Series: Living Under God Covenant with Gladness

Let God Lift You Up from Sinful World

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for this powerful message that will be preached to this flock.

Thank you for another day on earth

Thank you for your wisdom that you give us to live righteous in our life.

Guide our hearts and minds to grow as a mustard seed to heaven.

Guide our hearts to resist the devil in our life and let us continue to move the devil out of the way of our righteous to our kingdom.

Heal us when are sick

Heal us when we are dealing with lost loved ones.

Strengthen us as good shepherds to your kingdom forever.

Strengthen our deliverance from your kingdom and stop the world from hijacking us and taking over our life.

Help people in this flock that need help from your kingdom, such as permanent housing, dealing with homelessness and poverty, finding employment.

Strengthen our finances and our cheerful giving to the lord so God can bless and continue to bless us daily with breakthoughs.

Guide us during our tribulations and trials.

Guide us to repentance and confess our sins.

In Jesus name, Amen.

James 4:7-17

"So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world. Let there be tears for what you have done. Let there be sorrow and deep grief. Let there be sadness instead of laughter, and gloom instead of joy. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor. Don't speak evil against each other, dear brothers and sisters. If you criticize and judge each other, then you are criticizing and judging God's law. But your job is to obey the law, not to judge whether it applies to you. God alone, who gave the law, is the Judge. He alone has the power to save or to destroy. So what right do you have to judge your neighbor? Look here, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town and will stay there a year. We will do business there and make a profit." How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it's here a little while, then it's gone. What you ought to say is, "If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that." Otherwise you are boasting about your own pretentious plans, and all such boasting is evil. Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it."

It is time we need to let Christ Jesus lift us up and not be conformed to the world with sin by listening to idolatry and messing up our spiritual relief from God. When we live in the Sinful World, it will not strengthen and grow our hearts as a mustard seed. All the idolatry from politicians and sinners will lead us to distractions from God and the Holy Spirit. I can understand why Dr Martin Luther King, Jr was not a politician and did not want to run for elected office. He did not believe in elected politics. All our politicians do is divide us up and make us more conformed to sin and the world. You got Kamala Harris

campaigning and out on the campaign trail advocating on abortion and reproductive rights. All she is doing is teaching the world and voters in this nation to be sinners and lead them to devil and unrighteousness. We need politicians who are spiritual and teach that God is the creator of human life on earth. Children are gifts from God that deserve human life on earth. Democrats and Kamala Harris are trying to take that all away by telling voters to support sin and damage God's creation as human life on earth. Thank God my mother did not decide to abort me because it was too late at the time to do so. Democrats and Kamala Harris are teaching people to lust and not live spiritually under God's covenant to support human life and live righteous and obedient to God. Lust is not going to get people to the Most Holy Place in the Tabernacle. Lust is not going to get you and people to heaven. Kamala Harris and Democrats are calling you to end up in hell and trapped in hell to eternity with no way out with no eternal and everlasting life. That's why we need to vote in this election by our true spiritual beliefs and not let the world poison our minds and distract us from God. I am not saying go out and vote for Trump. Trump has supported abortion in the past as well that makes him a sinner. I will continue to let you know that the Democratic Party left me in 2010 by becoming an Independent in elections. In New York State, I just recently registered as an Independent at the Department of Motor Vehicles. I am socially conservative on economic issues. I am conservative/Republican on Defense, Homeland Security, Terrorism, poverty, religious freedom, government spending and federal budget, abortion, same-sex marriage, veterans affairs, trade and foreign policy, agriculture, supreme court and same-sex marriage. I am a Democrat on healthcare, social security, education and the environment. I am independent/unaffiliated on housing, immigration, energy, taxes, infrastructure, transportation, ethical issues and race relations. I am pro-Israel and believe in the Palestinians on what they stand for as well. That is why I oppose the war with Israel and Palestinians right now in the Middle-East. Palestinians believe in the importance of family, kindness to others, hospitality and Palestine go back to the history of Christ Jesus according to the book of Romans.

Psalm 69:29

"I am suffering and in pain. Rescue Me, O God by your saving power."

In order to keep ourselves distant from the sinful world, we must let Christ Jesus be the judge of our enemies and people that like to express envy towards us in public, the workplace, families and among friends. We must not judge no one on earth because that is the job of Christ Jesus as the throne in heaven.

- Do not wish bad luck on individuals because the best way is to let people follow their own path if necessary. Eventually, they will realize like I did in 2011 that they need God in their life to succeed in whatever they want spiritually and economically. I decided to get saved and be born again on September 4, 2011 at First Baptist Church of Hammond when I first became homeless at Pacific Garden Mission. After I got saved in 2011, my life flowed naturally going forward while dealing with some trials and tribulations up to the time at Star of Hope Mission in Houston.
- Do not retaliate to try to punish others because it is Christ Jesus' job at the throne in heaven.
- Do not wish anything bad to happen to your enemies in your inner circle, but continue to pray for our enemies like it says in the bible.

