

The Personal God.

Daniel 4.

When we hear stories of radical conversion to Christ, or stories of people with great faith and we reflect on our own Christian experience, we may be tempted to ask the question, “Is there something about Christianity that I haven’t grasped? Or something that I missed?”

One thing that sets such people apart is that all of them have experienced God at a very personal and intimate level. God is personal, and He wants to relate to us personally.

In Daniel 4, Nebuchadnezzar’s experience of God had become very personal and intimate. In chapter 4 Nebuchadnezzar had finished his building projects and Daniel was old. At the end of Chapter 4, God is not just a concept to Nebuchadnezzar, but God is personal and real.

Why did it take Nebuchadnezzar so long? The story from chapter 1 to 4 is a story of pride, power and money. He has now achieved most of his dreams and projects. The Hanging Gardens of Babylon (one of the 7 wonders of the ancient world) had been completed. But he was yet to realise the need for a personal encounter with God.

Three things about God:

- (1) **God is Patient.** He was patient with Nebuchadnezzar. But there is an attitude which we all must fear and shun. When Nebuchadnezzar tried to accentuate his own power, pride, wealth and glory, God immediately had to step in and cut him off, because God cannot stand people who steal his glory, power and name. Whenever anyone speaks like this, God immediately cuts them off from this world. (Acts 12:23, Daniel 5:5).
- (2) **God Communicates.** He is personal and he personally communicated in dreams. But we have to be careful and not make this a norm for God’s communication to us. Dreams and visions may be good to warn us and correct us sometimes, but they are not to be generalised. Hebrews 1 says that in the past God spoke to us through prophets [and others] but now he has communicated through his Son, i.e., His Word. His written word is personal to us with the help of the Holy Spirit.
- (3) **God Initiates and He gives gifts.** Nebuchadnezzar became like an animal. There is no way for him to regain his senses without outside intervention. Animals cannot come to have human sensibilities on their own. They need a miracle to do that. This is totally God’s initiative. This is a gift.

What should we do?

- (1) **Confess:** To confess means “to say the same as”. Nebuchadnezzar learned to agree with God that God rules the kingdom of men and gives it to anyone he wills.
- (2) **Repent.** Repentance is not the same as confession of sins. Repentance means to turn around and stop doing the wrong. One can confess his sins with high emotion, but if he does not repent that comes to nothing. Daniel did the most courageous thing, he asked a King to repent of the sins of oppressing the poor (4:27). The glory of Babylon was probably built on slave labour and this was wrong.
- (3) **Believe** in Jesus as Saviour and Lord.
- (4) **Receive** the Holy Spirit.

- Pastor Kedo Peseyie



CHRIST THE POWER OF GOD
AND THE WISDOM OF GOD

City Church

VISION statement of the City Church:

City Church seeks to honor and worship Jesus Christ as Lord and the only God; and to build the Body of Christ (The Church) with all who love Him as disciples, proclaiming Him as the Savior to all nations.

AIMS of the City Church:

Worship: *To Worship God and exalt His name together as a Church.*

Fellowship: *To build the body of Christ with all who love Him through mutual sharing, help and growth.*

Evangelism: *To witness for Christ both by proclamation and by lifestyle so as to cause others to experience God’s great salvation.*

Discipleship: *To establish members as disciples of Jesus Christ through systematic Bible Studies and teaching and equip them for effective service.*

Mission: *To send out people in obedience to God’s call and command to reach the un-reached for Christ.*

SUNDAY SERVICE

- Leader : Daniel Thong
- Speaker : Pastor Kedo Peseyie
- Ushers : Esaca Assumi & Bendang Jamir
- Keyboard : Tekhe Colo
- Flower : Women Department

**Call to Worship
Praise & Worship**

Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Mass Prayer

- Announcement
- Offertory
- Hymn No.74 : I Gave My Life for Thee
- Scripture Reading : Alesong Maa
- Message
- Hymn No.149 : He Leadeth Me
- Benediction



City Church First Men’s Fellowship on 14th June
(Thursday) in the main Church Hall @ 5pm.
All Men are invited.

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ,
if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit,
if any tenderness and compassion,
then make my joy complete by being like-minded,
having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.
Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit.
Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,
not looking to your own interests
but each of you to the interests of the others.
In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death
even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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CHILDREN'S BIBLE CAMP

CITY CHURCH KOHIMA



"Live in Obedience to God's Word"

Jeremiah 7:23

25th - 27th June 2018

ST. PAUL SCHOOL PHEsama

REGISTRATION FEE: ₹100/-

Sunday, June 3rd, 2018

Tithes: ₹ 2,20,670 Offering: ₹ 9,445 Building Fund: ₹ 1,17,000
Mission: ₹ 3,500 Thanksgiving: ₹ 10,000 Nagamese: ₹ 720 Total: ₹ 3,61,335

INFORMATION

- Thursday Women Fellowship at 5pm: **Leader**– Mrs. Kevi Myingthungo, **Scripture Reading**– Dr. Naro Tsuren & **Sharing**– Mrs. Ajungla Hesso.
- Youth (Enroute) is going for fellowship outing today at 2pm.
- Wednesday Evening Bible Study fellowship at 5:00 - 6:30 pm.

NOTES:

PRAYER:

- Bring your personal and family needs before God in prayer.
- Pray for the Children's Bible Camp from 25th– 27th June. Pray for all the Camp teachers and officials. Pray for safety as they commute everyday to Phesama.
- Continue to uphold our church worshippers in prayer for God's complete healing and grace upon those who are sick and undergoing medical treatment.