

The Big Picture

James 4:11-5:12

James 5:7-9 gives us the big framework under which we are to think, plan and live out our Christian lives. The big picture James wants us to see is this: - *Jesus, the Law Giver and judge, is coming again to judge and restore all things.* We can expand this broad framework a little further: (1) Jesus is coming back. (2) There is a Law Giver. Behind the law is not an impersonal stone, but a Law-Giver who will hold us accountable. (3) God sees the past, present, and the future. (4) Justice will one day be restored. The Judge is already standing at the door.

With this framework in mind, we look at the passage and find four different groups of people represented.

(1) The Tongue tweeters (4:11-12, 5:12).

- Criticisms and gossip kills three people: the speaker, the listener and the subject.
- When we backbite and criticise others, we are judging and questioning the authority of the Law, and rejecting the Law-Giver.

(2) The Businessman and his plans (4:13-17).

- God who sees the past, present and future, is the one and only reliable guide and protector.
- We are safe and secure, and we will prosper at the centre of His will.
- The great danger is to move away from His will and plans.

(3) The Rich man and his greed (5:1-6).

- Three source of riches in that early society were: stored food, clothes and precious stones. James says food can decay, moths will eat up your clothes, and precious stones will corrode.
- God will renovate everything we know by fire. Nothing of temporal value will last.
- The NT warns against greed three times more than it warns against adultery. That's because adultery is obvious. No one commits adultery without knowing it was adultery. But greed and gossip can creep in unnoticed. This is dangerous.
- God takes note when poor people are exploited. The Judge is already standing at the door.
- Hoarding defeats the purpose of money – because money is to be used as a tool, not to be stored up.
- We are to love God and use money, not the other way round.

(4) The Farmer and his patience (5:7-11).

- A farmer's job is to plant, water, wait and persevere. A farmer who waits for something to grow up without planting is a fool.
- He perseveres against fierce weather conditions, animals and insects, to protect and nurture what has been planted.
- Likewise, our job is to plant the Word of God, good works of justice and righteousness, and wait patiently for it to grow and bloom into the New Creation.

- Pastor Kedo Peseyie



CHRIST THE POWER OF GOD AND
THE WISDOM OF GOD

City Church

Sunday Service

- Leader : M. Odyuo
- Speaker : Pastor Kedo Peseyie
- Ushers : Pioka K Shohe & Lhangti Konyak
- Keyboard : Lithüngpeny Murry
- Flower : Martha Ritse

Call to Worship

Praise & Worship

- Reading : Psalm 119: 25-32

Mass Prayer

Offertory & announcement

- Hymn No.24 : O Worship the King

Message

- Closing Hymn : I Will Run To You

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 unreached for Christ.*

PRAYER

- Pray for those who are sick. There are several people in our congregation who are not well, and some are travelling for medical checkup and treatment. Please remember them in prayer so that they will receive grace, power and healing from the Lord.
- Pray for the **Life Impact 2017** (Sept. 22-24) under the theme **“Following Jesus; Leading People”**. Pray for Dr. Paul Windsor, (professor of Homiletics at SAIACS, and International Director for Langham Preaching) for God's protection and leading upon him as he serves our Lord in different parts of India.
- Pray for our state Nagaland. We are going through very turbulent times: the extreme weather conditions, the political turmoil and the spiritual confusion. Pray that the leaders and public alike will realize the need to seek God in prayer and repentance.

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Psalm 119: 25– 32

I am laid low in the dust;
preserve my life according to your word.

I gave an account of my ways and you
answered me;
teach me your decrees.

Cause me to understand the way of your
precepts,
that I may meditate on your wonderful deeds.

My soul is weary with sorrow;
strengthen me according to your word.

Keep me from deceitful ways;
be gracious to me and teach me your law.

I have chosen the way of faithfulness;
I have set my heart on your laws.

I hold fast to your statutes, LORD;
do not let me be put to shame.

I run in the path of your commands,
for you have broadened my understanding.

Information

- ENROUTE youth will be screening the movie, "NANA – A tale of us" today at 3pm in the Church. All are invited to come and watch the movie together. We will also have a special time of prayer for the Clean election campaign of NBCC.
- Next Thursday the Women fellowship @ 5pm: Leader– Dr. Asunu Thong, Scripture reading– Hokali Valeo and Bible Study– Dr. Lulu Aonok.
- To avail transportation for Sunday service, contact Myingthungo Humtsoe @ 9402936043/ 8794172936.
- Children's choir practise every Saturday at 4pm.

"I Will Run To You"

Your eye is on the sparrow
And Your hand, it comforts me
From the ends of the Earth to the depth of my heart
Let Your mercy and strength be seen

You call me to Your purpose
As angels understand
For Your glory, may You draw all men
As Your love and grace demand

And I will run to You
To Your words of truth
Not by might, not by power
But by the Spirit of God
Yes, I will run the race
'Till I see Your face
Oh let me live in the glory of Your grace

NAGAMESE FELLOWSHIP

The power of God's word (Heb 4:12)

1. God's word "As a Mirror" – (James 1:22-24)

- It shows man's condition.
- Every word of God is perfect.
- Keep His words in our hearts and minds and bind them on our foreheads.

2. God's word "As a Hammer" –(Jeremiah 23:29)

- It breaks down his pride.
- It can break the heart of stone (Ezekiel 36:26).
- He can make and He can break, He is the Maker and creator for all things.

3. God's word "As a Sword" –(Heb 4:12; Luke 2:35)

- It pierces his consciences.
- It judge the thoughts and attitudes of the heart
- Reckless words pierces like a sword (Proverbs 12:18)

4. God's word "As a Balm" –(Jeremiah 8:22; Psalm 107:20)

- It brings healing to our soul.
- He rescued us from the grave
- He heals our broken hearts and minds, and by His words He healed our wounds

So let's apply God's word in our hearts and mind. In Him we get healing and in Him we get relief.

- Robert

ENROUTE Youth Camp

"Dying to Live" Gal 2:20

11th - 14th August 2017 | Dimori Cove, Kigwema

Block the dates, come and join us.

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**Sunday, July 23rd,
2017**

Tithes: ₹39,950
Offering: ₹ 8,260
Building Fund:
₹ 10,500
Thanksgiving:
₹ 10,000
Mission: ₹ 500
Nagamese: ₹ 325

Total: ₹ 69,535