Psalm 75:10

"For God says, I will break the strength of the wicked, I will increase the power of the godly."

Galatians 6:2

"Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ."

We need to humble ourselves before God like it says in James 4:7 by being on the path of righteousness and letting our hearts grow as a mustard seed to heaven. The way we need to humble ourselves before God is to believe in God and believe God died for our sins and rose again on the third day. That's why we are saved by God's grace because Christ Jesus has sacrificed himself known as his body and blood for us to have us saved by his grace. More Christians and disciples need to believe that we are saved by God's grace and living conformed to the world. We need to be obedient to God and live under God's grace by sacrificing our life and minds for his kingdom daily, not the devil and the world. It means do not listen to sin and idolatry from the world to let people and politicians tell us what to believe in and sacrifice our path of righteousness to God and his kingdom to get to heaven. Do not let the world distract you from God and let the world hijack your beliefs to follow in the path of righteousness to Christ Jesus and the kingdom.

What do we need to do to let God lift us up and not the world?

- 1. Believe God is the creator of human life on earth and newborn babies are gifts from God.
- 2. Resist abortion all together and women need to make better choices about who they date and meet at bars and clubs along with while at college parties.
- 3. Oppose legalizing marijuana and medical marijuana.
- 4. Do not live like a tax collector and by mammon.
- 5. Support religious freedom.
- 6. Oppose federal and government funding for abortion.
- 7. Support prayer in schools
- 8. Obey God commandments

When you live by these eight things listed in your life, the devil will flee from you and your mind will be renewed for God's kingdom like it says in James 4:7. The Devil wants us to be distracted by the world and lose our faith in God and the Holy Spirit. That's why we need to stay motivated with our disciples in our inner circle like I do with my 47 disciples in my inner circle daily and weekly. Our disciples in our inner circle will guide us to live for God's kingdom and make sure we stay on the path of righteousness. That is why I preach sermons about improving our inner circle for God to create our disciples like Christ Jesus did in the bible. We must not believe in idolatry in the world telling us to believe in lust, such as abortion and same-sex marriage. You hear Democrats talking about marriage equality, but the truth is that it is world idolatry that encourages people to believe in sin and throw us off track to the path of righteousness to God. The truth is all couples are supposed to be man and woman with children. It is no such thing as Adam and Steve before Adam and Eve. That is 100% fact. Adam represents men and Eve represents women on earth. The true history about homosexuality is that it was really understood during biblical times. The Bible says God hates homosexuality, but at the same time homosexuality was understood in biblical times. If a homosexual dies today, they may go to heaven or hell. You hear about some homosexuals in same-sex relationships that are churchgoers and spirituals that live right for God. Some people in LGBT community are faithful to God, but it still provides a question mark for them if they die today to get into heaven. Christ Jesus could make exceptions for homosexuals that have been faithful to

God on earth. I am not speaking for Christ Jesus because it is his decision to let whoever into heaven after people die on earth. Only sin that homosexuals have is being in a same-sex relationship, but I know some homosexuals are loyal to God and still live by the bible. I know some homosexuals try to live spiritually with a pure heart while being in a sinful relationship. During biblical times, Christ Jesus and his disciples never declared their position on homosexuality. The bible just explains how Adam represents men on earth and Eve represents women along with God hates homosexuality because Christ Jesus never explained his position further on homosexuality. That is why it is questionable what happens to homosexual after they die on earth today. I am not encouraging more people to go out and become gay and live in sin. The Bible says it is a sin to have sex and lay next to a man in Leviticus. Also, it says that homosexuals still have blood on their hands when being gay and being in a relationship with another man or woman. Historians says gays still go to heaven but it is questionable if they will get through the gates of heaven based on their sin as being gay in a same sex relationship. In Leviticus, it explains that homosexuality is still a sin. People become gay based on psychological purposes. I wish my mother waited on my biological father while she was pregnant because my biological father said they were young. My biological father was 23 years old at the time when my mother got pregnant. My biological father said they were young and living with their parents. My father said my mother did not want to wait on him to get out of their parents house with his own place and get married to take more responsibility to help raise me. I believe what my biological father was telling me is true when I was in Las Vegas with him in 2005. My biological father worked on my dialogue when I was in Las Vegas with him in 20015 with a little bit more slang. My biological father told me that I am too proper and different. He told me men have a side of them with more street in them when they are not in the workplace. He told me that I do not have any street in me. That's why I never feel like I could fit in with my cousins on my biological father's side of the family. My cousin, my biological father, tried to teach me how to pimp when I was a child. My biological father told me that I need to learn how to swing my arms when I walk down the streets and slow down when I walk down the street. My friend Ryan from high school taught and motivated me to do the what's up head nod when we say what's up to each other in high school. My biological father was not trying to teach me to live in sin and be sinful as a child and adult. My biological father is trying to teach me how to live a social life with others, so I do not be a loner or have problems fitting in with people to meet new people. As my biological father was telling me since 2005, I still kind of hate myself because I have been trying to find a social life on my own and that is probably why I did a lot of traveling and moving around to try to meet new people with a social life like everyone else. First reason why I did a lot of moving around is because my case manager from Star of Hope Mission in Houston told me it is like I was running from conflicts and stopped sticking through them. Second reason is to try to meet new people with a social life like everyone else. I believe I accomplished it by spending time in Brooklyn in recent days since June 2024. I believe I accomplished meeting new people at Star of Hope Mission in Houston in the Spiritual Recovery Program. I see people walking down the street in Brooklyn and Manhattan talking to people in groups with social life. My biological father told me in my mind asking myself why I am not like that with a social life. My father says to me over and over again that my mother was in love with him at the time when they were dating, but my grandmother on my mother's side of the family stopped them from seeing each other until the time my mother got pregnant at age 19 after she graduated from high school at age 18. My grandmother is the same person that kicked her out of the house after she found out she was four months pregnant with me in the womb. My mother said she was going to stay with my biological father's parents in the neighborhood with him, but she made her

