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## PAGBIBIGAY KASIYAHAN SA KAPASKUHAN



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Nagpapasalamat kaming muli sa Panginoon sa naganap na Christmas party ng JOB Kami-fukuoka. Punong-punong ng kasiyahan ang mga miyembro, mga bisita at lalong-lalo na ang mga bata na nakatanggap ng maraming pagpapala.

Binigyan din kami ng oportunidad na makadalaw muli sa Home for the Aged noong Dec 22, 2007. Nagkaroon ng pagkakataong sumayaw ang youth at children upang magbigay kasiyahan sa mga matatanda. Baga-ma't kulang kami ay maayos pa rin kaming nakasayaw. Naipahayag din namin kung ano ang tunay na kahulugan ng pasko sa pamamagitan ng mga larawan at kwento. Inawitan rin namin sila ng Christmas Carols. Nawa'y sa mga susunod pang okasyon ay mabigyan muli kami ng pagkakataong makasayaw, maging pagpapala at makapagbigay ng pag-asa sa mga manonood dahil napakasarap ng pakiramdam na amin silang napa-pangiti . Salamat sa lakas na nagmula kay Kristo! Sa Diyos ang kapurihan at karangalan!

**WELCOME/ Sa iyo na kauna-unahan naming nakadaupang-palad, malugod ka naming tinatanggap sa pamilya ng Jesus Our Banner Church. Kung ika'y wala pang kinabibilangang fellowship, maari mong i-consider ang JOB Church!**

# Leave Your Horeb

**PASTOR'S DESK**  
P. Jun Imperial



.you have stayed here long enough. Leave this place and go.....Deut 1:6-7

One of the great obstacles for the Christian to advance in his faith, ministry, or church is when the time he begin to think that he had already arrived on his destination. Because he got used to his normal routine , he thought that what is now is the best. He doesn't give room for advancement. When chal-

lenge come his way, he prefers to retreat and hide rather than fight and advance.

Like the Israelites who got used in their normal life in Horeb,they thought it is their promised land,because of Gods provision Deut 2:7. God told them to pack-up and leave because they have not arrived yet on their destiny prepared by God.

The only way to reached their promised land is by doing what God has commanded them.

1. Leave your Horeb v.7- in this mountain they experience manna, quail, and nurturing of God .The only thing about this place is that it is not yet the promised land God will give them. Horeb can be your meeting place with God, it is the time you received salvation. Many received their salvation and that is. They are comforted being saved. A song in asleep in the light by Keith Green said "the world is sleeping in the dark but the church can't fight cause it is sleeping in the light". Awake and arise, because your destiny is not yet what you have. God has still much instore for you.

Go to the land of the Amorites and all the neighboring lands. v.7

They need to pass , fight and conquer the Amorites . God want his people to fight.

We need to face our challenges in our faith because we are made to fight the good fight of faith. A faith that is not maturing for lack of experience is a baby faith. Some are called baby

Christian because they always want milk and not solid food.God designed us to mature and learn to face the battle of faith.Remember you are designed to fight. See Ephesians 6:10-16.The helmet ,breastplate,shield, the belt, shoes and the sword cannot be carried by a child. It can only be carried by a person ready to fight.

Posses the land. v.8

God did not want Israel just fight, He want them to possess his promised for them.

God doesn't want us to know how to be mature only, He want us to possess his promised land for us. Your family, neighbors, your workmate,.. See a person who knows a lot about Christ but cant even share his faith to someone, Anyone who has known Christ for long should have been advancing and taking possessions(inheritance from God like your family or friends).He should have been leading.He must been doing many things for God. In doing great things for God, we should be like Pacman who is not satisfied.

If you are thinking what to do next, take Gods method of sending the Israelites into the promised land, but if you are the one still sleeping in Horeb because you think that is already the best, think again! Everybody will go and you will be left behind,and the most fearful thing is God will also moved.

An expert said this word" I have not yet reached my goal, and I am not perfect. But Christ has taken hold of me. So I keep on running and struggling to take hold of the prize. My friends, I don't feel that I have already arrived. But I forget what is behind, and I struggle for what is ahead. I run toward the goal, so that I can win the prize of being called to heaven. This is the prize that God offers because of what Christ Jesus has done. " (Phil 3:12-14). Paul in old age and about to die...still unsatisfied.

Leave your Horeb, God promised that He will be with you. Deut 1:21

## “Mastering My Tongue” James 3: 1 – 12

**SUNDAY WORD**

P. Herbert Rodriguez

The Bible tells us that the tongue is an amazing creation, able to....deceive, devour, praise, flatter (to praise someone in order to get something you want) backbite, gossip, character designation (aliases) and many others.

