

WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Text for last Sunday (19th August 2007)

Mathew 8:8 Title: SHAME

Brothers and sisters; I greet you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ Amen. I thank all of us for our untiring efforts to meet together under this building and share the word of God. For the last eight Sundays we have been being encouraged by the word to withstand rejection and shortcomings in the word. My brother Rev. Ondiek and I have had to constantly teach us to hold fast to the Lord even when the tide seems unbearable. This was summed up last Sunday when I took us through the effects of shame.

In my illustration I blamed the quest for salvation to the shame that we all undergo in our lives. We said that shame rests in us and prevents us from reaching the Lord. Shame is always brought by the fact that people will value us differently if we did this or if we did that. Worst still sometimes we feel ashamed to meet our Lord just because other people have failed us nor worthy having a communion with God. By their judgment we feel ashamed and we prevent Jesus from getting into our lives.

“A woman walking on a busy road in a well populated town was caught up by the wind which attempted to strip her naked. The lady stretched using her both hands to prevent the wind from causing her to shame and so she managed. However, as she reached home the lady went into the bathroom, removed all her clothes and naked she bathed without shame. This was because she was alone and a third person was not in sight.

It is these third persons that prevent us from taking a step towards salvation.

The custodian chief in Mathew 8:8 had all it takes in his house. A well furnished house with modern equipments of the time, but because he had not prescribed to Christ he was an outcast in the eyes of the Jews and was not permitted to accept Jesus in his house. He felt that it could be a big shame if people saw Jesus entering a house of a pagan. Pagans as we are we should not carry shame. Let us take all our shameful actions to Jesus; He will not be ashamed to receive us neither will people prevent Him from receiving us. Come out of that corner of shame and meet Christ. Invent a bible study in your homes, invent a fellowship in your workplace, and talk to your God at all times. Jesus can.

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