decision for her to have her stay with her aunt in the neighborhood on southside of Chicago. I want to explain another true story.

James 4:9 talks about how we need to repent for our sins and turn away from the sinful world. We need to repent and confess our sins from the sinful world. The scripture talks about how we need to turn away from sin and live a new life in Christ. As bishop, there were times I used to be out there in the world with my ambitions and relying on the world until my life started to go downhill in July 2011 and ended up homeless at Pacific Garden Mission. It is the reason why I started to submit myself to seek God in my life at First Baptist Church of Hammond and being born on September 4, 2011. After I got baptized, I was mentored by deacons to memorize Psalm 146-150 to increase my faith in God. After I got baptized and born again, my heart has been growing as a mustard seed to heaven since 2011 by serving God and giving back as a cheerful giver to help the poor and homelessness. God has been honoring me like it says in James 4:10. I want to speak the truth about Donald Trump coming out publicly and repent for his sins to the nation about any wrongdoing and sins he committed from the past to the past. I believe more people will respect him more across this country. He thinks he is above the law and attacks diplomats, career politicians and attacks our government institutions. He makes negative racial remarks against his opponents to provide hate against one another in this nation, and control the Republican Party and their legislative agenda in Congress. Donald Trump needs to pray and meditate on the Ephesians 4:31 every night and before speaking at every rally and groups of people along with confessing and repenting for all his sins

What do I do to prevent myself from sin or stay away from idolatry?

- 1. Stop lusts and living in bondage
- 2. Stop lusts and bear false witness against other people around you.
- 3. Focus on God as a Christian and disciple to Jesus by being cautious with your freewill that God gave you.
- 4. Be honest with yourself and God daily.
- 5. Repent and confess your sins to keep your heart and contentment to God daily.
- 6. Trust God as rock of your salvation
- 7. Pray and meditate on God word
- 8. Do not live as a tax collector and by mammon.
- 9. Study God word daily
- 10. Eliminate access to your sins by reading and memorizing Matthew 5:29-30.
- 11. Spend time with other Christians and righteous people.
- 12. Spend more time praying to God and his kingdom for your needs daily.
- 13. Spend more time with Christians that worship God to avoid distractions to the world.
- 14. Try doing stuff for people with nothing in return. That's why I volunteer at homeless shelters from the past to the present in other cities and states because I do it spiritually to show my strong compassion for the homelessness and think about the challenges they face daily while living in homeless shelters and living on the streets. I am so compassionate for the homelessness that I hate to see them dealing with food insecurity while living on the streets. When I think about this option politically, I think about our politicians and what they did for us in our communities while serving in office. I believe our politicians run for office like they care for us and only in office to profit off themselves with the large paycheck of our taxpayer money. I agree with rapper

- Common from the movie Barbershop; the Next Cut when he and other people in the barbershop say we are better off looking out for ourselves and our well-being in our communities.
- 15. Worshiping God. When I mean worshiping God, what I do is not listen to music that is secular with profanity and sinful to the world. I mean we need to cut that off in our life to let God lift us up from the sinful world. I don't really listen to music like that no more after I got saved and born again on September 4, 2011. I only listen to gospel and music that does not have profanity, nudity and sin. It is like what it says in Matthew 5:29-30 that I throw or cut stuff off from my life to prevent my whole body going to hell.
- 16. We need to fast to detoxify our soul for the Lord daily.
- 17. Share what God has done for you daily in testimonies with your disciples in your inner circle, in church or gatherings. I continue to share personal stories about how God has lifted me up out of the sinful world with cheerful giver and my loyalty to God. I share true stories about myself about how God has lifted me up and how Christians at places like Star of Hope Mission in Houston have helped me improve my spirituality for God and learn how to read the bible in context. Also, I let God speak to me daily, not the sinful world with idolatry, sin and temptation.