In our text James 3: 6, Apostle James called the tongue a “beast”. Could you imagine what that little part of our body can do? But let us not put all the blame on our tongues, the tongue itself is not the real problem. In Matthew 15: 10-11,17-19, Jesus addresses the real problem. What goes in to the mouth doesn't make a person “unclean” but what comes out of the mouth. The things that

come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man unclean. In verse 19 “ For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony and slander. The tongue is neither friend or the enemy, it is merely a messenger that dictates the state of one's heart.

In order for a believer to make right or look good in the sight of God, the believer must tame (supilin o paamuin) his tongue. Every word that you have ever uttered will be judged. In Matthew 12:36-37, “But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the Day of Judgment. For by your words you will be justified and by your words you will be condemned.”



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In our text James 3: 1-12, we can look at the dangers the tongue brings to our life and ways to tame it.

I. The Dangers of the tongue

A. The tongue has the potential to condemn.

Apostle James commanded that don't strive to become teacher. James is not condemning teachers, but what he is condemning are people who simply want to talk to be heard. Nobody is perfect so we all stumble, since no one is infallible (not capable of making mistake) it is important that the teacher learn to control his tongue so he will not be subjected to a stricter judgment. James warned that although it is good to aspire to teach, teacher's responsibility is great because their words and example affect other's spiritual lives. He is not discouraging people from teaching rather he is stressing **control**.

The tongue has the power to control.

The tongue has an incredible power to control our lives. James gives us two illustrations of how something small can control something large. First, He points to a horse's bit. If it is placed in the horses mouth correctly it can force a horse into service. Whether it is for riding, pulling a wagon or a plow, that bit controls the horse. So it is for the Christian, if we are going to be used by God we must control our tongue. Second illustration is that of a boat controlled by a rudder. Regardless of the size of the ship- it is controlled not by the wind, nor by the sail, nor by the engine but by the small rudder guided by the pilot of the ship. In the same way we can seek out to do and live our best, but if we do not control the tongue we are helpless. Like the bit in a horse and the rudder on the boat, the tongue has the ability to control the rest of us. It is the master control of the entire body.

The tongue has the potential to corrupt. In verse 6-8 again, "And the tongue is a fire; it is the power of evil placed in our bodies, making all the body unclean, putting the wheel of life on fire, and getting it's fire from hell. All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, but no man can tame the tongue. It is restless evil, full of deadly poison. James speak of the corrupting influence of the tongue. When people begin to talk negatively they begin to corrupt the environment.

There is no room for negative talk in the church. Complaining also has a corrupting influence. The tongue corrupts the whole person, the word "corrupt" literally means to make rotten or spoil. The implication is that your tongue has the ability to make you rotten on the inside.

The tongue has the power to compromise one's faith.

James gives illustration of a water spring, verse 9-11; with the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of same mouth come praise and cursing. Can both fresh water and salt flow from the same spring? We compromise our faith when we talk about our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ in a flattering way and calling them names or aliases.

II. How do we tame our Tongue?

A. We need to become proactive (taking action and making changes before they needed to be made, rather than waiting until problems develop) with our speech. Psalms 39:1, "I said, I will watch my ways and keep my tongue from sin; I will put a muzzle (something that you put around the nose and mouth of an animal such as a dog, horse to prevent them from biting people) on my mouth as long as the wicked are in my presence. The Psalmist said "I will watch my ways - for the Christian there is no such thing as 'a slip of the tongue'."

B. We need to "THINK" before we speak.

T - TRUE

H - HELPFUL

I - INSPIRING

N - NECESSARY

K - KIND

If we would think before we speak we could avoid many of our problems.

C. We need to die to our old ways.

Galatians 2:20 says "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

from all unrighteousness". We were made in God's image but the Brothers and sisters, if your sin is a sin of the tongue I urge you to confess that sin to the Lord. 1 John 1:9 states "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us tongue gives us a picture of our basic sinful nature. Remember that the tongue is not the real problem it's only a messenger that dictates the state of the heart. God works to change us from the inside out. When the holy Spirit purifies a heart, he gives self control so that the person will speak words that pleases God. To God be the Glory!

(Portions excerpted from "Pierced Tongues" by Alan Tison)

## SCHEDULE

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Mahal ka ng Diyos at nais Niyang malaman at maranasan mo ito.  
SINASABI NG BIBLIA: **ROMA 3:23** Lahat ay nagkasala. **ROMA 6:23** Ngunit may libreng kaloob Siyang buhay na walang hanggan. **ROMA 5:8** Sa kabila ng ating pagiging makasalanan inialay ni Hesus ang Kanyang buhay para sa iyo. **ROMA 10:9-10** Ipahayag mo ng may pananampalataya sa iyong puso na si Hesus ay Panginoon mo't Tagapagligtas. **ROMA 10:13** Anyayahan mo Siya sa iyong buhay

ngayon.

PAANYAYANG PANALANGIN: "O Diyos, inaamin ko pong akoy nagkasala sa iyo. Patawarin mo po ako. Binubuksan ko ang aking puso at tinatanggap kita, Hesus bilang Panginoon at Tagapagligtas. Amen."