

Worship Service

January 14th, 2018

9:30 am	Welcome & Opening Prayers
10:00 am	Sunday school Lesson 23
10:40 am	Praises & Worship
10:55 am	Congregational Hymns
11:00 am	Today's Message Consistency in Prayer & Asking Amiss
11:45 am	Offering - Ushers <i>Offering Hymn</i>
12:00 pm	Closing Prayers & Benediction

January Birthdays

Brother Sam	Jan 1 st
Baby Gyamfi	Jan 3 rd
Brother George G.	Jan 8 th
Brother Hans	Jan 13 th
Sister Mabel	Jan 24 th

Message: Consistency in Prayer & Asking Amiss

James 4:1-3

Consistency in Prayer

"Ye have not, because ye ask not." There is a difference between a casual request and a deep longing. Jesus told of a widow who received an answer from an unjust judge because of her persistence. He then said, "Shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bears long with them?" (Luke 18:7).

Asking Amiss

"Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts."

1. If we desire the blessing without the sacrifice, we are asking amiss. If we want to reap without sowing, we are asking amiss.
2. If we desire a crown without the cross, we are asking amiss. A disciple is not above His Lord, "who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross" (Hebrews 12:2).
3. "Ye know not what ye ask," said Jesus to two of His disciples who desired to sit at His right and left hand in His Kingdom. "Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" (Matthew 20:22).
4. "How much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" God will give the Holy Spirit to them who ask, if we really mean it when we ask. The Holy Spirit is given for a Guide; are we willing to follow Him? He is given as a Teacher; are we willing to learn from Him? He will give us power if we are willing to use it in service for Him.
5. Simon offered money, saying, "Give me also this power," but he asked amiss. His heart was not right.
6. Let us not ask the things of God for our lusts, or pleasures, but for His glory.