

THE DAILY MIRROR

James 1:18-27

- Kedo Peseyie

James says (in v.18) that God gave us birth through the word of truth which God implanted within us. We know we are born again, not by the amount of good works we do, but by the seed that is implanted within us.

How do we know we have this seed implanted within us? We will know when we have:- (1) conflict of holiness. We are grieved when we do wrong. (2) We have a hunger for God deep within. (3) We have a desire to be more like Jesus.

When we are born again God puts a new heart, a new spirit and the Holy Spirit of God within us (Ezekiel 36:26-27). Those who are in Christ are a *new creation* (2 Corinthean 5:17). If we want to see what this new heart/spirit and new creation looks like, we should look into God's Word—the mirror—where we will see ourselves as God sees us; renewed, forgiven, transformed and empowered by His Spirit.

There are three (two positive and one negative) things this mirror can cause:-

(1) Self Realization. The Bible is often compared to a mirror (v.23). You can trust this mirror to give you a perfect picture of your born again spirit in Christ. Here you will see yourself as God sees you- transformed, restored, forgiven and empowered. Looking intently into this mirror will build spiritual confidence.

This mirror will also give you a perfect picture of God's love, power and what He can do for you. Everyone has a theology, whether good or bad, because everyone has his or her own ideas about God. Even an atheist. Our theology needs to be shaped by the Bible, and not by our experiences, not by the world, or not by short clips from social media platforms.

(2) Self Deception. There are two ways in which believers deceive themselves.

First, we can deceive ourselves by being mere listeners and not doers (v.22). There is a thrill we get out of discovering new truth, and there is the thrill of public worship, but what is the use if we forget to practice what we learn and live what we know. The Devil will deceive us into thinking that we are spiritually doing well as long as we are reading our Bible and coming to church. But James says we are deceiving ourselves if we are not practicing it and living by what we know.

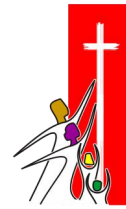
Secondly, we deceive ourselves if we don't control our tongue (v.26). The tongue burns with the fire of Hell. But the tongue, properly used, can also bring the power of Heaven. *The sign of spiritual maturity is the proper use and control of the tongue.* A spiritually matured person will not say things that will harm and pull down other believers.

(3) Self Improvement. V.25, says that the person who studies the word of God, remembers the Word, and practices it will be successful in all he does. This is ultimate self-improvement. Meditating on and obedience to the Word of God always bring success and prosperity (James 1:25, Psalm 1, Joshua 1:8).

James concludes the first chapter by giving three tests to gauge the quality of our spiritual lives: (1) *Speech.* Do we use our tongues to edify and strengthen others, or do we use it to stay in control of others? (2) *Service.* Are we able to give time to serve others, God and the church, or are we busy only with personal needs and personal prosperity? (3) *Separation.* How is your worldly pollution level? Are you keeping yourself from being polluted by the world?

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CHRIST THE POWER OF GOD AND THE WISDOM OF GOD

City Church

Mother's Day Service

Leader	: Daniel Thong
Speaker	: Kedo Peseyie
Ushers	: Wewa-ü M ero & Oli Awomi
Flower	: Asenla Jamir Laishram
Keyboard	: Vizolenuo Solo

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Praise & Worship

Welcome & Announcement

Reading: Psalm 136:1-16, 23-26

Mass Prayer

Reading : Thank God For Mother's Love

Prayer for Mother's

Offertory

Message

Hymn No.111 : Love Lifted Me

Benediction

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.*

PRAYER

- Thank God for all our mothers in City Church. Let us pray for God's great blessings upon all of them, so that they will continue to reflect God's glory and fulfill God's plan and purposes in their families and in our church.
- We thank God for all our children who passed the recent Board Examinations. Let us pray that God will continue to lead and equip them for greater achievements. Pray that God will open the right doors for them as they seek to continue higher studies.
- City Church "Mission Weekend" is on 20 & 21 May. Pray that through this event God will open our hearts and minds to see and fulfill greater needs for His glory. Pray for Kunsang Chhopel and family as they travel from Jaigaon to minister to us on 21 May.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Sunday will be Mission Sunday.
- Thursday Women fellowship every Thursday @ 5pm.
- To avail transportation for Sunday service, contact Myingthungo Humtsoe @ 9402936043/ 8794172936.
- Children's choir practise every Saturday at 4pm.
- Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study, **5pm - 6pm.**

ENROUTE

Exodus 3:7- 4:7: One of the key issues that many of us face in life is the "fear of failure" We all face this fear when we are forced to step out and try something new. The reason being, we do not want to fail. Moses went through the same fear when called by God to serve Him in Egypt. He was called to go to the Pharaoh and demand the release of Israel from bondage. He had many fears and excuses but God helped Moses to overcome each of his fears. God is with us and will give us the strength we require. If we are controlled by our fears, we will miss God's many blessing. - Moa Imsong

Sunday, May 7th, 2017

Tithes: ₹ 1,10,700

Offering: ₹ 7,600

Thanksgiving: ₹ 11,000

Mission: ₹ 15,500

Building Fund: ₹ 3,000

Nagamese: ₹ 360

Total: ₹ 1,48,160

PSALM 136:1-16, 23-26

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods.

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords:

His love endures forever.

to him who alone does great wonders,

His love endures forever.

who by his understanding made the heavens,

His love endures forever.

who spread out the earth upon the waters,

His love endures forever.

who made the great lights—

His love endures forever.

the sun to govern the day,

His love endures forever.

the moon and stars to govern the night;

His love endures forever.

to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt

His love endures forever.

and brought Israel out from among them

His love endures forever.

with a mighty hand and outstretched arm;

His love endures forever.

to him who divided the Red Sea asunder

His love endures forever.

and brought Israel through the midst of it,

His love endures forever.

but swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea;

His love endures forever.

to him who led his people through the desert,

His love endures forever.

to the One who remembered us in our low estate

His love endures forever.

and freed us from our enemies,

His love endures forever.

and who gives food to every creature.

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of heaven.

His love endures forever.

