

New Zion Evangelical Congregational Church

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Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Candle Lighting	Jacob Balsamo
Bell Ringing	Ariya Rupp
* Call to Worship	In God I Trust, Hymnal 579
*Hymn 580	Through It All
*Hymn 408	How Firm a Foundation
*Prayer	

KNOW THAT THE LORD, HE IS GOD

Scripture	James 1:2-27
Message	Facing Ill-Fortune: The Joy of God's Gifts
*Hymn 627	Cares Chorus
Volunteer Choir	What A Friend We Have in Jesus, 630

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

Sharing Time and Prayer
Receiving Offerings and Tithes as we pass attendance registers
*Singing the Doxology
*Benediction and Postlude

Facing Ill-Fortune: The Joy of God's Gifts

James 1

God's Children can face hard times by considering the Gifts He provides us

Gift 1: The Tie that Binds Christians to Each other and to God, verse 1
Unity in the Lord and his servant
Diversity in the scattered tribes

Gift 2: Sufficiency, verses 2-4
Joy based on considered knowledge
Becoming Whole(Lacking nothing)
Faith Tested Patience Maturity

Gift 3: Wisdom from God, verses 5-8
Lacking something- so ASK
Asking with Faith- You get the wisdom you want
Asking with Doubt- Nothing
In all your ways know Him, and he will direct your paths. Proverbs 3:6

Gift 4: the Wealth of the Crown of Life, verses 9-12
Boasting in Lowliness
Boasting of the Rich
Blessing of the man who is tried and passes the test

Gift 5: the Word of Truth which births life in us, verses 13-18
The Pull toward Death, 13-15 tempted, lust, sin, death
The Pull toward Life, 16-18, God, Word of Truth, life, fruit

ACTION STEPS : 1. Count trial as joy, v. 2
2. Ask God for Wisdom, v. 5
3. Celebrate lowliness, v. 9
4. Look forward to the reward of life, v. 12
5. Look for God's gifts (all good) v. 16
6. Listen to what is true, v. 16
7. Prune away the rot, v.21
8. Take action on what you hear from God, v. 22
9. Do things for the needy, v. 26