account Number)

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(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)
157, BAMBOSE BUILDING PROJECT**

Please pay all donations toward the project into Cathedral Access Bank Account Number: 0773948851

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.	Donations/Sunday Collection/Thankoffering	GT Bank	0124088211
4.	Offertory/Communion Basket	UBA	1017498994
5.	Sustentation	First Bank	2000519164
6.	Family Harvest/Harvest Donations	FCMB	0130543010
		Union Bank	0071028724

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DONATIONS. GOD BLESS YOU.

WOMEN'S CORNER

NOTICES

CLOSED FOR THE YEAR

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

- DECEMBER

- By Church History Sub-Committee

1963

Dec.1 Enthronement in the Cathedral of Bishop Seth Irunsewe Kale as Bishop of Lagos.

1965

Dec. 31 Cessation of payment of pew rent

1974

Dec. Inauguration of Social Welfare Service Union

1988

Dec. 26 Enthronement of Bishop Joseph Abiodun Adetiloye, D.D as Bishop of Lagos Diocese,

1999

Dec. 19 The Cathedral send-off for the Bishop of Lagos, the Most Revd. Dr. Joseph Abiodun Adetiloye

Dec. 27 Thanksgiving and farewell Service in honour of the retired Bishop of Lagos, the Most Rev. Joseph Abiodun Adetiloye by the Diocese of Lagos.

2001

Dec. 11 Foundation Laying Ceremony of the Church House Project by the Most Rev. Ephraim Adebola Ademowo Archbishop of Province I and Bishop of Lagos.

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.

- i. Risograph Printing Machine @ N5.5m
- ii. Toyota Coaster Bus @ N105m
- iii. Cisco 350X-24 MP Switch for CCTV cameras @ \$1500
- iv. Transformer and Tape Guide for the Lift car in the Cathedral House @ \$3000
- v. D-link Switch - DGS-1210-28P @ NGN230K
- vi. IP Camera @ NGN1,196,000
- vii. One 1.5 hp Airconditioners @ N220,000 each
- viii. Two 3 hp Airconditioners @ N300,000 each
- ix. HP all-in-one desktop computer "Intel core i7 16gb ram 1TB ssd - 1,650,000.00

OBAFUNKE AKINKUGBE GIFT SHOP IS NOW OPENED. VISIT THE SHOP FOR YOUR BRANDED GIFT ITEMS, COFFEE AND SNACKS. THE SHOP OPENS DAILY EXCEPT ON MONDAYS. THANK YOU.

SUNDAY 17/12/2023
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
(Second Sunday Before Christmas)

Stewards on Duty: **Group B** Colour: **PURPLE**

7.15 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION (SAID)

Theme: **PREPARING OTHERS FOR ETERNAL SALVATION**

Celebrant: **Ven. Henry Adelegan**
N.T. Reading: I Cor. 4: 1-15 **Mr. Solanke Ogunlana**
Gospel: John 1: 19-28 **Ven. Henry Adelegan**
Address: **Canon Residentiary**
Prayer **Mrs. Uwaila Ogunlana**
Thanksgiving at the Altar

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

**09.15a.m. FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS
AND NINE LESSONS**

Conductor: The Provost
(Special Programme)

Readers at the Christmas Carol Service of Nine Lessons:

Name	Theme	Passage
1. Children's Church (Master Ademide Martins)	The Fall	Gen. 3: 1-24
2. Choir Boy (Adekitan Ademorin)	The Promise to Abraham	Gen. 22: 1-19
3. Federal Society for the Blind	The Prophet Tells of the Prince of Peace	Isaiah 9: 2,6-7
4. Chief Eric Teniola	The Prophecy of the Messiah's Kingdom of Peace	Isaiah 11:1-9
5. Chief (Mrs) Olawumi Fajemirokun	The Annunciation to Mary	Luke 1:26-38
6. Mrs. Bisi Shonekan	The Birth of Emmanuel	Matt. 1:18-23
7. Ms. Alero Browne	The Shepherds' Visit	Luke 2: 8-20
8. Mr. 'Supo Shasore,SAN	Adoration of the Magi	Matt. 2: 1-12
9. Ven. Henry Adelegan	St. John Unfolds The Great Mystery of the Incarnation	John 1: 1-14

After Carol Service

- (i) *The Monthly General Meeting of the **Choirwives/Choir Parents Association** will hold in the Choir Vestry.*
- (ii) *The Monthly General Meeting of the **Cathedral Missionary Society** will hold at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.*

11.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m. CLINIC
CALL ON ANY DOCTOR OR NURSE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

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. Cathedral Guild of Stewards:

77th Anniversary Thanksgiving/Admission/Awards.

