

The War of the Passions

James 4:1-10

- Pastor Kedo Peseyie

The Double-minded man: Augustine said there are two loves: *love for God* and *love for self*. Therefore, there are two humanities: those who will love God supremely and those who will love themselves supremely. The person who is caught in between these two loves is a double minded man, unstable, and will receive nothing from the Lord. A double-minded man will always find himself in the middle of a battle, torn by it and never winning it. A single-minded man will struggle, but he will always find victory and answered prayers.

The devil desires intensely to destroy us. Our sinful nature within us also has a strong desire to obey the devil and give in to sin and self-indulgence. But God also desires intensely for us. His Spirit within us lusts after our wellbeing. Which do we yield to? Which do we listen to and obey?

The Three enemies facing us:

(1) World (v.4). This is the world apart from God, the value systems, the pride of life, the lust of the eyes and the lust of the flesh (1 John 2:16)

(2) Flesh (v.1c). The flesh is not the body, but the old sinful nature that is in us. This sinful nature (flesh) cannot be improved upon. The only way to deal with it is to let it die, and allow the new heart and the new spirit God has placed within us to grow and overpower the flesh. We should not exercise our “willpower” to improve the flesh, but rather exercise humility to allow the Spirit to move freely.

(3) Devil (v.4). He is the defeated enemy, desperate because he knows his end. But he wants to let as many people as possible share his fate in hell. He is a liar and builds his kingdom upon lies.

The Desire of God.

Verse 5 tells us that there is another desire at work, i.e., God’s desire. God’s desire is expressed in very strong words which can mean “God *lusts* after us”. This verse has a dual meaning: (1) God *lusts* after us. (2) The spirit within us *lusts* after the things of God.

The only part of our being that is in tune with God is the “new spirit and heart” that He has placed within us (Ezekiel 36:26-27). We need to listen to this holy desire within us and allow it to grow powerful so that it can kill the wrong passions fuelled by the world, our own flesh and the devil. ***How do we do this?***

Some practical applications:

(1) Receive God’s Grace and God’s Spirit (v.6). God has passions; we also have passions. God fights by giving us grace and we fight by receiving God’s grace.

(2) Submit to God (v.7). This is a military term like a constable submitting to a commander. When a constable acts like a commander, there is war. The principle of the Kingdom is that the Spirit is the Commander and we are the constables. We listen, we submit, we obey and we fight.

(3) Draw near to God. (v.8). this is a simple principle that works if we want God to be near us all the time. God is everywhere, but He is especially near and ready to help those who deliberately come near to Him.

(4) Repent (v.9). Repentance means “a complete U-turn away from sin”, “a change of thinking about sin”, or “to stop doing what we have been doing before”. We may pray for revival, but are we ready to repent? Can revival come without repentance?



CHRIST THE POWER OF GOD AND THE WISDOM OF GOD

City Church

Sunday Service

- Leader : Hekali Shikhu
- Speaker : Kedo Peseyie
- Ushers : Bündangrünla Anar & Tolika Awami
- Keyboard : Vizolenua Solo
- Flower : Ghotali Yeptha

Call to Worship Praise & Worship

- Reading : Psalm 119:17-24
- Special Song : Limasanen Anok

Mass Prayer

Offertory & announcement

- Hymn No.III : Love Lifted Me
- Message
- Hymn No.288 : Only Trust Him
- 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

- Pray that every worshipper of the city church would experience the joy of salvation and grow in relationship with Christ.
- Pray for our church members who are away from us for God’s protection and leading wherever they may be.
- Pray for our church missions; Love Burma, Joshua Ministry, Sisterhood Network, children in Cradle Ridge and NCF Hyderabad remembering those that are involved in these ministries.
- Pray for Chingsa and family for God’s healing hand upon all of them.
- Pray for the political situation in Nagaland; for God’s intervention, forgiveness and restoration.

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PSALM 119: 17-24

Be good to your servant while I live,
that I may obey your word.

Open my eyes that I may see
wonderful things in your law.

I am a stranger on earth;
do not hide your commands from me.

My soul is consumed with longing
for your laws at all times.

You rebuke the arrogant,
who are accursed, those who stray
from your commands.

Remove from me their scorn and
contempt,

for I keep your statutes.

Though rulers sit together and slander
me,

your servant will meditate on your
decrees.

Your statutes are my delight;
they are my counselors.

NAGAMESE FELLOWSHIP

Steps of a Christian life

1. Turning to the Lord – (Acts 11:21)
 - The sinner is ready to perish (Deut 26:3)
 - The saviour is ready to save – (Isaiah 38:20)
 - The saved one is ready to answer – (1 Peter 3:15)
2. Following after the Lord – (John 10:27-28)
 - He came to save – (1 Tim 1:15)
 - He came to call – (Matt 9:13)
 - Strength in secret prayer – (6:6) - **Robert**

Sunday, July 16th, 2017

Tithes: ₹1,64,110

Offering: ₹ 11,205

Building Fund: ₹ 2,84,000

Mission: ₹ 8,800

Nagamese: ₹ 330

Total: ₹ 4,68,445

“NANA – A TALE OF US”

An initiative of the NBCC Clean Election Campaign.

A movie specially produced by the Aoyimti Baptist Church Youth ministry on behalf of NBCC to accentuate the cause of the Clean Election Campaign. Let us to be part of the ongoing initiative of the Clean Election Campaign by buying the DVD (100/-).

Information

- Next Thursday the Women fellowship @ 5pm: Leader– Tiala Toshi, Scripture reading– Lily Jack and Bible Study– Nini Bendang.
- To avail transportation for Sunday service, contact Myingthungo Humtsoe @ 9402936043/ 8794172936.
- Children’s choir practise every Saturday at 4pm.

Enroute Worship Evening at White Oak, Sakhrie Park on 16th July at 4pm.



Notes