

**Sermon: The last chance**

**Sunday 12/04/2015 MFM Portlaoise**

**Texts: Luke 13 verse 1- 9, 1 Peter 4 verse 16- 19 and Matthew 3 verse 10**

**Songs: When you come to collect your people**

**Will you be ready when the Lord shall come**

## The Last Chance

Today we shall be looking at what is titled the last chance, In Luke 13 verse 1- 9, 18- 19, shall be our reference scripture. But before we continue, I will like to draw our attention to the word of the Lord to me some months ago, I have shared the vision and warning with you, that I was seated in front of two people with a table and behold they opened a book and told me about Luke 13 verse 3, that if I don't repent I shall surely perish, that time I fell into a sin that made me to withdraw myself from the pulpit ( what happened that time could only make me bear bad fruits and not good fruits as expected by the Lord.) also on the 26 of December, 2014, I was lying down in my sitting room, when the scripture was opened unto me in Matthew 28 verse 18- 20, God was commanding me to go into the world and teach all nations.....

Now go back to Luke 13 verses 6- 9, it was the story of a barren tree, the barren tree according to the scriptures represent believers who are not bringing forth fruits, it represents those who are taking up spaces without spreading, it also denotes those who are not increasing, it also represent those with talent but buried it, but strangely hear this in Matthew 3 verse 10, the Bible says the Axe is at the shoot and every tree that does not bear good fruits shall be cut down and thrown into the lake of fire, The farmer who is Jesus who planted the tree is the same that is saying that any tree within his vineyard that is not bringing forth fruits, that is not profiting, that is not bringing gain shall be cut down and be completely destroyed.

Jesus expects all those who have accepted him as their Lord and personal saviour to bear fruits, to multiply and to increase, example as a business person will you keep on investing in a business that is bringing losses? Every man wants to make profit irrespective of what you are doing.....

Hear this the warning is coming loud, that let us leave it and watch till next year if it will bear fruits or not, and if not it shall be cut down, beloved will you wait till next year before bearing fruits or will you start bearing fruits. You are given the last chance to amend your ways and start bearing fruits or else when the master shall come and find you without fruit, the consequences will be lake of fire. My prayer to God is to find you worthy at his second coming in the name of Jesus

### **Why must you bear fruits or why the need to bear fruits?**

In Matthew 5 verse 13- 16, Isaiah 61 verses 1- 3

- To salt lives that are bitter
- To give direction to those who are going astray
- To deliver those in captivity
- to comfort those that mourn
- To bring the good news of Christ to all generations etc.....

### **What are the fruits expected of you to produce?**

Galatians 5 verse 22- 23..... *" But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law".*

### **Altar call.....**

Hear this beloved, In Matthew 5 verse 13- 16 you are created to be light to the world and in 2 Timothy 2 verse 20 – 22, you are a vessel that must be honoured and not of dis honour, you are also expected to display the various gifts of the Holy spirits as highlighted in 1 Corinthians 12 verse 1- end

## **Prayer**

- I shall not waste this last opportunity to bear fruits in Jesus name
- Lord Jesus do not cut me down in anger in the name of Jesus
- When the Lord shall come to visit me I shall be found fruitful in the name of Jesus
- Seed of barrenness inside my life be replaced with the fruit of fruitfulness in the name of Jesus
- Foundational powers that has taken away my fruitfulness return it back and die in Jesus name
- My life reject barrenness and embrace fruitfulness in the name of Jesus
- Lord Jesus increase in me so that I can increase and bear fruits in Jesus name
- Jesus shall celebrate my harvest in Jesus name
- Lord Jesus teach me how to be productive and fruitful in the name of Jesus
- My life hear the word of the Lord you shall be fruitful and not barren in the name of Jesus