

### Elijah's Restoration (1 Kings 19)

This chapter begins with Elijah's feelings of fear, discouragement, disillusionment, hopelessness and despair. In this context God speaks to Elijah.

**(1) Elijah, be quiet.**

- God told Elijah to stand in the mountain and wait for Him to pass by. There comes a storm that breaks the mountains into pieces. Then an earthquake, and a fire. But God was not in any of these dramatic events. Finally there comes a gentle whisper and Elijah hears God speaking to him.
- We cannot run away from the storms in life. But if we have not remained quiet in the presence of God to hear the gentle whisper, we will have nothing to say to the storm, earthquake and the fires of life.
- In the quiet state we hear the voice of reason and understanding. God's primary way of leading and speaking to us is through our reason and understanding that is refined through God's Word. (Psalm 32:8-9)
- Many people have seen a demonstration of God's power, and through that become convinced that God exists. But it is quite another thing to be quiet and hear the voice of God whispering to us. A voice is personal, but a gentle whisper is intimacy.
- Good Friday was a storm, earthquake and fire. But in the quietness of that Easter morning, God whispered to the world saying, "He is risen. There is hope!" This voice is what we need to hear.

**(2) Elijah examine yourself.**

- God asked Elijah the same question ("Elijah what are you doing here?") twice and got the exact same reply both times. This is his answer to God paraphrased, "I am having a self-pity moment and enjoying it. Look how hard I am working for you, and how badly I am being treated. I am the only one faithful to you."
- What controls your story? How would your story start? Does it start with the words, "I am a sinner saved by grace. I received forgiveness, therefore I give forgiveness."

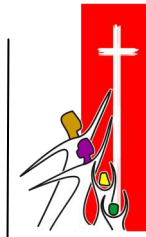
**(3) Elijah, do the right thing.**

- Elijah is asked to anoint Hazael king of Aram, Jehu king of Israel and Elisha who is to be his successor. But there is no record of Elijah actually doing this later on.
- God was telling Elijah to affirm, partner with, and bless others. Hazael, Jehu and Elisha are significant because they will go on to finish what Elijah started, i.e., the full purging of Israel from Baal worship.
- Make way and mentor those who come after you. God buries his workers, but never buries his work.
- Do the right thing. Be wise in appointing your leaders.

**(4) Elijah, you are not alone.**

- There are 7000 faithful people who have not bowed the knee to Baal. Go, seek out their company. Encourage them, and be encouraged. Together you will finish the work of the Lord.
- Elijah was a man just like us. If he needed to receive these words of encouragement and affirmation from God, how much more we!

- 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.*

## Today's Service

- Leader : Colo Mero
- Speaker : Kedo Peseyie
- Pianist : Vizolenuo Solo
- Ushers : Elthung & Toshi
- Flower : Dr. Chubala Jamir

Praise & Worship  
Welcome & Announcement

Prayer for Sunday School Teachers

**Reading: Psalm 121**

Prayer for Nagaland

Hymn **No.15** : O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Offertory

Message

Hymn **No.79** : Amazing Grace

Benediction

### PRAYER

- Praise God for the NBCC Annual Convention held at Peren which culminated last Sunday. We thank God for **Mr. Myingthungo Nguillie** who represented City Church at the Convention and participated in reading the Scripture.
- Praise God for the meaningful staff retreat held at Zubza yesterday.
- Praise God for weekly ministries including home visits, Wednesday prayer and bible study, Women fellowship, Youth, etc.
- Pray for God's intervention in the present ongoing unrest in Nagaland.

**Everyone is invited to the tea fellowship after the worship service.**

## Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
where does my help come from?  
My help comes from the LORD,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip—  
he who watches over you will not  
slumber;

indeed, he who watches over Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD watches over you—  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;  
the sun will not harm you by day,  
nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all harm—  
he will watch over your life;  
the LORD will watch over your coming and going  
both now and for evermore.

### Women's Fellowship

#### **I Peter 2:5**

Christians are a Holy priesthood. There are two great characteristics of the priest.

(a) The Priest is the person who has access to God and whose task is to bring others to Him. Through Jesus Christ we have access to God. This is the privilege of all Christians. Latin word for 'Priest' is '*Pontifex*' which mean 'Bridge builder.' How well are we faring as a Priest? Access to God means to be Holy. Without holiness no one will see God. Psalms 15, Psalms 51:11.

(b) Spiritual Sacrifice: What are the spiritual sacrifices that we offer to God? According to God's law in OT a Priest would kill the animal and cut it in pieces and place it on the altar. Sacrifice was important no doubt, but God made it clear that obedience from the heart was much more important. Psalm 40:6. God wants us—his "holy priesthood"—to offer ourselves as living and spiritual sacrifice. How? By daily laying aside our desires and obeying Him, trusting God to guide us. - **Mrs. Rose Mary**

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### Nagamese Fellowship

Jeremiah 45:1-5.

#### **Are we seeking great things.**

- In seeking great things, some may have fainted in life, and some of us have no rest.

#### **There important thing is this:**

- Are we seeking great things for ourselves?
- Do not seek great things for yourself.
- Surrender to God. God will bless you wherever you go.
- Our God is a great God. Seek Him first. And then God will save us.

- **Robert**

### ENROUTE

**Sovereignty of God:** God has the right to do whatever He wants, to exercise His Holy will and supremacy (Isaiah 46:9-10). He is in total control of everything (Psalm 115:3). Examples were taken out from the life of Joseph, how God fulfilled his dream through all that he went through (Genesis 37:5-10; 42:9) and David as to how God protected him from Saul (I Samuel 23:26-28). It also means God cannot do anything that deny His character and contradict Himself. God is in control and the only thing we need to do is to have faith in God's goodness and love. - **Moa Imsong**

- There will be Deacon Board meeting after the service.
- Building Committee meeting today at the residence of Dr. Sendimeren at 4 pm.
  - Enroute fellowship will be held as usual at 3pm today. Please do attend.
  - Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study from 5pm to 6pm will continue as usual.
- To avail transportation for Sunday service, contact Mego Yalie @ 8131814116.
  - Thursday Women's fellowship at 4:30pm.

### **Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Tithes: ₹ 77,800    Offering: ₹ 11,500    Mission: ₹ 6,000    Building Fund: ₹ 1,000  
Nagamese: ₹ 240    Total: ₹ 96,540

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