Series: John 10:9-16

Serving God with Purpose with Tribulations

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for our fellowship with you and your kingdom.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to preach this word to this flock to expand our wisdom and knowledge for the kingdom to get us to the Most Holy Place in the Tabernacle.

I ask you to continue to grow our hearts like a mustard seed while we continue to worship your kingdom and take in your word today.

Guide us in our life to keep us from conceit and selfish ambitions

Guide us in our life while we continue to run into people that continue to hate on our righteousness towards your kingdom.

I pray for our families to eliminate conceit, selfish ambitions and wicked ways daily I pray for the homeless and low-income households today that are dealing with trials and tribulations.

Guide and help people that are dealing with trials and tribulations during these tough economic times trying to feed our families, homeless people struggle to food with food security on a daily basis, looking for employment or any economic resources trying to get their life back on their feet, help families in these tough economic times dealing with inflation.

Strengthen our contentment so our hearts can be pure while living under your grace and mercy. In Jesus name, Amen

James 1:2-5

We need to stick by God during our tribulations, so God can easily come into our life and guide us. Do not try to solve your own tribulations in the world. We need to let God do his work on us to solve our tribulations while we are suffering. We need to trust in God to give us a breakthrough in our life, not trust the world to solve our tribulations. We need to stay out of 1 John 2:15-17 by getting our minds out of that scripture to depend on the world to solve our problems, trials and tribulations. We must not let go of God and his kingdom during our tribulations. When we pay tithes and offerings to God in Church and while we are watching church services and bible study online, it is for God to provide mercy on us. Say to the person next to you: God is powerful and merciful. We pay tithes and offerings because it is part of worshiping God and the Holy Spirit. We pay tithes and offerings for God to increase our fellowship and continue to grow our hearts like a mustard seed. We turn our life over to God to stop living our life to wickedness, sin, devil and temptation.

When we read James 1:2, we need to take this scripture seriously as christians and disciples to prevent us from falling into temptation. Do not let a sinner or anyone in the world drag us into temptation to tell us to do something. I heard a black/African-American man walking into a

church in Pittsburgh threatened to kill the pastor during a livestream service. He said God told him to kill the pastor. That's false because God does not tell people to walk into a church to pull a gun on the pastor to threaten to kill him. People that do that and say that God told him to do it are false. That is the devil talking to them. We need to pray for the safety of all God servants and pastors everywhere. What just happened recently in Pittsburgh at a church, we need to prevent that at all churches in this nation and abroad. When I think and read James 1:2, I believe the devil tempted the black/African-American man to walk in the church to threaten to kill the pastor during a livestream service. We need to be thanking God for our trials and tribulations because it is God that is bringing us to the light of his kingdom to save us from the sinful world today. I may have spent time in 3-4 homeless programs before Star of Hope, but I believe that happened because I was not patient with God and let God guide me. In other homeless programs, I did not have people like my case manager at Star of Hope name Mr. Gray, other case managers like Joh Johnson and program manager encouraged me to stay in the Spiritual Recovery Program to let God guide me through my tribulations. While I was in the Spiritual Recovery Program, I was still trying to make decisions too fast to leave the Star of Hope Mission in Houston before God blessed me and tried to work on me with my tribulations. I thank God for people like them like it is saying in James 1:2 to make sure I stay at Star of Hope Mission in Houston to let God guide me and prevent me from my conceit and selfish ambitions.

In James 1:3, we need to have patience for God in our life for blessings from the kingdom. Only way we can receive God's blessings and mercy from the kingdom is by being patient with Christ Jesus after we pray day and night. It is a way our hearts will grow as a mustard seed in the bible to continue to receive blessings and mercies from God. Say to the person next to you: God is powerful and merciful. When we have really patience with God after we pay to the kingdom is having stronger faith in the kingdom. We will continue to have strong faith in God as our hearts grow as a mustard seed to the kingdom. In this scripture, James is one of God servants that were speaking to the tribes explaining to them about the temptation and having patience with God.

