

## The Best Gift

### Opening

The best gifts to mankind in the world, is Jesus our Savior who save and redeem our sins. Since the beginning of creation of the world, God created light for the good of mankind, in fact all that God created is good. Our Father in heaven, always give the best for His children, He is a good Father, He is fair, He loves us just the way we are. The most important thing is, we believe in and live our life for the Lord, strive to be the person who is right before God! Not relying on our own strength, but to be someone who put all hopes in God alone.

As believers of God, we must understand and respond that God always give the best for us. Sometimes we forget and do not appreciate it, if we are what we are now; it's all because of God's grace. When we achieve success in life, we say that it's all because of our own capability, strength and hard work all these while! But behind all that, it is the best gift from God.

The best gifts only come from God, not from this world. This world offer success in many different form; achievements, luck, become rich and famous, a lot of money, etc.. Thus, many people follow the ways of the world, filled with a variety of worldly lusts, which eventually leads to destruction.

### James 1:17

*Every desirable and beneficial gift comes out of heaven. The gifts are rivers of light cascading down from the Father of light. There is nothing deceitful in God, nothing two-faced, nothing fickle.*

How can we receive the best gift from God?

### 1. Having faith and wisdom (James 1:2-8).

To be able to receive the best from God, we need to learn to have faith that withstands test. When we are being tested, we have to believe and expect something from God, not from this world, then we will get the best from God, it is said in verse 4 a mature fruit that means it taste sweet and ready to be eaten. Having faith means trust in God's promises in His Word, does not believe in others, just believe in God, and did according to His commands. As we wait upon God, He will give us the wisdom and understanding to do all things (family, work and business in the market place, service etc.) are blessed in our lives, receive the best from God.

### 2. Stay humble and not proud (James 1:9-11)

When we were waiting for God to answer our prayers, it may need time to wait, but we still boast in the Lord, remained faithful to pray and seek God's face and when His time has arrived, God will raise, promote us, multiplication occurs in our lives. We give thanks and

offer a sacrifice to God with our lips glorifying our God saying that all is from God, for God and unto Him all the praises, we do not become proud and arrogant! But remains humble.

### **3. Self Control (James 1:12-15)**

We will face many tests and temptations when we look forward to the best of everything from God. There are time for everything, God's Word says. Don't struggle and sweat just to be rich! It will pull and attract us, because our desires is in control. Lord we want to survive in this temptations, withstand the test then those who love Him will receive the best promised by God. In verse 12 it is said, it will receive the crown of life. We will receive the Glory of God.

#### **Discuss**

Do brothers and sisters ready to receive the best gift? What do you wish this in the year 2012?

#### **Conclusion**

The year 2012 is the Year of Gods' favor, followed with multiplication and promotion. God longs to give the best for His children. The best gifts come from God. In every situation of our lives; personal, family, school, business and employment, service, our future. God's ready to give the best gifts. Let us learn to have faith and wisdom, humility, not arrogance and self-control.