

Kingdom Come: Living God Reality on Earth

Confronting InJustice

Heavenly Father,
Help us and people in the world that still misuse their tongue by taming their tongue.
Help us and people in the world to stop using their tongue for gossip and negativity
Thank you to those people and disciples that have self-control to control their words on a daily basis.
Thank you to those people that do not sin and are always talking negatively about others and people in the world on a daily basis.
Thank you to those people that are appreciative of things that they get including homeless people and do not talk negatively about the things given to them even at homeless shelters.
Guide homeless men and women to tame their tongue.
Help me to pause and consider my words before we speak.
Grant me the wisdom to discern when to speak and when to remain silent.
Cleanse our hearts to righteousness
Help us release these harmful emotions and fill my heart with your love and grace.
Teach us to use my tongue to build up, encourage, and bless others.
Help us to speak words of truth, kindness, and compassion.
Strengthen our resolve to resist the temptation to gossip, complain, or speak ill of others.
Help us to cultivate a spirit of humility and gentleness.
Help us to reflect your image
Help us transform our tongue from a source of harm to a tool for your good
Grant us wisdom like it says in James 3:17
Help me to discern truth from falsehood, right from wrong.
Grant me understanding that goes beyond mere knowledge.
Help us to recognize my own shortcomings and to approach life with a teachable spirit.
Lead us to the paths of righteousness and help me to make choices that honor you and benefit others.
In Jesus name, Amen

I want to tell you a true story about my experience advocating for the poor and homelessness for many years. When I was treasurer of Student Government as an undergraduate student in 2008-2009, I was the kind of officer that cared for the poor and needy. I was the only person in the student government that presented proposals that benefited low-income students. My running mate for President of Student Government noticed that about me and that is why she wanted to be my running on the ticket with me. I have been an advocate for the poor and homelessness ever since 2009. My advocacy and volunteer experience has been strong on my resume since 2009, but people are only allowed to go back as ten years on your resume.

“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly defend the rights of the poor and needy.”-Proverbs 31:8-9

The Book of Proverbs generally provides practical guidance for living a wise life. verses highlight the crucial role of justice and compassion in a ruler's character and actions. The verses call for fair judgment and the defense of the poor and needy. Scriptures inspire a collective responsibility to ensure that justice is upheld in the community. When I read the scripture, I think about Christians and disciples are people

that advocate for the homeless and poor within their congregations. That's why churches have emergency assistance programs, food pantries and clothes closets, and rental assistance programs. What people need to do more of in the community.

- Actively advocate for the vulnerable
- Judge fairly
- Defend rights for the needy and poor in our community
- Take a stand for the defenseless and the destitute
- Speak up when you witness injustice and make a commitment
- Make impartial judgments that uphold justice for all
- To effectively speak for those without a voice
- Engage in charitable acts and service
- Participate in faith-based groups dedicated to service and outreach
- Pray for God to reveal ways you can speak up for those who need a voice.
- Show compassion and loyalty in your love
- Foster an environment of respect and support through acts of kindness and open dialogue

I was picked to gossip about in school because I used to speak with a speech impediment. I used to be a mute that when I did speak to people in school that I talked about. I used to speak with a shaky voice with a speaking impediment. My mother said to staff in IEP meetings that she believes it was a phase of me being nervous while in school. That's why my learning disability was EMH in elementary school and changed to EBD in high school. I was not really special ed in high school because I only took special education classes during my freshman year and regular classes during my sophomore, Junior and Senior year. I started to become a special ed when I was nine years old at Fort Dearborn Elementary School. While I had a speech impediment in school, I attended speech pathology once a week up to high school. My mother was the only person that could take me out of speech pathology during my senior year, but my mother never did. I am supposed to be seeing a professional psychologist today. I used to ignore people that teased me in school. It explains why I do not like people that are judgmental towards me and just ignore those people. I continue to advocate for the homeless and needy by promoting affordability and red tape. I continue to reach out to racism in the workplace.

"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."-Micah 6:8

God lists his past actions for Israel, such as delivering them from Egypt, to show his faithfulness. He then presents the people's response asking what sacrifices they must make to appease him. God uses courtroom imagery to bring an accusation against Israel for their disobedience and failure to live by the covenant. We need to live a life of fairness and equity by confronting injustice. We need to practice compassion and forgiveness in your interactions. We need to cultivate a life of dependence and gratitude toward God. As Christians and disciples, we need to seek to be righteous. As Christians and disciples, we need to show genuine care for those in need. We need to support more fairness in our society, such as promoting equality and fairness for all members of society, confronting issues, honesty, supporting righteous decisions and accountability, kindness, tenderhearted forgiveness, and helping the sick.

"Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow."-Isaiah 1:17

Isaiah instructs God's people to stop worshipping with unrepentant hands covered in blood and instead to learn to do good. The verse follows God's rejection of the people's hands lifted in prayer and their countless sacrifices.

I hate to see homeless men and women being harassed in public places like other people because all homeless people are doing is sitting somewhere because they have no place to go. It is homeless men and women that stay at homeless shelters that are like all night shelters and have to leave early in the morning. I thank God that homeless shelters do not do that anymore because homeless shelters in Chicago allow homeless people to stay in all day and be able to leave out to go to appointments. I witnessed people in public like other people in Chicago, Atlanta, Manhattan, Brooklyn, Cleveland and Louisville. As a Chicago native born and raised on the Southside of Chicago in the Roseland, Pullman and Morgan Park neighborhood; I witnessed homeless people getting harassed in public places by police officers. I witnessed homeless men and women get harassed at downtown Chicago locations at Union Station, subways, trains, airports and food courts. There are not a lot of places homeless men and women can hang out in Chicago because of security reasons and no solicitation laws in public places. That is why we need to provide sympathy for the homeless men and women in places wherever city we are located and living in because they do not have any place to go. That's why homeless men and women need jobs and there needs to be more jobs closer to home in neighborhoods near homeless shelters. Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago is near retailers and walking distance to downtown Chicago when you walk up Canal Street to Van Buren and Jackson. Olive Branch Mission is located in the Englewood neighborhood near some retailers. That's why the congregation created the Volunteer-to-Work Program to help train homeless men and women for jobs closer to home in the labor market to get out of homeless shelters. The purpose of the Volunteer-to-Work program in Chicago is to help homeless men and women with job training in the labor market by six months and be able to obtain paid employment after six months. That is what the Volunteer-to-Work Program in Oakland County, Michigan to partner with local employers in Oakland County, Michigan to train homeless people, unemployed, underemployed, help people get off Social security disability, and displaced workers. Residents at homeless shelters in Oakland County will be allowed to apply at an enrollment fair in November 2025 to start gaining the skills and experience for the labor market so they can be able to get hired for jobs in the labor market closer to home in Flint, Oakland County neighborhoods. The Volunteer-to-Work program moved to Michigan because there was no progress in the program in Chicago in 2015. According to my experience with homeless shelters in the past, I know that it is boring at homeless shelters that have dayrooms and all homeless people do is sit in the dayroom. Homeless men and women at homeless shelters need more to do during the week. I advocate for people with mental health like the First Lady Jennifer Hobson because I have friends that still live in Chicago still dealing with depression, oppression, homelessness and some anger issues. I try to help friends with mental health that I knew since my time at Morgan Park High School and Elementary School at the Chicago Public Schools to help them out financially and economically. I lend friends money for their mental health medication, so they can purchase their medication to their mood swings and sleep on daily.

"But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!"-Amos 5:24

When I read the scriptures and book of Amos, I think about how it warns people against their corrupt religious practices. The Book of Amos tells us that righteousness is portrayed as a constant and never-ending flow. The verse is a direct challenge to people who were engaging in religious practices that were void of true repentance and social concern. Amos's message throughout the book is a call to turn away from wickedness and restore justice and righteousness to the land. This was Martin Luther King, Jr. favorite book of the bible and talked about the Book of Amos scriptures at the Lincoln Memorial during the "I have a dream" speech. My favorite book of the bible is the Book of Galatians. The Book of Galatians is my favorite book of the bible because it explains we need to build our faith, live our life with the fruit of the spirit. This will be good scripture to live by because we need to advocate and be a cheerful giver for the poor and oppressed. In my political background, I always made sure people in this nation and communities are treated economically and fairly in the economy that will provide equal opportunity and tackle racism in the workplace. When I read the Book of Amos today, I strongly believe that Mayor Brandon Johnson is a biased mayor that has not hired black/African-Americans in his administration since being elected mayor of Chicago. We need to tear down barriers in this nation among racism. He is not an inclusive mayor of Chicago and it is time for change and inclusive mayor. He do not represent what Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. advocated against racism and did not live honorably according to the Book of Amos. I will continue to call for Donald Trump to repent for his actions and how he treated black/African-Americans during his business career for many years. He treated Black/African-Americans poorly for many years. I strongly believe Kamala Harris needs to repent to be more righteous as well because he is in denial about her record as a prosecutor and California Attorney General because Tulsi Gabbard was honest about her record in California. She did keep people locked, including black/African-Americans for long prison sentences to use them as cheap labor, locked children up that do not go to school, and local media says she was not progressive Attorney General and prosecutor in California. I used caring for others as a strong trait for many years to be passionate for the homeless and low-income households. That's why I have donated so much money to the homeless since 2011.