"So if your eye—even your good eye—causes you to lust, gauge it out and throw it away. It is better to lose one part of your body than your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your hand-even your stronger hand—causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better to lose one part of your body than your whole body to be thrown into hell.-Matthew 5:29-30 (NLT)

What Jesus means by Matthew 5:29-30 is do not be tempted by the evil and sin in the world to cause you to have unrighteousness in your soul and heart. This scripture needs to be applied to gangs and hoodlums that like to commit violence and killings in our communities. That's why I gave previous scriptures and sermons about improving our inner circle for God to keep us on the path of righteousness to God's kingdom. When I started this congregation, I had no or very little disciples in my inner circle until I have 48 disciples in my inner circle today. My inner circle of disciples are not all one racial/ethnicity known as Black/African-Americans. My 48 disciples in my inner circle are made up of black/African-Americans, Latino/Hispanics, foreigners and some white/Caucausians. I gave previous sermons on how we need to avoid temptation to the world and do not be 1 John 2:15-17. When you see people with mental health acting wicked with wicked ways on the streets and at homeless shelters, they need to do what the scripture says is to cut it out so your whole body does not go to hell. When I see people at Star of Hope Mission in Houston last year acting wicked and wicked ways, those people

When we read James 4:11 to ourselves daily, we need to obey this commandment in the bible and stop judging each other. When I read this scripture, I think about people that used to judge me in school and assume people like me are gay. People used to call and assume I was gay when I was in school but I wasn't. It was people in school when I was young to be judgmental towards me,but I just ignored them or some loyal friends of mine in school used to stand up for me when I wasn't around or when we were in classes. It is thuggish and hoodlums today that see me and assume I am gay or homosexual, but I ignore those people because I am not gay and hoodlums in public are thinking they know everything about strangers in public. Women and individuals in public while I was living in Detroit always said that life is too short to judge people in public or anyone in the family. You see and hear people judging spiritual people like myself that are pure and righteous living a righteous life on the path of righteousness. You

hear homeless people like in the Bronx judging people like me for having good things going on with themselves and having their life set with a career. We do not need to be judging others because we need to be trying to learn from one another for who they are and what they do. People need to understand that judging others is judging God law and means they are wicked that do not respect Christ Jesus. We need to read James 4:11 to ourselves daily to remind ourselves not to judge others and stand with God's law. Turn to the person next to you and say respect God law. Turn to the person on the other side of you and say Christ Jesus is the judge of all of us on earth.

I want to tell you a true story about myself and let you know that Star of Hope Mission in Houston guidance from staff taught me how to let God guide me in my life and stop thinking too fast trying to leave Star of Hope. I was told to stop thinking too fast about decisions and pray about them before making any final decisions to see where God wants me to go. Before Star of Hope Mission in Houston, I was making too many self-centered decisions that caused me to end up at places like Star of Hope Mission in Houston and done so much moving around and traveling without maintaining myself in one place. When I talk about this story, I think about James 4:13. Other case managers at homeless shelters never teach me that. I let God lead me and take me places in my life and that is what God is leading me to do when he is about to move me to Brooklyn and get me out of the Bronx. I start making plans depending on God and his kingdom. This will be my next bible class topic this month to members and visitors to lecture people on how to make plans and goals depending on God, not the world and idolatry. I encourage more people to attend my bible classes on the third Saturday of the month hosted by myself in Brooklyn. It will be my second bible class in Brooklyn since June 2024 because I have hosted bible classes in Philadelphia, Chicago, Houston and Detroit. When I read James 4:13, I do not teach bible classes on the third Saturday of every month because I teach bible classes based on spiritual gifts for shepherding, knowledge, wisdom, prophecy, exhortation and teaching. When we read James 4:14, our planning of our goals are dependent on God and the Holy Spirit. I want to make one thing clear: do not make any plans based on the world and idolatry because it is more likely they will fail or lead you down the path of unrighteousness. I advise everyone to keep a journal of your daily plans and pray to God about what you need help with to achieve in your life spiritually. In that journal, I want you to write down and keep track of your plans and goals, later to go back to look at your goals and see what God helps you achieve in your life spiritually. As christians and disciples, we want to prevent ourselves making our life in sin and that is what James 4:14-17 means and says about us as servants to God.

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