

SHANGWE SUNDAY

Haggai 2:9- 'The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,' says the lord almighty. 'and in this place, I will grant peace,' declares the lord Almighty.'

After fourteen years in the tent, CITAM NGONG finally moved into the new sanctuary. The whole assembly gathered at the entrance and there was a blowing of a shofar made of ram's horn. Shofar blowing was significant even in bible times since God himself blew it. **Zechariah 9:14-Then the lord will appear over them; his arrow will flash like lightening. The sovereign lord will sound the trumpet (Shofar); he will march on the storms of the south.**

It was symbolic as it called all the assembly to gather for worship. Here in CITAM Ngong, it was blown because it was a great celebration. Those not privy to the struggle to build this house of God, would be happy to know that the shofar causes confusion in the spirit realm- dispersing opposition and bringing about an open heaven for the glory, power and presence of God to fall.

As we marched into and occupy one of the most beautiful facilities of our times, it must be a reminder to all of us that God is indeed faithful. To let us be witnesses to such a day, is a wonderful fete. After all the struggles, hiccups, and many prayers, it is a testament that it is indeed by his spirit and not by our own power, might and resources.

As we occupy the facilities that is the new sanctuary, let be known to all and sundry that this is certainly the temple of the most high God. It's a place of worshiping God and him alone. Yes, the facilities are beautiful but it's not about the building. God can get his word through to his people even from under a tree. So, bearing that in mind, we must not idolize the screens, sound and the new equipment. We must acknowledge that though we have all these, it should not cloud our resolve to worship the one who gifts us all good things and not the gifts.

Let the glory of this new house be greater be than the glory of the former house. Let us be reminded as the children of Israel were, that though the temple Solomon built was magnificent and arrayed in gold ornaments, the latter house that they were building would be full of God's glory and power. Let that be our declaration on this first day of October.

As we occupy this new sanctuary, let it be about the presence of God. It should not be about the sanctuary's physical beauty- but it should be about the beauty of what God's magnificence and majesty will bring in our lives. The splendor of God is better than any facility. We must cry out for his presence to inhabit this new sanctuary, for if his presence will be absent, we would rather go back to the tent. Let him occupy everywhere we set our feet.

We ask that they'll be no in-fighting in this new sanctuary. They'll be no jostling for offices and positions, but we will recognize that it is God's own temple. We make a declaration that the word of the lord will be preached in the pulpit of this sanctuary and nothing else.

There will be healings in this place; cancers shall be healed, HIV shall be healed in this pulpit, depressions shall flee in Jesus name. we declare that the transforming power of God's word shall bring salvations to the people attending the services, because we choose to stand on the word of the lord that the glory of the latter house-this house will be greater than the former house.