We congratulate and rejoice with the Chairman, the Executive Committee and all the members of the Cathedral Guild of Stewards on their 77th Anniversary today. We thank God for their services and commitment towards orderliness in the Cathedral on Sundays and at occasional services. God will continue to appreciate them. ***During 11.15 a.m., Awards/Plaques for long service will be presented to members.***

2. SWSU Anniversary:

Congratulation to the Social Welfare Service Unit of the Cathedral on the occasion of its 49th Anniversary. May God continue to use you as a source of blessing to His people.

3. Cathedral Women End-of Year Thanksgiving will hold on **Sunday 17th December, 2023 at 9.15 a.m. Choral Mattins. Reception follows at the Seminary Grounds. Dress Code: **Touch of Green.****

4. Annual Christmas Carol of Nine Lessons:

This will be held on **Sunday, 17th December, 2023 at 9.30 a.m.** It will be preceded by a pre-Carol concert from 9.00 a.m. Let us invite our friends and neighbours to come and share with us this glorious moment in the Lord's presence.

5. Celebrating Jesus 1.0:

The Diocesan Mega Christmas Carol Service celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ comes up on Sunday, 17th December, 2023 at 4.00 p.m. at TBS Marquee. You are cordially invited.

6. Children's Church Christmas Service:

The Children's Christmas Party comes up on Sunday, 17th December, 2023. We need sponsorship of the following items:

Food:	N800,000
Drinks:	N250,000
Snacks:	N340,000
Ice cream:	N500,000
Class Gifts:	N1,200,000
Rentals:	N400,000
Games & Entertainment:	N500,000

If you wish to sponsor any of the items listed above, kindly contact the Superintendent, Mrs. Omotola Akinola on 08023131628, by Wednesday, 13th December latest to enable proper planning. Thank you.

7. Light Up The Night 2023

This year's Light Up the Night comes up on **Friday, 29th December, 2023 at 5.30 pm** at the seminary grounds of the Cathedral. Preparations have started in earnest to make this year's even a memorable one. We are inviting willing members of the Cathedral to kindly join the 100 of Us choral group to sing a few songs during the event. Please contact Gbenga Bello – 0802 315 6979 or Michael Agbogidi - 0802 918 0308 to indicate interest. God bless you as you offer to serve.

8. 2024 Vestry Meeting and Election comes up Sunday, February 25, 2024. To vote at the Election, a voter must be a financial member of the Cathedral and must be on the sustentation list as having subscribed a minimum of **N5,000 in 2023. The congregation is hereby reminded to make payment on or **before 31st December 2023.** Pay into Cathedral Church of Christ, **First Bank Account No. 2000519164.****

9. 2024 Confirmation

Confirmation Preparatory Classes will start on **Sunday, 14th January, 2024.** Classes will hold at 9.15 a.m. every Sunday, thereafter at the Ayo Rosiji Hall, Cathedral House. Candidates must be at least 13 years old. Interested candidates are to register with Revd. Henry Mooh.

10. Home Call:

We announce the home call of **Mrs. Olufunmilayo Martins** on Sunday, 3rd December, 2023 at the age of 91 years. She was a member of the Cathedral Ladies' Armour Bearer.

Funeral arrangements are as follows:

Wednesday, 7th February, 2024 at 5.00 p.m. Christian Wake-keep at Ayo Rosiji Hall, Cathedral House

Thursday, 8th February, 2024 at 11.00 a.m. Funeral Service here, at the Cathedral. May her soul rest in perfect peace.

11. 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 N100,000 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.

12. (a) Fellowship Hour - Sunday 10/12/2023

We thank **The Ogun Family** who hosts the Fellowship Hour after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services in memory of their late father **Engr. Abiodun Oyekan Ogun** who died one (1) year ago on 15th November, 2023. *May the soul of the faithful departed, continue to rest in peace and may God's blessings, mercies and protection be always upon his children and children's children. Amen.*

(b) Fellowship Hour Booking: December 2023

Sunday, 17/12/2023 - **Mrs. Olawunmi Ilori** for her Birthday on 28th

December, 2023 after 7.15 a.m. Service

Sunday, 24/12/2023 - **Mr. Oluwadamilola Mojolaoluwa Ajilo** for his

Birthday after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15a.m. Services

(c) Fellowship Hour - Parishioners who are not the main hosts of the Fellowship Hour but who wish to celebrate any events in their lives or who will like to simply contribute to the 'community spirit of the Cathedral are encouraged to do so by providing fruits, cakes, muffins, etc. Such parishioners should please contact Omoba Adegbola Ademola.

