

Seven Ways to Pray for Your Leaders—Part 3 (David Mathis)

Tale of Two Wisdoms

James 3:13-18 draws a clear contrast between two kinds of wisdom: earthly wisdom and “the wisdom that comes down from above” (James 3:15). There is a kind of wisdom, exercised by humans, of human origin, and there is another kind—the true wisdom, exercised by humans, but of divine origin. One is heavenly, spiritual, and godly. The other, “earthly, unspiritual, demonic” (James 3:15).

Fortunately, our Father is an exceedingly generous giver, and He loves to respond with favour when we humbly petition Him for wisdom (James 1:5). It is good to pray often for wisdom for yourself—and it is one of the most important things you can pray for your leaders.

Consider James 3:17 as a guide for praying for what our leaders would be. *The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.*

(See last 2 weeks' bulletin for points 1-5)

6. Impartial

Impartiality is an especially important virtue for leaders. It's bad enough when anyone plays favourites and treats others unfairly, but when it takes root among the leadership, the effects multiply. The whole church soon suffers.

The impartiality of God is a clear, and often overlooked, theme in the New Testament (1 Peter 1:17; Galatians 2:6; Romans 2:11; Acts 10:34; Luke 20:21; Ephesians 6:9; Colossians 3:25). Pray that the wisdom that comes from Christ would make His under-shepherds increasingly fair and impartial (James 2:1, 9; 1 Timothy 5:21).

7. Sincere

Sincerity now brings us full circle to purity at the beginning of the list. The term literally means “without hypocrisy”. Pray that your leaders would practice what they preach, that they would be doers of God's word and not teachers only.

Pray that the leaders of Christ's church would renounce “disgraceful, underhanded ways” and “refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word,” but that in a world of spin, posturing, and deception, they would lead “by the open statement of the truth” (2 Corinthians 4:2). Pray that they would have the spirit of the apostles: “We are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ” (2 Corinthians 2:17). Pray that they would be free from people-pleasing and too much concern with public relations.



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Welcome, we're glad you're here!

We are a church family committed to following Jesus Christ as Lord. We do this by getting to know him through his living Word, the Bible, which is why the sermon is the key part of our Sunday services. Find out more about us at www.slechurch.org.au.

This Week: Gospel of Mark—The King Opposed

We are to see Jesus as the new Passover, the sacrifice for sins that we desperately need and to therefore see Jesus' infinite value and respond by honouring and appreciating and magnifying Him as such.



Next Sunday: Mark 15:1-16:8

Today's Service

Welcome and Singing	See the Man You Alone Can Rescue All I Have is Christ
Holy Communion	
Offering	
Community News	
Bible Reading	Mark 14:1-72
Sermon	By Pastor Ben Ho
Song of Response	Man of Sorrows

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Say hello

Join us for morning tea at 10:30am. We'd love to have a chat and get to know you better.

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Financial Update

Last Week	\$3,265.43
Weekly Required	\$5,872.00
Shortfall 2019	\$3,785.00

Giving by Electronic Funds Transfer

A/C Name: SLE Church
Bank: National Australia Bank
BSB: 084-424
A/C No: 396558544

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Prayer Points

PRAISE GOD THAT HE IS SOVEREIGN OVER ALL OF HISTORY! Praise God that we would trust God's sovereignty and future grace in the midst of trials and tribulations today.

PRAY THAT WE WOULD BE CLEAR about the gospel, find our comfort in the gospel. Pray that we would connect with the community of believers surrounding us to keep growing in gospel clarity and comfort.

PRAY FOR THE ABORTION BILLS AND DEBATES. Pray that Christians would be clear on the sanctity of life, and pray for an overflowing love that will reach out to those affected. Pray for Christians to demonstrate compassion in these debates. Pray that God would mercifully and graciously work in our world to love and care for defenseless life in the womb.

PRAY FOR OURSELVES THAT WE KEEP RESPONDING TO JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF MARK. Pray that the good news we are hearing will not fall upon deaf ears or hard hearts. Pray that it would also not fall upon inattentive ears and distracted hearts. Pray that God's Spirit would be powerfully at work in all of us to respond faithfully: confessing our sins, growing our affections for God and others, and living sacrificially in this world.

Community News

HELPFUL TIPS TO LOOK AFTER OUR CHURCH PREMISE

From time to time the church premise has failed to be locked up, or things not put back in place or in order after service of meetings, or not cleaned up. Even though a lot of us are not in charge of handling these matters, please do keep your eyes open to see what needs to be done. This could be switching off a light, closing a window, locking the door behind you, helping to empty the bins, etc.

We need your help to take care of the church premise together so that we can continue to use it as a gathering place.

Serving

	Today	Next Sunday
Chair	Bryan	Josh
Prayer	Ps Steven	Mike
Preach	Ps Ben	Ps Steven
Bible Read	Ps Steven <i>Marilyn</i>	Jansen <i>Dan Lowe</i>
M.Tea	Yenny, Gen	Stella, Alice
Wash Up	SaLT	Sunday YF
Welcome	Philip Mee Lan Esther <i>Andrew</i> <i>Marcus</i> <i>Marilyn</i> <i>Joy</i>	Philip Mee Lan Esther <i>Andrew</i> <i>Marcus</i> <i>Marilyn</i> <i>Joy</i>
Stewards	Richard Norman Sunny <i>Cam</i> <i>Yong Seng</i> <i>Edwina</i>	Richard Norman Sunny <i>Cam</i> <i>Yong Seng</i> <i>Edwina</i>
Piano	Joanna	Dan Lowe
Guitar	Jabez	
Bass	Aaron	Ethan
Drums	Nigel	Sharne
Vocal	Hui Ming	Shaun/ Amanda
PA	Reuten <i>Chris</i>	Matt T. <i>Stan</i>

15. The Gospel of Mark—The King Suffers [Mark 14]

1. Introduction

A. The Setting: The Passover (v1, 12-16)

B. The Centrepiece: Jesus, the Passover Lamb (vv22-25)

2. The Preparation (vv1-11)

A. The bread: worthless destroyers and betrayers (vv1-2, 10-11)

B. The meat: costly anointer (vv3-9)

3. The Passion (vv26-72)

A. The bread: Peter's denial

B. The meat: Jesus stands... all else falls

i. Praying... sleeping

ii. Standing... fleeing

iii. Innocent... corrupt

4. Contrast—What Does it Highlight?

A. Jesus: our greatest need

B. Jesus: deserving greatest value