

Do you not remember? (Mark 8:15-21) – [Asaolu O.S.](#)

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Introduction: I wondered what to present on a day like this. Should it be a generic review, stock-taking and thanksgiving or about planning and resolutions for the new year? Coincidentally, I remember giving the very first sermon of this year. I did not envisage that I will deliver the last one too! Thus, I decided to make **a recap of all my Sunday Sermons of 2023**, and was amazed at how much the materials minister to me now. If we individually study or recall given exhortations, how useful such would be to stabilize our faith and meet our needs!

Text - Mark 8:18 *Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remember?*

Christ asked His disciples these questions when they started worrying about not having brought bread after He said: *“beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod.”* Isaiah 6:9 was meant for Israelites that do not believe on Jesus, not His followers – Mk 4:11-12. In view of recent events, Christ’s questions are relevant to us: *Do we not remember* previous exhortations here and prior provisions by the Lord on various occasions in our lives? If we really do, why worry excessively or doubt that the Lord would resolve issues as usual?

My Sermon Titles and their Conclusions are:

1. **As we count the years, make them count** (Luke 13:6-9) [Jan 1st, 2023]: commit ourselves and our plans into God’s mighty hands. He can guide and knows the end, the beginning and everything in between! Make the years count, time is the most valuable currency.
2. **You shall be saved and your household** (Acts 16:30-33) [Jan 29th, 2023]: Use godly conduct and prayers to stimulate your household unto the faith. Charity should begin at home, then unto the nation and the world.
3. **Exhortation at the send-forth for Minister:** Bro. Marshall Udoh AKPAN (Acts 21:5) [May 28, 2023]: We only part physically for now, we may meet again in this world and hopefully will reunite in heaven. Let us make use of technology to continue mutual prayers, fellowship, giving, edification, etc.
4. **Exercise Dominion Responsibly** (Gen 1:26-28) [July 2nd, 2023]: Man must be careful not to vainly go beyond his assigned jurisdiction. The Lion as king of the jungle doesn’t dig into the holes of snakes for fun or kill any animal except for food. Let us act responsibly and stay within bounds
5. **What Has Jesus Done for You?** (Luke 8:26-40) [Aug 13, 2023]: You alone can count your blessings, be grateful..., when you commend or praise, you attract greater favour from God and mankind.
6. **Despite the Press (noisy-crowd) you and the Lord can Communicate** (Mark 2:1-11; 5:24-34, Luke 19:1-10) [Aug 27, 2023]: Notice how each of these persons was debarred or constrained by the press/crowd but DID something to reach out to the Lord! We must stretch out in faith, act out with hope and trust that he would receive us... Jesus won’t disappoint; he will give us what we want or something better at the right time.
7. **Then pleased it the whole church** (Acts 15:1-31 & 6:1-7) [Nov 26, 2023]: The leaders involved the whole church to address a problem, sound men gave suggestions based on scripture, example or inference. The brethren argued but made a resolution, prayed and implemented their decision together. It led to church growth. Everyone was pleased. Unity or one accord is based on mutual consideration and participation.

Conclusion: Let us be attentive during services, be intentional in taking notes, occasionally revise such and consistently make effort to apply the lessons learned. I mean all admonitions in weekly activities; though this exhortation focused on Sermons, Sunday and Wednesday Teachings are equally important for our edification.

2 Peter 1:12 *Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth.*

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