- 1. It is time to trust God during our trials and tribulations in these bad and tough economic times
- 2. It is time to strengthen our faith and fellowship with God during our trials and tribulations during these tough and bad economic times.
- 3. It is time to strengthen our endurance to God during these bad and tough economic times. That is what James 1:4 is saying to us and we need to do that to grow our faith and hearts as a mustard seed.

When we read James 1:5 to ourselves daily, we need to understand that we need to be asking God for wisdom in these tough economic times while we are dealing with inflation and feel like our personal finances are shrinking. We need to be asking God for wisdom to ask God what to do when we are dealing with people all about wickedness, act like haters and instigators towards us.

Do not solve stuff yourself to put you in situations that you do not want to put yourself in, such as jail or prison. When we are involved in situations while we are out trying to meet new people, we need to seek God's wisdom. Is this person the right person to get to know and be friends with because they may be really wicked and living in a sinful nation? We need to call on God for everything in our life to continue to grow our hearts like a mustard seed. If people are considering becoming LGBT or homosexual, those people need to call on God before they do it and seek his wisdom about is it the best thing to do to grow my faith and heart to God like a mustard seed.

I copy and pasted this from the IRS website just now. I want to let people know that the church qualified for the automatic tax exemption status in 2014 when the church was first founded. The church is updating filing a 990 N and/or Form 990 that is posted on the church website. The church has had financial problems raising money from tithes and offerings to match the growing congregation since 2014. I do not want to be a religious leader that is all about the money and does not really force members and visitors to pay tithes and offerings, although members are supposed to based on the cheerful giving and importance to paying tithes and offerings in the bible as part of worship to God. The church has been doing everything right since 2014 by letting people know they can pay offerings online, in person in services or send offerings to church PO boxes for the Office of the Treasurer. My congregation needs highly motivated board members and I am thinking about doing another shake this month and starting now. Right now, everyone on the church website is terminated starting now and people will be deleted on the website. That's why, I am asking interested in serving on my Board of Directors, email me your resume and cover letter to bishopnicolas.hobson@gmail.com

Churches and religious organizations, like many other charitable organizations, qualify for exemption from federal income tax under IRC Section 501(c)(3) and are generally eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions. To qualify for tax-exempt status, the organization must meet the following requirements (covered in greater detail throughout this publication): the organization must be organized and operated exclusively for religious, educational, scientific or other charitable purposes; net earnings may not insure to the benefit of any private individual or shareholder; no substantial part of its activity may be attempting to influence legislation; the organization may not intervene in political campaigns; and the organization's purposes and activities may not be illegal or violate fundamental public policy.

Automatic Exemption for Churches

Churches that meet the requirements of IRC Section 501(c)(3) are automatically considered tax exempt and are not required to apply for and obtain recognition of tax-exempt status from the IRS. Although there is no requirement to do so, many churches seek recognition of tax-exempt status from the IRS because this recognition assures church leaders, members and contributors

that the church is recognized as exempt and qualifies for related tax benefits. For example, contributors to a church that has been recognized as tax exempt would know that their contributions generally are tax-deductible.

If you like this message and apply this message to your life, I encourage you to continue to worship with us by seeking a church home that we dedicate ourselves to pray for you daily. You can call our prayer line during the week or you can talk to our prayer ministry at the end of the service, so we the Prayer Ministry can keep you in their prayers and help you seek God in your life. Let us pray for you. We pray for people and you because we love you as a child of God, brother and/or sister. If you are still dealing with ungodliness and sin in your life related to the message, call our prayer ministry number (332) 333-1973. My trip to Houston has been locked in for August 11-17, 2024. My return date to Philadelphia is August 17, 2024.

It's giving and offering time:

- "Offer the sacrifice of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord."-Psalm 4:5
- "I will freely sacrifice unto thee: I will praise thy name, O' Lord; for it is good."-Psalm 54:6
- "Thy vows are upon me, O God: I will render praises unto thee."-Psalm 56:12
- "Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."-Hebrews 13:15-16.
- "But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing."-James 1:25

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https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/e053d774-5360-4b4a-9a24-8e958266ff91. When you give and plan to give, think of Acts 20:35.