

Therefore, Abraham was “dressed for action”, was always ready to listen to God, to have fellowship with God, to do as God said, even to offer to God his most precious earthly offering, the sacrifice of his son. *Church, are you rich? If yes, what is your wealth consisting of?*

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Hymn: 558 ‘Lord, you have come’

Activity:

1. Do you count yourself as being very blessed? If yes, please outline your blessings:

Hymn: 44 ‘Come on and celebrate’

2. What can we do for/with people who consider themselves poor. Outline four possibilities of action:

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- ...
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3. In this search word puzzle, identify the following words: possession, trust, obey, rich,

heart, God, treasure, faith, priority, food, family, love, home, yes, oil & Jesus.

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Use them alongside other words to recognize how rich you are – make a new priority list:

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Hymn: 566 ‘Take my life’

4. Let us pray for:

- People, chosen to lead at this time...
- Over 65m displaced people, those who are hungry, those who are oppressed...
- people, living with Covid, cancer, and other life threatening diseases...
- Those whose faith goes cold...
- Those without employment...
- Those with little or much to share...
- Other prayer concerns:

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We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ.
The Lord’s Prayer... Amen!

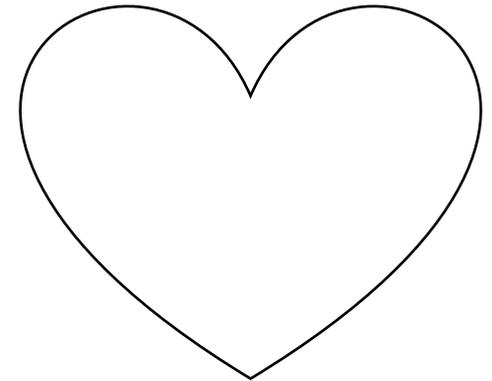
Hymn: 254 ‘Seek ye first the kingdom of God’

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Worship is our Way of Life!

What is...



your treasure?

On this Lord’s Day, 7th August 2022

Readings:
 Psalm 33:12-22, Genesis 15:1-6
 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
 Luke 12:32-40

This sheet’s content is for worship.

Order of Service

Praise the Lord!

Hymns 20 “Be still for the presence of the Lord”

Invocation: “My heart, O God, is steadfast; I will sing and make music with all my soul” (Psalm 108:1).

Affirmation “Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield” (Psalm 33:20).

Petition: “Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you” (Psalm 33:22).

Hymn 351 “In Christ alone”

Let us pray through Psalm 33:12-22

33:12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage. **Lord, be the Lord of our nation.**

33:13-15 The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind. From where he sits enthroned, he watches all the inhabitants of the earth. The Lord fashions our hearts and observes all our deeds. **Lord, see the suffering of your people.**

33:18-19 Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

Lord, give us this day, the life we need.

33:20-22 Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield. Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Lord, may our worship be acceptable to you. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Christ.

Hymn 659 “As dawn awakes another day”

Reflection

Let's imagine for a moment that you're in the presence of the Lord. You receive a revelation to make a list of the things you treasure most and to establish their worth by order of priority in your life. What's likely to be your answer?

- a) a list...
- b) priority...

While you're prayerfully thinking, indicate what comes first in your life among: work, family, church, leisure, life, and God. Please, place them in your order of priority:

1. .
2. .
3. .
4. .
5. .
6. .

As you do, bear in mind what's written, “where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Luke 12:34). You may also realize that the answers are leading you to follow your heart. We transfer our passion of heart to what we treasure most. What if you choose God to be your treasure, that is, you put God first; This means, you are very passionate about God? Then, you'll discover that whatever else we treasure is competing to occupy the first place in our life. They're

competing with God. Even so, I am confident that putting God first is the right answer.

It's also right to have sound interests in other things of life. We all, not just a few people, need to possess ‘all good things around us’. Riches is a wonderful thing because it comes from God such that to be rich in ‘all good things’ is a divine right. This right comes as well with spiritual responsibilities in that we use our riches to get other people rich as well, or at least comfortable.

Otherwise, there exists a danger of being rich in earthly things but not being rich in heavenly things. Again, Jesus reminds us of this: “Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near, and no moth destroys.

Let's take Abraham as our example. He was a very rich man, with a large family (Genesis 15:5-6), and all the privileges that came with being rich. Yet, he was equally rich, very rich in the things of God. He had an abundant faith. “By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going”. His earthly wealth did not jeopardize his relationship with God. He simply obeyed, using his life for God. J. H. Sammis (1887) enlightened us:

*“When we walk with the Lord
in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will,
he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey”.*