

Series: Living Under God Covenant with Gladness
How we need to have God in Our Left and Right Ear

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for guiding us in our life on earth.

Thank you for honoring your understanding and not our understanding to separate ourselves from the sinful world with bondage, sin, temptation, idolatry, wickedness, unrighteousness and ungodliness.

Thank you for what you gave us and appreciate for what we have in your life from your kingdom.

Guide us and strengthen our trust in your kingdom with more of your understanding and not our own understanding. Let this touch the homeless men and women at homeless shelters and on the streets that lean on their world for their own understanding and not your guidance in their life. Let his tough children and youth that like to lean on their own understanding and not your guidance in your kingdom.

Guide more people around us to let their hearts grow as a mustard seed to heaven, so we can have a place to turn when the world comes to an end and human civilization is gone as we know it unexpectedly.

Guide us and people around us out of bondage and living their life from the flesh and in the darkness.

Unite us with our families and friends to recover broken relationships to clean our hearts from sin and all unrighteousness. This includes men and women at homeless shelters that have grudges with families and friends that may put some people in the state of homelessness.

In Jesus name, Amen.

"Your own ears will hear him. Right behind you a voice will say, "This is the way you should go, whether to the right or to the left."-Isaiah 30:21

When I read and think about the scripture, I think about the advice I received from Star of Hope Mission in Houston in the Spiritual Recovery Program. Also, I think about homeless men and women at homeless shelters leaning on their own understanding by not honoring the bible and the scripture. When I read the scripture in the bible, I think about what people told me at Star of Hope Mission in Houston about what they told me over and over again to let God bless me before making final decisions in my life before making decisions too fast and quickly. As of right now and today, I am not leaning on my own understanding while making my decision to move and return back to Detroit. I do not worry about haters, envious people and people that think they know it all about people. That's why God provided and gave me a breakthrough and I will be moving back to Detroit on October 29 in the West Detroit neighborhood in permanent housing. God has blessed me spiritually like other Christians and disciples told me in the Spiritual Recovery Program that God and his spirit is trying to keep sinners and people that think they know it all on their own understanding away from me. People that lean on their own understanding are wrong and do not know nothing about nobody and that is 100% fact. When I came here to Chicago, I really wanted to be here for two months because people tell me it is nothing in Chicago. Businesses has left Chicago and jobs are being eliminated in the economy in Illinois because more businesses continue to close.

I noticed since I was baptized and born again on September 4, 2011 that God hears my prayers. Only way I know that God hears my prayers is that I noticed that where I wish and pray for in my life it actually happens. I was thinking that God controls my mindset daily because what righteous things I think about happen and come true. It is like what the scripture says God is in my right and left ear daily. I do not listen

to the world and sin and idolatry in the world. That is why I do not worry about haters, envy, temptation and idolatry in the world. It is like what Pastors that are friends to me say that it is like God is trying to get sinners and ungodliness away from me as a man of God. It explains it as well while God works in me daily is controlling my mindset to get me out of homeless shelters since 2011. It is like God controls my mindset and only wants me at homeless shelters for a short period of time. It is like what pastors that are friends to me tell me since 2011 that it is like the spirit is really speaking to me in my mind and heart to lead me in the path of righteousness. Salem Baptist Church of Chicago is the only church that I have joined and became a member that motivated and committed me to serve Christ Jesus thanks to the teachings of the word of God from pastors and staff at Salem Baptist Church of Chicago. I have high respect for Rev. Charlie Dates as well based on his powerful messages and preaching to motivate me and people to continue their christian walk towards God. Other shelters are fine and okay while dealing with homelessness off and on since 2011, but I feel like I got more breakthroughs and helped to walk the christian walk while I was at Star of Hope Mission in Houston last year in the Spiritual Recovery Program. When I read the scripture daily and honor the scripture, I think about my decisions and how I think about my decisions I make daily to avoid making decisions too fast quickly. I started to get all my information as possible in prayer and making final decisions after the Star of Hope Mission in Houston. That's why I made a decision to return to Detroit and not establish myself here as a Chicago native to maintain myself in Detroit long-term to add to my two and half years by letting God direct my life and path without leaning on my own understanding. As a man of God and Bishop, I believe God knows the way for me and all of us at this moment. He knows the way for me is returning to Detroit and serving as a man of God there in the Detroit community starting October 29, 2024. I am thankful for any help that I was obtained and received while I was here in Chicago for these two months, but I have to be moving on what God is doing in my life now by directing my path in the path of righteousness.

1. I am obedient to God.
2. I am a follower of Christ Jesus that is motivated to preach his word with my spiritual gifts in shepherding, exhortation, wisdom, knowledge and teaching.

