

# *Issachar Foundation*

## **PRESS RELEASE – PASSING OF REV EARL THAMES (1936-2016)**

September 2, 2016: The Issachar Foundation expresses its profound sadness with the recent passing of a beloved friend, Rev Henry Earl Thames.

A favorite presenter for the Foundation's public lecture series, Rev Thames passed away on Thursday, August 11, 2016 of natural causes. A distinguished theologian, Rhodes Scholar (1958), and Chaplain of the Knox Complex of Schools (Spaulding), Rev Thames delivered the first Issachar Foundation public lecture on August 5, 2010 on the topic of 'The Role of Christians in the Emancipation process'.

The funeral for Rev Earl Thames is scheduled for Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at the Webster's memorial church, at 1 p.m.

In succeeding years, he would speak on such themes as the role of the church in nation building; the historicity of Jesus: was He real and is He relevant?; the implications of adopting the proposed flexi-week amendments; Emancipation: economic or spiritual forces? His last presentation on this latter topic can be heard on podcast at [connectprayact.podomatic.com](http://connectprayact.podomatic.com)

A well respected intellectual, down-to-earth, with a caring heart for children and youth, Rev Thames committed himself and all his talents in service of his Lord Jesus Christ and his fellow citizens.

A true man of Issachar, Rev Earl Thames will be greatly missed but Jamaica has been richer for his life and work. May his soul rest in peace.



the late Rev Earl Thames

**The Issachar Foundation public lecture series** provides a discussion forum within which to explore public policy issues and social trends from the perspective of the Judeo-Christian worldview. The Foundation affirms this worldview to be a sound basis for nation-building and human flourishing. **1 Chronicles 12:32**: *'[the] men of Issachar understood times and knew what Israel should do.'*

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