In 2011, I started to attend church services actively and weekly while staying at Pacific Garden Mission. It motivated me and received my calling to preach and become a pastor at the time with my training and certifications. I was baptized and born again during the same year. At the same time, I kept my focus on helping the poor and homelessness as a cheerful giver to the Lord and giving back to communities. I continued my motivation and commitment to help the homeless at homeless shelters by helping feed the homeless. My church services and motivated preaching continued after 2011 to become a member of Salem Baptist Church of Chicago by completing the new members program and graduated from the new members programs in 2014. I started to pay my tithes in 2011 until I started attending Salem Baptist Church of Chicago. My faith in God got stronger after 2011 by living obedient to God and reading the bible daily. I read and understood the bible daily. After I completed the new members program, I joined the Pastoral Care Ministry to help the poor by volunteering to help the homeless every week and attended the Celebrate Recovery meetings to help myself and others. I continued to keep my faith in God stronger after I moved to Iowa by attending a local church there, but I was not involved in that church in Iowa like I was at Salem Baptist Church of Chicago. I was cheerful to the church and attended their fellowship gatherings each month. I started to attend church services at Zion Hope Church in Detroit when I first moved to Detroit in February 2017. I was a cheerful giver during church services that paid my tithes. I was friendly to Pastor Curtis Grant who told me he supported my congregation and liked how my

congregation helped the homeless. I was elevated to Bishop by another Bishop in the south in 2018. I volunteered at Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries to feed the homeless at local homeless shelters at Oasis, Christian Community Center, Detroit Rescue Mission, and Genesis House. I volunteered at Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries in 2017 and 2018. I volunteered as a dayroom mentor at The City Mission in Cleveland in fall 2017. I was thinking about the reason why I do better financially and economically living in Southeast Michigan, than living in the south and Northeast. It is like I did more serving the community spiritually in Michigan and helped more people personally during my free time. I volunteered at Star of Hope Mission in Houston in the facility working in the dorm doing custodial work and work in the kitchen serving dinner to clients in the facility along with preparing meals.

I always advocated for the homelessness and the red tape in the housing market for many years since I lived in Chicago. I try to advocate a crackdown on landlords that act like slumlords because they let tenants that live in shared room housing and apartments in poor living conditions. I advocated for many years for government and lawmakers to step in to hold landlords affordable for taking tenants money. I was wondering why the Robert Taylor Homes and Cabrini Green were demolished because of poor living conditions. I do not really support landlords accepting payments by cash, cash app or any illegitimate pay apps. I oppose that because landlords can be pocketing the money for personal reasons. I am one of those people that like to pay rent by cashiers check paid to a leasing company. I have discussed the issues about housing and permanent housing in the Homelessness Prevention Roundtable with local community leaders and advocates in Chicago, Detroit, Dubuque, Houston, Baltimore, Hattiesburg and Atlanta. I have hosted eleven Homelessness Prevention Roundtables since 2015 with businesses, organizations, leaders in government agencies and community advocates on affordable housing and ending homelessness.

“When I heard their outcry and these charges, I was very angry. I pondered them in my mind and then accused the nobles and officials. I told them, You are charging your own people interest! So I called together a large meeting to deal with them and said: As far as possible, we have bought back our fellow Jews who were sold to the Gentiles. Now you are selling your own people, only for them to be sold back to us! They kept quiet, because they could find nothing to say. So I continued, What you are doing is not right. Shouldn’t you walk in the fear of our God to avoid the reproach of our Gentile enemies? I and my brothers and my men are also lending the people money and grain. But let us stop charging interest! Give back to them immediately their fields, vineyards, olive groves and houses, and also the interest you are charging them—one percent of the money, grain, new wine and olive oil. We will give it back, they said. And we will not demand anything more from them. We will do as you say. Then I summoned the priests and made the nobles and officials take an oath to do what they had promised. I also shook out the folds of my robe and said, “In this way may God shake out of their house and possessions anyone who does not keep this promise. So may such a person be shaken out and emptied. At this the whole assembly said, Amen, and praised the LORD. And the people did as they had promised.”-Nehemiah 5:6-13

Nehemiah confronts Jewish nobles who were exploiting poor people by forcing them into debt, enslavement, and mortgaging their land during a time of famine while the walls of Jerusalem were being rebuilt. A financial crisis and internal strife arise within the community rebuilding Jerusalem's walls. Nehemiah becomes very angry upon hearing the people's outcry against the injustice. Nehemiah confronts the nobles and leaders, accusing them of charging interest and enslaving their own people,

which goes against God's law. Nehemiah calls a great assembly to publicly address the injustice. The nobles are silent and unable to respond, knowing their actions were wrong. The nobles agree to restore the property they unjustly took and return to the practices that demonstrated their fear of God.

