

Kingdom Come: Living God Reality on Earth

The New Heaven and New Earth

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

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. He who was seated on the throne said, I am making everything new! Then he said, Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."-Revelations 21:1-5

God will live with humanity, his people, and there will be no more death, mourning, crying, or pain, as God declares he is making all things new. The holy city, the New Jerusalem, descends from God as it is prepared to be the eternal home for believers. A central theme is God dwelling with his people directly. He is no longer distant, but will be with them. This new reality means the end of all suffering. God will wipe away every tear, and there will be no more death, mourning, crying, or pain because the old, broken order has passed away. When I was in Houston in 2023, I was told by other pastors and religious leaders that I do not need to travel to Jerusalem because they pointed outside and told me that my Jerusalem is out there in the world where I go. Our Jerusalem is out where we go to build souls for the

Lord to help more people seek God in their life. We need to build a Jerusalem in this country by building souls and help people live a humble and righteous life to God and Holy Spirit. It is too much sin in this nation and the world. It is good that the hostages held by Hamas were released and people were able to reunite with their loved ones. We need to pray to go forward for peace in Israel and the Middle-East along with ending violence and providing peace in Gaza. I said to you all in my previous sermons that we need to seek God because anything could happen to us unexpectedly in the world. If someone happens to us unexpectedly, we need to avoid going to hell and being tormented in hell. We want to save and be obedient to God to be ready for anything and be prepared to walk into heaven. This is the time we need to strengthen and build on our spiritual journey. We need to be setting our goals on God Kingdom by having a vision to God and living a Christian and righteousness. We need to end the pain in our life forever on earth to eternity. When children are young, parents need to make sure children are disciples and engage in a loyal church home. Tell the person next to you and say move the devil out of the way.

I want to tell a true story about myself that I have lost friends in the past because they were envious and did not believe what I was doing to serve communities and serve God spiritually. I had friends in the past that discriminated against me because they never believed that I actually serve God and live spiritually. I have lost friends and relationships with people that I have been friends with for you because they rather live in sin, bondage, temptation and abomination. That's why I let God bring people to me and not try to go to people to make friends with people. I have lost friends with people that rather live their life in the wrong direction and live like hoodlums and thuggish people. That's why I believe in chatting with him online, but I believe God brought me and my friend Gjay together to be friends since the time I lived in Baltimore. It is like people say that you will gain or lose friends. That's why I say I made friends a lot faster in the Spiritual Recovery Program at Star of Hope Mission in Houston because it was a Christ-centered environment and program. Some friends that I tried to convince and save their souls from the devil, but they continued to live their life in sin, idolatry, bondage, and abomination. That's why I do not see eye-to-eye as a man of God with my mother continuing to say that she cannot stand and not like my aunt's name Eilean on my biological father's side of the family. She always talks so negatively about herself today. The bible says we are supposed to love our enemies. I try to pray for the wicked and people with mental health because I try to remove myself from around people with mental health. Most people with mental health try to think they know everything about people, judge their heart, hate and envy people. The bible says we are supposed to focus on our own destiny and not worry about other people's life and what they are doing in their life. It is time for people with mental health and people in this world to stop setting themselves up to cause themselves to be depressed about things and other people's lives. It is time for people to focus on them. I want to share another story that I used to speak with a speech impediment and did not have autism. I still never figured out why I spoke with the shaky voice in school at Morgan Park High School and in elementary school at Chicago Public School. I only talked with the shaky voice in school and talked normally like everyone else outside of school. I do not know if I was nervous in school and did not feel like myself. After graduating from high school, I started to be myself and speak normally like other people. I want to add by saying that this is what needs to be done in shared room housing today. That is the type of shared room housing where people have their own room in a house with other people that have to share the kitchen and bathroom. I want to tell a true story about people that live in shared room housing with 3 or more people in the house because some people are in the home with people with mental health issues that like to be envious of people, act like haters and instigators. People in those living situations need to start focusing on their own life more and stop hating other people in the shared room housing situations. That's why I say I try to remove

myself from situations like that in the past in shared room housing because I do not like people in the home that are instigators, haters and envy towards other people in the home. God is the only person that can judge our life and hearts on earth, not other people. Tell the person next to you and say do not know one judge your heart. One of my struggles is being able to go to family to help me out financially and economically. That's why I decided to go to Pacific Garden Mission in 2011 because I was not raised in a Christian and obedient family during my childhood. I have family members that do not care about helping others and rather they fall on their face. That is 100% fact. I have family members that were takers during my childhood and never went to church every week, attended any bible study services, read the bible or obedient to God. My mother talks about how she grew up in church, but does not live as a christian. That's why I got my knowledge from the bible and lived a Christian life from my grandmother on my biological father's side of the family. I went to Sunday school with her because she was a Sunday school teacher along with going over her Sunday school lesson with me as a child every Saturday night, went to fellowship gatherings and events with her with her church during my childhood. I got my knowledge and discipleship to serve God as a man of God and Bishop from her. I want to thank her for that, although she has been deceased for years now. I believe she died several months before I moved out of Chicago in 2015.

