ST JAMES, Jamaica — Pastor of the King's Seventh–day Adventist Church in Mount Salem, Charles Brevitt, says the COVID-19 pandemic has exposed society's fragility.

“I hope that COVID has taught us that things are transitory, like a vapour, they are here today and gone tomorrow,” Pastor Brevitt told worshippers during his sermon yesterday (Saturday, May 16).

He argued that before the lockdown of the country due to COVID-19, the island's tourist industry was booming, and other sectors of the economy were performing fairly well.

“There were people who were making good money, US [United States] Almighty dollar a run….now, do you believe how easily we can be cut down to size?,” he asked.

The Adventist pastor argued that the pandemic has shown the vulnerability of “the people's foundation.”

 “Like a shock attack, many who appeared stable and secure found that their foundation was only built on sand,” he told the congregation.

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