

# Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church

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SPEAKER:

REV. JIMMY L. GATES, SR.

Morning Worship on December 12, 2021 at 11:30 AM

# **Morning Service**

# SUNDAY, December 12. 2021

#### 11:30 A.M.

# **ORDER OF SERVICE**

WELCOME		
SUNDAY SCHOOL	SIS BEVERLY DURST	
DEVOTION	DEACONS	
PRAISE AND WORSHIP	SIS LUCRETIA COLSTON BOLDEN	
OFFERING		
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THE SPOKEN WORD	,,,,REV. JIMMY L. GATES, SR.	
MESSAGE: "I ASKED THE LORD, TAKE IT AWAY, AND HE SAID, NO I'M NOT"		
SCRIPTURE: 2 CORINTHIANS 12:7-9		
TIME TO RECEIVE THOSE WHOM THE LORI	D HAS CALLED	
BENEDICTION	REV. JIMMY L. GATES, SR.	
RECCESIONAL	LET THE CHURCH SAY AMEN	

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Responsive Reading today: Isaiah 9:6-7; John 12:12-16

### **FROM THE PASTOR:**

Church meeting will be held on **Wednesday**, **December 22**, **2021** at **6 p,m**, here at the church.

The <u>Precept Upon Precept Bible Study Class</u> meeting will start back on Thursday, January 6, 2021 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. We ask that you wear your face mask in class and social distancing is required. You may bring a light lunch if you so desire.

Sunday School online on Sunday's at 9:15 a.m. – Call in: 978-990-5047 ~ Access Code 3312613#

Wednesday Bible Study online at 7 p.m. -

Call In: 701-802-5360 and Access Code: 7817353

December 1 December 2 December 3 December 3 December 4 December 4 December 5 December 6 December 7 December 7 December 8 December 8 December 9 December 10 December 11 December 12 December 12 December 13 December 14 December 15 Romans 4:18–25 December 16 December 16 December 12 December 16 December 16 December 12 December 16 December 16 December 12 December 16 December 16 December 16 December 17 December 18 December 19 Dece	December 17 Galatians 2:11–21 December 18 Romans 1:1–7 December 19 Galatians 3:26–4:7 December 20 Romans 8:12–30 December 21 John 15:1–17 December 22 Ephesians 2:11–22 December 23 John 17:20–26 December 24 Matthew 28:16–20 December 25 Luke 2:1–21 December 26 2 Corinthians 5:11–21 December 27 Ephesians 4:7–16 December 28 Hebrews 10:19–25 December 29 1 John 3:16–18 December 30 1 Corinthians 15:20–34 December 31 Ephesians 1:3–14
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#### FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR.....

"Because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me." Il Corinthians 12:7-9

There can be no doubt the apostle speaks of himself. Whether heavenly things were brought down to him, while his body was in a trance, as in the case of ancient prophets; or whether his soul was dislodged from the body for a time, and taken up into heaven, or whether he was taken up, body and soul together, he knew not. We are not capable, nor is it fit we should yet know, the particulars of that glorious place and state. He did not attempt to publish to the world what he had heard there, but he set forth the doctrine of Christ. On that foundation the church is built, and on that we must build our faith and hope. And while this teaches us to enlarge our expectations of the glory that shall be revealed, it should render us contented with the usual methods of learning the truth and will of God.

The apostle gives an account of the method God took to keep him humble, and to prevent his being lifted up above measure, on account of the visions and revelations he had. We are not told what this thorn in the flesh was, whether some great trouble, or some great temptation. But God often brings this good out of evil, that the reproaches of our enemies help to hide pride from us. If God loves us, he will keep us from being exalted above measure; and spiritual burdens are ordered to cure spiritual pride. This thorn in the flesh is said to be a messenger of Satan which he sent for evil; but God designed it and overruled it for good. Prayer is a salve for every sore, a remedy for every malady; and when we are afflicted with thorns in the flesh, we should give ourselves to prayer. If an answer be not given to the first prayer, nor to the second, we are to continue praying. Troubles are sent to teach us to pray; and are continued, to teach us to continue instant in prayer. Though God accepts the prayer of faith, yet he does not always give what is asked for: as he sometimes grants in wrath, so he sometimes denies in love. When God does not take away our troubles and temptations, yet, if he gives grace enough for us, we have no reason to complain. Grace signifies the good-will of God towards us, and that is enough to enlighten and enliven us, sufficient to strengthen and comfort in all afflictions and distresses. His strength is made perfect in our weakness. Thus, his grace is manifested and magnified. When we are weak in ourselves, then we are strong in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ; when we feel that we are weak in ourselves, then we go to Christ, receive strength from him, and enjoy most the supplies of Divine strength and grace.

# **NOTES FROM THE SERVICE**

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PERSONAL APPLICATION:	
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#### Etiquette

\*Please refrain from walking and using the middle aisle during worship service

\*Exiting/Entering the sanctuary during prayer and ministry of giving is not permitted

\*No food, gum or drink permitted in the sanctuary

\*Please silence cell phones

\*Please no talking during offertory service

\*Pray for the Sick, and Shut-in and those in bereavement

\*Come to Bible Study and hear the speakers on people who had relationships in the Bible