

THE GREAT GOD

Deuteronomy 8

Deuteronomy is a series of sermons Moses preached to the people of Israel on the eve of their conquest of Canaan, the Promised Land. This was their generation’s greatest task. What is God telling them through Moses? Two things: (1) You have a great God. (2) You have great dangers ahead. I imagine a father telling his son ahead of a very competitive sporting event: “Remember, win or lose, I love you. And be very careful”.

(1) You have a Great God.

- God’s love is great. (7:6-7) God chose Israel not because they were great, but because of His love. This is a covenanted love which will never fail or fade. God is saying to His people, “I love you because I love you.”
- God’s power to deliver and help them conquer is great. He brought them out of Egypt. He will help them conquer Canaan. And He did. The other issue is the conquest of land. How can they just walk in and seize land belonging to other people? Consider the following: (1) If God—after promising them a land flowing with milk and honey—gave them a jungle to inherit, that may not be very fair or great. (2) The Land anywhere and everywhere belongs to God anyway. (3) The inhabitants of Canaan were idol worshippers, and therefore enemies of God. The Israelites were supposed to go in and smash the idols and establish the worship of Yahweh.
- God’s blessings and promises are great. The simple principle in the OT is this: *If you obey my law, I will bless and prosper you.* For every promise, there is always a condition. The Bible is not a burden dumped on us. The Bible is a support and a guide pointing us to the life of blessings. To get the blessings we need to fulfil the conditions. Israel never did enjoy these blessings for long because they keep forgetting to smash the idols in the land they conquered.
- God’s demand is great. God demands obedience to the “whole” commandment, and to walk in the “whole” way revealed to us (vv1-2). God demands our all, not half-hearted devotion or service.

(2) You have great Dangers.

- God disciplines us to keep us away from dangers, because He loves us. If anyone is going through a period of discipline and suffering, be assured that you are in the hands of a loving God who is looking to “do you good in the end” (8:16).
- The greatest dangers are not from the outside of us. God can deal with them. The 900 chariots of iron of Sisera was not a problem for Deborah (Judges 4). Gideon faced the Midianites and the Amelikitites whose armies were like locusts across the land with just 300 men (Judges 7). The walls of Jericho are not high enough for God to bring down.
- But their greatest dangers are within. That is why they needed repeated warning to take great care and be alert (8:11). The dangers of pride, forgetfulness, unfaithfulness, disobedience and greed have proven to be dangers that brought God’s people down too easily too often.

Conclusion:

Remember what God has done and be grateful and humble. “What God has done in the past is a pattern for what God will do in the future. But He is too creative to do the same thing the same way twice”. He will do it again, only in a bigger way. Knowing this truth enhances faith and helps us to look to the future with hope and confidence because our God is great.

- Pastor Kedo Peseyie



**CHRIST THE POWER OF GOD
AND THE WISDOM OF GOD**

City Church

SUNDAY SERVICE

- Leader : Dr. Asunu Thong
- Speaker : Dr. L.M. Murry
- Ushers : Caroline Medikhru & Moamongla Pongen
- Keyboard : Shin-Jung Mijito
- Flower : Women Department

**Call to Worship
Praise & Worship**

- Reading : Psalm 148
- Announcement
- Offertory
- Hymn No.118 : Lord, Speak to Me
- Message
- Hymn No.128 : More About Jesus
- Benediction



Information

- Women’s fellowship resumes on 1st February, 4:30pm at the EGF Hall.
- Sunday School classes resumes on the first Sunday of February, i.e., 4th February.

Sunday, January 21st, 2017

Tithes: ₹ 54,500	Offering: ₹ 7,767
Thanksgiving: ₹ 80,500	Nagamese: ₹ 210
Building Fund: ₹ 5,000	Total: ₹ 1,47,977

**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 148

Praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights above.

Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise him, you highest heavens
and you waters above the skies.

Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for at his command they were created,
and he established them for ever and ever—
he issued a decree that will never pass away.

Praise the LORD from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,
lightning and hail, snow and clouds,
stormy winds that do his bidding,
you mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars,
wild animals and all cattle,
small creatures and flying birds,
kings of the earth and all nations,
you princes and all rulers on earth,
young men and women,
old men and children.

Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

And he has raised up for his people a horn,
the praise of all his faithful servants,
of Israel, the people close to his heart.

Praise the LORD.

PRAYER

- Pray for the work at our new church building site. The challenges of the difficult land terrain and limited area for earth dumping are proving very stressful for the workers and our members in-charge. Pray also for the financial needs for this building project.

Pray for the General Election:

- Pray for the Clean Election Campaign, for NBCC and other church organisation, that God will work through these efforts to bring peace and justice to the people.
- Pray for all the Election Candidates that they may do what is good and right before God and men. And pray for all officials who will be on election duty, for wisdom and protection as they prepare to carry out their duties.

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