

FAITH UNDER ATTACK

James 1:12

James, the writer of the epistle, is the half brother of Jesus Christ, and was the Bishop of Jerusalem. He is known in history as James the Just, and was stoned to death for his faith. He writes through his experience, encouraging us to “count it all joy” when we go through all kinds of suffering, because they help build our character.

The reality of temptation: We are never free from temptation. We face them everywhere and every time. Being tempted is not the same as sinning, but giving in to temptation is a sin. This sin will lead to the destruction of our faith and forfeiting of our reward in heaven.

Most of the temptations we face come from within us. The body is always crying out to fulfil its needs; the soul is encouraging us to do the good; and the mind sits in between to take decisions.

When are we most vulnerable to temptation? When does it come? Do we have the faith to recognise temptation and fight them?

(1) Temptations often come during [or after] our mountain-top experiences. These are usually significant moments in our life, like times of great success, when we are born again, powerful ministry experiences, etc. This can happen to individuals as well as to churches. We have programs, but do we have power? Do we even believe in the power of God to transform and change?

(2) Temptations come when we are physically weak. When we are in need, we are tempted more often. But James says that when we endure temptations, we will secure the “blessed position” for ourselves. The “blessed position” is the place where we enjoy the pleasure of God.

(3) When we are alone, we are tempted the most. The question that defines our Christian character is this: Who are you when nobody is watching?

How do we resist temptation? (1) Prayer. (2) Reading the Bible.

The Reward: Everybody suffers. But is our suffering for the glory of Christ? Are we suffering for the sake of righteousness and for the sake of the truth? Is yes, then this suffering is worth enduring because in the end God will reward us greatly. This is difficult, but possible.

Our faith is under attack. James is encouraging us to endure so that we may receive the crown of life. The blessed position that James talks about is earned through enduring at all times. Everyone who believes in Jesus will be saved and go to heaven. But the crown of life is for those who endure and overcome trials and temptations in life.

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CHRIST THE POWER OF GOD
AND THE WISDOM OF GOD

City Church

SUNDAY SERVICE

Leader : Kechanguno Ajen
Speaker : Pastor Kedo Peseyie
Ushers : Noel Medikhu & Aneisa Ritse
Flower : Alemsong Maa

Call to Worship

Praise & Worship

Reading: Psalm 84

Mass Prayer

Announcement

Offertory

Hymn -Teach Me Your Way, O Lord

Special Song : Linika Zhimo

Scripture Reading : Dr. Bilva Yalie (Daniel 9)

Message

Hymn **No. 185** : Living For Jesus

Benediction



INFORMATION

- There will be Women department Pulpit exchange fellowship next Thursday at UBC, Kohima. Time- 3:30pm.
- Enroute today at 3pm. Come and be blessed!

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.*

PSALM 84

How lovely is your dwelling place,
 LORD Almighty!
 My soul yearns, even faints,
 for the courts of the LORD;
 my heart and my flesh cry out
 for the living God.
 Even the sparrow has found a home,
 and the swallow a nest for herself,
 where she may have her young-
 a place near your altar,
 LORD Almighty, my King and my God.
 Blessed are those who dwell in your house;
 they are ever praising you.
 Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
 whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.
 As they pass through the Valley of Baka,
 they make it a place of springs;
 the autumn rains also cover it with pools.
 They go from strength to strength,
 till each appears before God in Zion.
 Hear my prayer, LORD God Almighty;
 listen to me, God of Jacob.
 Look on our shield, O God;
 look with favor on your anointed one.
 Better is one day in your courts
 than a thousand elsewhere;
 I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of
 my God
 than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
 For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
 the LORD bestows favor and honor;
 no good thing does he withhold
 from those whose walk is blameless.
 LORD Almighty,
 blessed is the one who trusts in you.

PRAYER:

- Your personal concerns.
- Pray for the believers in the country that they may persevere and grow in the faith in the midst of persecution. Pray that the church may continue to be salt and light and be a bold witness in the country.

Sunday, July 15th, 2018

Tithes: ₹ 1,14,730 Offer-
 ing: ₹ 10,398 Thanksgiv-
 ing: ₹ 2,600 Mission: ₹
 8,500

Building Fund:

₹ 4,33,250

Nagamese: ₹ 580

Show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths. - Psalm 25:4 NKJV



1. Teach me Your way, O Lord, teach me Your way!
 2. When I am sad at heart, teach me Your way!
 3. When doubts and fears arise, teach me Your way!
 4. Long as my life shall last, teach me Your way!

Your guid - ing grace af - ford, teach me Your way!
 When earth - ly joys de - part, teach me Your way!
 When storm - clouds fill the skies, teach me Your way!
 Wher - e'er my lot be cast, teach me Your way!

Help me to walk a - right, more by faith, less by sight:
 In hours of lone - li - ness, in times of dire dis - tress.
 Shine through the wind and rain, through sor - row, toil and pain:
 Un - til the race is run, un - til the jour - ney's done.

lead me with heav'n - ly light, teach me Your way!
 in fail - ure or suc - cess, teach me Your way!
 make now my path - way plain, teach me Your way!
 un - til the crown is won, teach me Your way!