 **CHRIST COMPANION BIBLE CHURCH**

**Weekly Bible Study**

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 **TRIUMPHING THROUGH YOUR TESTIMONY (Part 1) Study 11**

**Text**: Genesis18:16-19. John 5:30-32.

**Memory Verse***: 2 Corinthians 3:2-3 Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:*

 Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.

One beautiful thing about God is the fact that He knows all about every one of His children. Nothing is hidden from Him. What men do not know about individual secret and open life is well known to God. His testimony about you is not only accurate but valid!

 **WHAT IS GOD TESTIMONY ABOUT YOU? REVELATION 2:18-20; 3:1-3.**

 Believers are made spectacles to the world, Angels and men. Of all the observers, God’s testimony is the most important. As seen with the seven Asian Churches, so will God write up your report and present it to you one day. His verdict is without appeal! So, be careful.

 God measures your life base on certain parameters. These include:

*i. Your love for Christ and others (Holiness).*

*ii. Your attitude and response to the scripture (logos) and God's personal revelation to you (rhema).*

*iii. Your abiding life and obedience.*

*iv. Your transformed character and the fruits of the Spirit you bear. Galatians 5:22,23.*

*v. Your fruitfulness in soul winning and faithful services to God and humanity. Matthew 25: 13-28.*

*iv. Other factors are based on your callings, peculiarity and God personal dealings with you.*

 *We will look at the lives of some biblical saints and see the testimonies that God attested about them for our learning too.*

 ***1. God's Testimony About Job:***  See Job 1:8-11.

i. What was God's testimony about Job? Job 1:8 KJV ***"And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?"***

 ***Note:***

*i. Satan couldn't fault God's testimony about Job; rather he affirmed it to be true. The only argument was that God's goodness was the motivation for Job's blamelessness! That was a credit to Job.*

*ii. God was so sure that holy fear and love for Him were the true motivations. This was tested and Satan was proved wrong!*

 *iii Job was blessed and beautifully rewarded in the end! Job 42:10-12.*

 ***The challenge:*** If Satan should accuse you of sin, hypocrisy or any wrong act before God like Job today, what would be God's response? Would God condemn or defend you? Remember, no secret of your life is hidden from God.

***2. God's Testimony About Jesus:*** Matthew 3:16-17.

 What was the heavenly Father’s testimony about His Son, Jesus? ***"And lo a voice from heaven, saying:” This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased"***. Matthew 3:17 KJV

 God’s testimony about Jesus, His son was on the loveliness of Christ and the fact that he pleased Him in all things! What a wonderful testimony?

 ***The challenge:*** Can these be said of you today? Do you follow Jesus to love and please Him daily? Are you like Christ? What is God's testimony about you today? Paul says: ***“Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?"***. 2 Corinthians 13:5 KJV

***3. God's Testimony About Abraham And Sarah:*** Romans 4:18-22.

 It is interesting to notice God's emphasis on the faith of Abraham and Sarah despite some shortcomings on their lives at some point in time. God seemed to overlook those dark moments in Abraham's life from his books of reckoning! After all the trying time, Abraham came up strong, reliable and dependable. Genesis 17:1-7.

 His unrelenting faith and love for God became the yardstick to rest God's testimony of their lives upon.

**Note**:

*i. God's record of your past life could be bad but you still have time to redeem it! What you choose and determine to do or become today is all that matters. The once prodigal son can become a celebrated son when he repents and decides to turn a new leaf.*

*ii. Do not rest on yesterday glory! It is your endurance and keeping faith to the very end that will matter most. The scripture says:* ***"Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sinneth."*** Ezekiel 33:12 KJV

  ***The Challenge:***

 *i. How will you end your race? Will you be in God’s good record?*

*ii. Be very sure that you are on God' side. Men may flatter in your hypocrisy or disapprove, even your good and righteous deeds but what will matter in the end is God's witness and testimonies about you! Mind it and guard it jealously. John 5:30-32.* May God help you . Amen.

**HYMN: LET OTHERS SEE JESUS IN YOU**

1. While passing thro’ this world of sin,

And others your life shall view

Be clean and pure without, within;

**Let others see Jesus in you**

***Let others see Jesus in you***

***Let others see Jesus in you***

***Keep telling the story, be faithful and true;***

***Let others see Jesus in you.***

2. Your life’s a book before their eyes,

They‘re reading it thro’ and thro’,

Say, does it point them to the skies,

 Do others see Jesus in you?

3. What joy ‘t will be at set of sun,

 In mansions beyond the blue,

To find some souls that you have won;

 Let other see Jesus in you.

4. Then live for Christ both day and night,

 Be faithful, be brave and true,

And lead the lost to life and light;

 Let others see Jesus in you.