

ISAIAH 6:1-13

“It’s hard to understand God . . . almost all the time these days.” Those were the unexpected – yet heart-felt-words at the end of an email I received from a woman in Christian ministry; her heart breaking over the pain her daughter is enduring.

About 3000 years ago, Isaiah essentially said the same thing in Isa 6: “*In the year that King Uzziah died...*” Isaiah’s lament carries a lot of weight because Uzziah was a good king. This was a sad eventful year in the life of the Israelites. But as Isaiah enters the Temple, he saw God on the throne as KING.

What a year! But Isaiah also learned to say, “What a God!”

THE PRAYER

(These are prayerful statements based on Isaiah 6. At the end of each statement the speaker says “*What a year!*” to which the congregations will reply “*What a God!*” And in doing so – we will declare this beautiful proclamation for our brothers and sisters in Christ who might be presently overwhelmed by the sense of “What a year!”).

To you who have been enduring a hard season in life. Who are assaulted by event after event; stress after stress; who really would just love to hear something good for once. You feel poor. *What a year!*

“What a God!”

To you who feel captive to things seemingly out of your control. Who feel bound and trapped—who long for a sense of release of your spirit and life; of joy. You feel captive. *What a year!*

“What a God!”

To you who have much hope and many plans. For whom last year did not turn out the way you hoped; but you plan that this year will be different. Yet – there is that niggling fear in your heart—will it be? And your vision fades. You feel blind. *What a year!*

“What a God!”

To you who just feel weighed down, dragged down. Those anxious thoughts are like fish-hooks in your mind. You can’t dislodge them. You feel oppressed. *What a year!*

“What a God!”

Luke 4:17-19. The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him [the Holy Seed is its stump]. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me; to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind; to let the oppressed go free; to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour...

...the year of the Lord’s favour... **What a year!**

“What a God!”

- Rev. Geoff New



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

City Church

SUNDAY SERVICE

- Leader : Rose Mary Jamir
- Speaker : Pastor Kedo Peseyie
- Ushers : Aneisa Ritse & Elithung Kikon
- Keyboard : Atuna Shikhu
- Flower : Dr. Lulu Aanok

Assisting in Lord’s Supper

Daniel Thong, Robin Temsu,
Zajamo Odyuo & Bokato Hesso

Call to Worship Praise & Worship

Responsive Reading: Mathew 5:2-12

Mass Prayer

- Announcement
- Offertory
- Hymn No.311 : Great is Thy Faithfulness
- Message

Lord’s Supper

- Hymn No.135 : I Know Whom I Have Believed
- Benediction



City Church **Jumble Sales Day** towards the end of this month in aid of church building. (Date to be announced). **Collection of items is going on. Worshippers may either submit the items for sale to the women department or the church office.** For more details kindly contact the Women Department. or the church office.

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.*

MATHEW 5:2-12

And He began to teach them.

He said:

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
For they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
For they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and
Thirst for righteousness,
For they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
For they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
For they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
For they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are
persecuted because of righteousness,
For theirs is the Kingdom of heaven

Blessed are you when people insult you,
Persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

Rejoice and be glad,
Because great is your reward in heaven,
For in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

INFORMATION

- Thursday Women Fellowship at 5pm: **Leader**– Bodeno Colo, **Scripture Reading**– Alona Shikhu & **Sharing**– Dr. Bilva Yalie.
- Enroute today at 3pm.
- Wednesday Bible study at 5pm.
- Deacon Board Meeting today after the church service.
- Sunday school teachers and parents fellowship today after the church service.
- Women department: fasting and prayer on 12th may. Time: 8am to 12noon.

PRAYER:

- Pray for the leadership in our State of Nagaland: *political* leaders, *administrative* leaders, leaders in *education*, *business*, and *church* leaders in different denominations and associations. Pray that they may lead with integrity, wisdom and faithfulness, so that the people will live well and seek God.
- Pray for God's greater intervention and providence upon City Church ministries and projects. Pray that we as a church would be open and sensitive to the leading and anointing of the Holy Spirit in all our activities and weekly services.
- Pray for providence and God's protection upon the ongoing construction of the new church building.
- Pray for God's healing grace upon Moa Imsong's (youth pastor) mother-in-law who is undergoing treatment at Guwahati. Continue to pray even for our church worshippers who are sick for complete recovery.

Things you need to know about City Church

- It is a full-fledged local church, ministering, administering and supporting its own ministry under the Lordship of Christ.
- It is an Associate Member of NBCC, and thus enjoys wide range of fellowship and partnership of ministry.
- It is a church with multi-ethnic and multi-cultural community of believers, cleansed and united in Christ.
- It has its focused ministry to children, youth, young adults, women and the congregation at large through departmental and church organized activities.
- It seeks to cater to the spiritual needs of all who come to worship the Lord in his house.
- It seeks to be a mission oriented church so to fulfill God's mission mandate in reaching un-reach people of the region and beyond.
- It seeks to be God's healing agent and be a conscience to our society through its incarnate and prophetic ministry in our present day world.

Sunday, April 29th, 2018

Tithes: ₹ 86,810 Offering: ₹ 8,765 Thanksgiving: ₹ 5,000
Building Fund: ₹ 25,000 Nagamese: ₹ 295 Total: ₹ 1,25,870

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