I think about the minor annoyances the New Earth will eliminate. In our world, you spend hours setting up a new electronic device only to find the one crucial adapter is missing. You stand in line at the grocery store for 20 minutes and just as you get to the front, the cashier runs out of bags. In the new earth, the bible promises there will be no more crying, pain or mourning. I am sure that covers getting a piece of furniture perfectly assembled on the first try! And absolutely positive, there will be no more slow internet or dropped video calls. When God makes all things new, he means all things, even stuff that makes us throw our phones across the room.

"But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells."-2 Peter 3:13

Peter assures believers that God's timing is not a failure, but an act of patience to allow for repentance. The day of the Lord will come as certain as the creation and destruction of the current world. The anticipation of the coming Day of God and the new creation should inspire diligence and integrity in the present.

When I have struggles with my life decisions and personal finances, I call on God to help me and give me a breakthrough in my life. When I pray to God daily, he hears me and gives me a breakthrough in my life. Before Star of Hope Mission in Houston, I used to make decisions too fast and never took my time on anything. It is like I used to make life decisions on pride. I believe that is what is doing right now in my life because I believe Jesus was directing me to move back to Michigan and stay in Michigan. When I was living in NYC, I did not do that well financially and economically because I could not find affordable housing and it was hard to meet new people. I noticed that I am successful meeting new people in Michigan, not any place else. When I started the congregation on the westside of Chicago in the Douglass Park neighborhood, I want to be honest and say the church was struggling financially and economically at the time in 2015. No one ever visited the church administrative office in the Little Village area and took the church operations and community outreach programs seriously. I prayed about as a man of God and the church gained a breakthrough to move out of Illinois. The church membership,

public attendance and support have been increasing since moving out of Illinois. I have been getting support from other pastors and religious leaders since moving church operations out of Illinois, such as in the South, Northeast and West Coast. The church tried to move and expand to Georgia, but the church was not doing well economically there. The church has gained from members that live in Georgia. Today, I stop leaning on my own understanding and moving back to Westside of Detroit to have better access to get to Southfield, Michigan is not my personal decision. I prayed about it and I believe that is what God wants me to be. My prayers are heard and get answered from heaven because I wait patiently on God and his kingdom. I get unexpected blessings from God and his kingdom. I have lost friends and relationships with people in my life because people started to find out about my christian conservative values, such as the Democratic Party left me in 2010 and became a registered Independent. My stepfather tried to discourage me from being a cheerful giver and helping the poor. I stood my ground and continued to be a cheerful giver and help the poor and homeless. He is a taker just like other family members I talked about. We need to stand our ground on our Christian values and do not let no one discourage us to do right and live a righteous and spiritual life in God's Kingdom. We do not need to have people in our inner circle that continue to sin and be friends that speak with a lot of profanity. I still need to work on integrity with my eating habits to start eating foods for my preexisting condition called autoimmune pancreatitis disease. I need to discipline myself to stay away from more greasy and fried foods, some dairy products, processed foods and food items with fat in them. I am supposed to be sticking to a no-fat diet with food that is either low in fat or fat-free.

Three people arrived at the Pearly Gates: a pastor, taxi driver and programmer. St. Peter looked at the taxi driver record and said, 'You drove through New York City traffic for 40 years, never had an accident, and kept your language clean. That kind of self-control deserves a reward! Here's a beautiful, modern mansion on the new earth.' He looked at the programmer and said, 'you created systems that helped millions connect, always wrote clean code, and never missed a deadline. That's true integrity! Here's a wonderful two-story house with an unlimited power supply. Then Peter turned to the pastor and said, welcome! You faithfully led your congregation. Here are the keys to a small, but charming cabin in the woods. The pastor was a little confused. He respectfully asked, Brother Peter, I am grateful, but why did the cab driver and the programmer get such magnificent estates, and I get a simple cabin? Peter smiled and replied, 'we have hundreds of pastors up here. But, sir, that taxi driver and programmer are the first two we have ever had who didn't complain about the new earth new highway system and universal operating system.

"See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind."-Isaiah 65:17

The verse is a promise from God that create a completely new and restored universe, free from the brokenness of the present world. This does not mean a complete memory wipe, but rather that the suffering and pain of the past will not be remembered or cause anguish in the new creation. The verse sets the stage for a future of ultimate joy and gladness for God's people. This verse is the beginning of a literary unit shift from judgment of the first part of Isaiah to a message of hope and restoration. The joy and the lessons learned through suffering will remain as a reminder of God's grace.