(d) Advance Bookings - Fellowship Hour 2023

The following dates are available for booking for **Fellowship Hour on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of 2024**. Please indicate your preferences on first come first served.

	7.15 a.m.	9.15 a.m.
Sunday 14&28/1/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday 22/1/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sundays 11&25/2/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday 10/3/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday 24/3/2024	Booked	Booked
Sundays 14&28/4/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sundays 12&26/5/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday 9 & 23/6/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sundays 14&28/7/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sundays 11&25/8/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sundays 8&22/9/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday 13 & 27 /10/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday 10&24/11/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday 8&22/12/2024	Booked	Booked



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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.*

(a) Sponsorship:

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

1. **Adereti Esther Oluwatimilehin (19 years)** needs the sum of N1,083,995 for her University Education. She got an admission into Lagos State University for 5 years at N216,799 per session.
2. **Mr. Jimoh Aleem** a secondary School student needs a sum of N900,000 for a 6 years level of education at N50,000 per term.
3. **Master Daniel Elijah (10 years)** needs the sum of N900,000 for his Secondary School Education at N50,000 per term.
4. **Miss Ikuomola Oluwanifemi Blessing (13 years)** needs the sum of N900,000 for her Secondary School Education at N50,000 per term.
5. **Master Iremide Ejionome (3 years)** needs the sum of N1,308,000 for his hearing aid He is a cerebral palsy child.
6. **Mrs. Bimbo Durosimi-Etti (50 years)** need the sum of N4,901,000 for a hip replacement surgery.
7. **Mrs. Akinbode Felicia Titilayo (64 years)** and a widow who was diagnosed with Brain tumor, enlarged brain organ, blood clot and untreated hypertension seeks assistance for N2.5 million to undergo the surgery.
8. **Mrs. Rukayat Saheed:** She is suffering from Cancer of the nose that makes her bleed for the past three years. She will need the sum of N500,000 for the surgery.
9. **Mrs. Gbanifa Ganiyat (45 years)** was diagnosed of Breast Cancer on her right breast. She is looking for support of N500,000 for surgery.

(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

Eternal Father, the only God of wonders and possibilities, Your power is beyond compare, with You there is no impossibility, we acknowledge before You our feebleness; if Your power will not be our power we are doomed to failure: Grant, O Lord, that each day of our lives, this year and beyond, will be a reflection of Your wondrous power, level the mountains and break down gates of bronze before us to make possible every impossibility that lies ahead. We beseech You also to visit our land with Your unfailing help, cut through the bars of iron to deliver to us the treasures and riches stored in secret places, in Your mercy redeem and re-establish our Nation; and accomplish for Your Church what only You can accomplish to the praise and honour of Your one and only Son Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Amen

Theme for the year: "WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

TEXT: MATTHEW 19:26

HYMN FOR THE YEAR

ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE TO HIM

1. All things are possible to him
That can in Jesus' name believe;
Lord, I no mote thy truth blaspheme,
Thy truth I lovingly receive;
I can, I do believe in thee;
All things are possible to me.

2. The most impossible of all
Is that I e'er from sin should cease;
Yet shall it be; I know it shall;
Jesus, look to thy faithfulness!
If nothing is too hard for thee,
All things are possible to me.

3. Though earth and Hell the word gainsay,
The word of God can never fail;
The Lamb shall take my sins away,
'Tis certain, though impossible;
The thing impossible shall be,
All things are possible to me.

4. When thou the work of faith hast wrought,
I here shall in thine image shine,
Nor sin in deed or word or thought;
Let men exclaim and fiends repine,
They cannot break the firm decree;
All things are possible to me.

5. Thy mouth, O Lord, to me hath sworn
That I shall serve thee without fear,
Shall find the pearl which others spurn,
Holy and pure and perfect here;
The servant as his Lord shall be;
All things are possible to me.

6. All things are possible to God,
To Christ, the power of God in man,
To me, when I am all renewed,
When I in Christ am formed again,
And witness, from all sin set free,
All things are possible to me.

ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK
ADVENT SUNDAY - 3/12/2023

7.15 a.m. Holy Communion (Youtube 320/Facebook 400 views)....249
9.15 a.m. Advent Carol with Sung Eucharist(Youtube 335/Facebook 409 views)..432

Week-Day Services - Saturday - Friday

	HC		HC
Saturday		Wednesday	
2/12/2023	10	6/12/2023	33
Monday		Thursday	
4/12/2023	26	7/12/2023	21
Tuesday		Friday	
5/12/2023	21	8/12/2023	18

COMING EVENTS (DECEMBER 2023)

17/12/2023 - Annual Christmas Carol of Nine Lessons
24/12/2023 - Christmas Eve at 5.00 p.m.
25/12/2023 - - 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion Service
- 10.00 a.m. Choral Mattins
25/12/2023 - Ladies Helpers' Union attends Christmas Party at Federal Neuro-Physchiatric Hospital, Yaba



SOUL FOOD 50/2023

BEFRIENDING THE WORD

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.” Joshua 1:8

In Joshua 1:8, Moses gave Joshua the advice to keep the Book of the Law close to his heart. By doing so, Joshua's path will be prosperous, and he will achieve success. This means that prosperity and success are associated with being faithful to God's word and living according to its dictates. In other words, the Word of God is a powerful tool used by the Almighty God to bring about miracles in the lives of His people. Hence, the theme “Befriending the Word” is germane to our yearly theme.

The term “befriend” refers to the act of creating a friendly bond with a person or thing. While it is often used to describe the process of forming a friendship with another individual, it can also be applied metaphorically to describe the development of a profound understanding or connection with ideas, pursuits, or even inanimate objects. Befriending something necessitates emotional investment, loyalty, and commitment and may involve regularly participating in an activity, tending to an object, advocating for a cause, or establishing an emotional bond or attachment.

Therefore, “Befriending the Word of God” borders on familiarity and engagement with the Word of God and a deep, personal connection and commitment to living according to those principles stated therein. In other words, it means maintaining a dynamic relationship with the Bible – the Word of God. This is not just about intellectual understanding but about allowing its teachings to transform one's life, guided by a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and the indwelling Holy Spirit. This implies a deep and ongoing engagement with the words of God, not just a superficial or occasional acknowledgement. *Lectio Divina* describes this as a way of praying the scriptures that leads us deeper into God's word. We slow down. We read a short passage more than once. We chew it over slowly and carefully. We savour it. Scripture begins to speak to us in a new way. It speaks to us personally and aids our union with God through Christ, who is Himself the Living Word.

The Collect for the 2nd Sunday in Advent contains the prayer that “we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life...” and thus guides us how to befriend the Holy Word of God, viz:

- **Reading the Bible regularly:** This involves the habit of reading the Word daily. You can start with a few verses and gradually increase your reading scope.
- **Studying the Bible:** That is taking time to study the Bible in-depth. You can use study guides, commentaries, and other resources to help you understand the meaning of the text.
- **Meditating on the Word:** Meditation refers to reflecting on the texts of the Word. This should lead to thinking about how you can apply the teachings of the Bible to your life.

- **Pray:** Asking God to help you understand His Word and to give you the wisdom to apply it to your life.

We must befriend the Word of God because it is a source of comfort and guidance for us on our earthly sojourn. It is a companion that can help us navigate the difficulties of life. In Psalm 119:105, the Psalmist says, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." God's Word guides us through life even the dark times. It helps us find our way when we feel lost or uncertain. In addition to providing guidance, the Bible also comforts us.

In 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Apostle Paul stresses more reasons why Christians must befriend the Word. He says: "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." Here, the apostle uses two pairs of words to flesh out Scripture's usefulness. The first pair is "teaching and reproof," and the second is "correction and righteousness training." The Word of God guides us in what we believe and how we conduct ourselves. In simple terms, accepting God's Word can help straighten out our lives. The reproof of the Word can be the first step towards positive transformation. The training of God's Word helps turn faith into righteousness. As the Bible says, "For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12).

In Matthew 13:18-23, Jesus Christ shares the Parable of the Sower to guide us on how we should approach the Word of the Kingdom. He emphasizes the importance of being like the good soil that hears, understands, and receives the Word, allowing it to produce positive results in our lives. He also warns us of the negative impact that sin, troubles, riches, pleasures, and lust can have on our relationship with the Word. Therefore, He encourages us to avoid these things and to be quick to obey God's commands in His Word, so that we can be devoted friends of the Word.

My prayer is that God will make us friends of His Word as we continue our heavenward journey. Amen.

Have a blessed week!

The one who serves among you,



Very Revd. Adebola Ojofeitimi, PhD

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