- Recognize the importance of confronting injustice with righteous anger
- Leading to restoration and community accountability
- Act with empathy
- Confront wrongdoing directly
- Confront the powerful
- Be a model
- Emphasize God's Will
- Promote community standards
- Build a caring community

“The LORD said to Moses, “Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: ‘Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy.’”-Leviticus 19:1

The verse emphasizes that God himself is the one speaking through Moses, giving the laws directly to the entire community of Israel.

- Show respect and provide for your parents and elders
- Act with self-control and discipline your mind
- Preparing for action and staying alert to live according to God's commands
- Read and study Scripture to learn God's will
- Do not spread slander
- Do not take revenge or bear grudges
- Treat everyone fairly
- Do not defraud or steal from others
- Pay wages on time
- Turn away from idols and false gods
- Showing reverence for God and his commands

“If you see the poor oppressed in a district, and justice and rights denied, do not be surprised at such things; for one official is eyed by a higher one, and over them both are others higher still.”-Ecclesiastes 5:8

The verse depicts how corruption and misuse of power can filter down through successive levels of leadership within human governments. As Christians and disciples, we need to understand that the world is affected by human selfishness, corruption and exploitation. We do not need to live a life of hopelessness because it will eventually lead to depression and mental health problems. That's why we need to set realistic goals for ourselves because it prevents us from going down the path of idolatry and sin in our life. It will prevent more envious people in the world. God sees everything and reigns. We need to seek God and let God influence us. That's why promote what it is right to the bible on abortion, abomination and sin of the LGBTQ community, and condemn violence and crime in our nation. I spoke during my preaching in the past about all couples supposed to be a man and woman with children. I preached in past sermons that people need to stop treating virginity as a disease and learn how to save themselves for the right person. People need to stop being hopeless with seeking relationships and start

relying on God to help you find that special person you plan to spend eternity with. I continue to say that the dating pool needs to stop being so shallow and people need to learn how to save themselves for the right person of the opposite sex. People seeking relationships need to take their time to seek relationships to avoid dysfunctional, bad and mental health problems. The verse suggests that while earthly injustice is rampant. The verse encourages us to notice and not be shocked by injustice, fostering a sense of realism rather than despair. The verse hints at how power can be used to protect the unrighteous and deny justice to the poor.

- Place your ultimate trust in God's plan
- Seek satisfaction in God
- See wealth as a tool and a gift from God
- Use your wealth to enjoy life's blessings

I have been trying to apply for rent assistance from an organization and/or government agency in the State of Michigan. I always rented shared room housing and only rented an apartment in Iowa and Michigan. I do not like shared room housing because I do not share a kitchen and bathroom with other people that I do not know. I am not saying people in shared room housing are not bad people, but I am one of those people that rather be in my own apartment or house. I am still trying to get off SSI income for many years because I know people cannot live on fixed income as the only income. That's why I say that it is better for more people to have a job and working because people can be receiving a paycheck biweekly and/or weekly. I get SSI income because sometimes I get a housing allowance based on church revenue or sometimes I don't get a housing allowance. The housing allowance is not a livable amount. I need the congregation to raise more money to pay living expenses and rent in Oakland County, such as \$2,500 as a love offering. I noticed that I am always looking for affordable housing or emergency housing.

"Vindicate me, my God, and plead my cause against an unfaithful nation. Rescue me from those who are deceitful and wicked."-Psalm 43:1

We need to start crying to God while in the world, not handle our own situations that lead us to sin and unrighteousness. We live in a world and nation with deceitful and sinful people and politicians like what you see going on in Chicago with insurrection from the residents, ICE and National Guard. If we do not like something and want to continue to live a righteous life to God, we need to start pleading and crying out to God. We need to avoid sin in every way we can. We need to be peacemakers and live with joy to the Lord in the nation. We must not hate each other and start loving one another by loving ourselves. We have to understand that God is the one that can help us through our tribulations and trials, not the world. We need to be living our life by heavenly wisdom, not earthly wisdom by staying away from worldly idolatry and people that will deceive you. Heavenly wisdom is truth and righteousness to God and the Holy Spirit.

As man of God and Bishop, I let God vindicate me because I let guide me through my life and success. That's why Pastor John Johnson told me in Houston in 2023 that I need to take my time and stop making life decisions too fast. Other clients at Star of Hope Mission in Houston told me the same in 2023 to let God guide and work for me. I believe that is why I think that I rather live in Oakland County, Michigan because I believe God is guiding me and working for me to settle myself there, not in Detroit. That's why I have been more successes from God in Michigan than any other city because I believe I was leaning on my own understanding while making life decisions and thinking too fast while I did so much traveling and moving around to various cities, such as Dubuque, Detroit, Louisville, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Brooklyn, Baltimore, Cleveland, Houston, Charlotte, Atlanta and Birmingham. I look at Oakland County, Michigan new opportunities for me and that is why God is leading me to succeed and to settle there.