I want to tell a true story about myself that will surprise and shock you. I have a spending problem as an addiction. I have problems saving money because my personal finances are tight and squeezed. That is

why I continue to tell people and you all that fixed income like SSI and SSDI is not good income to live on because it causes your budget each month to be tight and financially squeezed. That's why I always say that Democrats need to move back to the center and stop encouraging people to sit at home to receive benefits and check from the federal government to pay for housing and living expenses. When governments reduce taxes and provide less taxes in the economy, it will help employers in the private sector increase their workforce and increase people in the labor market. It is better to have employment that pays weekly or biweekly from an employer to prevent Americans living below the poverty level. Democrats in state, local and Congress are not going to communicate this to voters during election year. I know Americans are tired of struggling living on fixed income and subsidies. When more people are working, it means more tax revenue is generated to the US Department of Treasury. When there are less and lower taxes for employers, they can have the money to pay employees low and affordable healthcare. It can reduce Americans that receive and depend on Medicare and Medicaid because more Americans are working and receiving affordable healthcare from their employers. It can reduce more Americans receiving SSI and SSDI to be working in the private sector with jobs that pay weekly or biweekly. This means more money saved in the Social Security Trust Fund and protects Social Security for future generations. This option can reduce the national debt and government spending from Congress. I have a spending addiction because I need to budget and discipline my budgeting better. After that I pay rent each month. I know I have less money left because the rest go towards public transportation and dining out. When I receive SNAP benefits each month in Michigan, I run out of the funds quicker each month. When I spend money each after I pay rent, tithing and some living expenses, I go places and spend money on some stuff that I do not need. When I ran out of money on a certain basis, I had to call family members in Chicago to send me money by my personal cash app or Western Union. After I move to the westside of Detroit later this month, I can go back to budgeting my money because I experienced budgeting my money well monthly on the Westside of Detroit in the past in 2020 and 2022. I am transparent with my personal finances. The solution to my personal finances is to go to the food pantry in my neighborhood to save more money to stop dining out, only ride public transportation to go to places when I really need to, start eating at home, visit more soup kitchens in my community as an option to save money from dining out, and start shopping at thrift stores and retailers like Walmart and Dollar tree stores for bargains. Another struggle I have had since my childhood, I have an addiction that I like to eat a lot, but never gain any weight. When volunteering at Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries-Community Christian Center in 2017 and 2018, staff that are familiar told other volunteers that I like to eat and do not look like it. It explains why I may suffer from the disease called autoimmune pancreatitis because I spent a lot of leftover money at places like convenience stores buying snacks and junk food. The doctors told me my body and immune system started to attack itself in 2014 that my pancreas was on fire according to my lab and blood results in the emergency room at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. When I lived on the Detroit Westside in the past, I never had to ride public transportation and get places. Everything seems convenient for me on the west side of Detroit. I was able to save money and build up an emergency fund. When I move back to Westside at the end of this month, I can start budgeting my money that way and have more money on hand each month and can roll over to the next month.

- We must forgive people that hurt us in our past and did any wrong doing to us.
- We repent and live a new life in Christ
- We must start living obedient and humble to God and the Holy Spirit.
- We need to pray to God and let God bless us with rewards from his kingdom.

- We must have strong hope and faith in God in our life daily. It means we need to stop putting our hope and praises to the world that can lead us to sin, bondage, temptation, idolatry and abomination. It means we must stop accepting and loving the world by putting our focus and our faith in God daily.
- We must find a loyal and committed church home to worship God. It is time for people to stop sitting at home on Sunday and midweek by starting to get out of the house every week to attend weekly bible study services, bible classes, Sunday school and Sunday services.
- We need to start depending and making decisions by heavenly wisdom, not earthly wisdom. It means our wisdom, decisions and knowledge must come from God and heaven.

Trying to improve this world can feel like painting a leaky boat while you are still sailing. You fix one hole and two appear. You clean up one mess, and your three year old immediately walks in with a bucket of glitter. The promise of the new heaven and new earth is not just a tough-up; it is a total and new creation. It is a difference between trying to restore a 20-year old computer by deleting files versus throwing it out and getting one pre-loaded with every feature that never crashes and runs on thoughts. No more Error 404: Peace Not Found. Just pure, eternal perfection from the ultimate designer.

1. What is the most beautiful or peaceful place you've ever been? How did it feel to be there, and what made it so special?"
2. "What's one thing in this world that you wish could be made new
3. "If you could fast-forward to the future, what would you most want to see fixed or redeemed?"
4. Where "How does the promise of eternal life in God's presence challenge you to faithfully follow Jesus?
5. How did your idea of heaven come from?
6. "How does the promise of a glorious, redeemed future influence how you live and think about the present?
7. "How does the hope of a new heaven and new earth give you perspective or comfort in your current struggles?
8. "What can you do to remind yourself this week of God's promised future for His people?
9. What are you tempted to be cowardly about, and how does this promise give you the hope to overcome it?