I encourage you to let God speak to you like he did me in your left and right ear. You do not want God speaking to you in one ear and the devil speaking to you in the other ear to cause you to still live in sin, lust, temptation, bondage and idolatry. That is why I said in the last sermon that the world is unexpectedly coming to an end one day and we need someplace to turn after we die on earth. Heaven is the place that we need to turn to. It is like a friend to me since high school that I was speaking about in the last sermon that the equator is getting hotter and getting closer to the sun. We have a big hole in our ozone layer, water and sea levels are rising, more tornadoes and hurricanes. It is a sign the world is coming to an end and we need to get prepared for it and you do not want to be living as a sinner with no way to turn after you die on earth. We need to try to recover any broken relationships we have with any friends and family right now, so they can come to heaven with us after we die on earth. We want to make sure hearts are whole and growing as a mustard seed to heaven. When the world comes to an end and you continue to live as a sinner, God will not be able to help you. I was talking to people and friends in Georgia previously about the pandemic and Covid calling it the new rapture. Turn to the person next to you and say God is coming back. When I was in the Spiritual Recovery Program at the Star of Hope Mission in Houston last year, many case managers and clients that I became friends with in the program actually found out that the spirit really speaks to me based on how humble and motivated I am to serve the Lord daily. Pastors in

Houston told me that I do not need to visit Jerusalem because my Jerusalem is going out to the world like I do now and preach and promote the gospel of Christ Jesus. They are saying my Jerusalem is my community and neighborhood. I believe my Jerusalem is the City of Detroit because that is what God is doing right now in my mind and heart from his kingdom leading back to.

The website is 98% complete under maintenance and the person I appointed to work on the website improvements is doing a good job and saw the website first hand while he was working on it. It means he has the password and username to the website to be able to go in and make and finish the improvements and updates to the website. He told me that he may have just used the same domain name for the website, but the website is still under maintenance and not up on the internet yet. The website will be back up on the internet at the end of this week. There was a lot of information taken off the website because people say as a man of God and Bishop that I do not need to prove anything to anybody including people that think they know everything and think they know it all. Pastors and religious leaders that are friends to me for years say they do not prove nothing to nobody because it is like what they and a friend from high school told me that have a higher education background in Human Resources Management with a Bachelors and Masters degree. They all told me to let them believe what they want to believe because they are sinful and lean on their own understanding. Also, some other information is on the church facebook page like photos from church operations and videos. Pastors that have been friends with me for years say that I need to stop communicating with people like Pastor Thomas Barclay from Progressive Beulah Pentecostal Church in Chicago because he leans on his own understanding when he tells me stuff like he does not understand my church website and operations. Pastors that are friends to me for years told me that is not a good excuse and he says comments like that because he does not want to understand anything. I am happy to hear while doing this sermon from a live satellite to you in Detroit on the following scriptures: Proverbs 12:15, 1 Corinthians 3:18-20 and 1 Corinthians 8:2 (NLT). I may decide to delay the website until November 1, 2024 because it is a lot of need to do to update everything legally from Bylaws and Rules Committee members in Detroit, such the church location in 48238 address where services are taken place and preached, amendment to the Articles of Incorporation in the State of Michigan and along with other documents. I was informed that Bylaws and Rules Committee members will be working on it starting next week to get documents out and updated in the State of Michigan, so the documentation can be processing.

"Fools think their own way is right, but the wise listen to others."-Proverbs 12:15

"Stop deceiving yourselves. If you think you are wise by this world's standards, you need to become a fool to be truly wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As the Scriptures say, He traps the wise in the snare of their own cleverness. And again, The LORD knows the thoughts of the wise; he knows they are worthless."-1 Corinthians 3:18-20

"Anyone who claims to know all the answers doesn't really know very much."-1 Corinthians 8:2

I honor the scriptures today and the reason why I do not have foolishness in my inner circles among my 53 disciples. It explains why I am introverted and do not make friends with anybody when I meet new people. I hate people that think they know it all and know nothing about anybody. Those people are sinners to the world that live in bondage and lean on their own understanding. My friends from my undergraduate years told me the same type of story and watch out for people in the world because she

called those people agents to the world. I want to share something with you to be careful who you meet and run into that could seem like they are living their life with idolatry and bondage to the sinful world.

Giving time:

“Remember, the man who plants only a few seeds will not have much grain to gather. The man who plants many seeds will have much grain to gather. Each man should give as he has decided in his heart. He should not give, wishing he could keep it. Or he should not give if he feels he has to give. God loves a man who gives because he wants to give. God can give you all you need. He will give you more than enough. You will have everything you need for yourselves. And you will have enough left over to give when there is a need.”-2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (NLT)

When I live by the Scripture daily and all the cheerful giving that I did in communities in cities where I lived, I have donated my own personal money to the poor as SSI income has been my only income. God always comes through for me to bless me after I give to the poor and homeless in Chicago, Dubuque, Houston, Louisville, Detroit, Flint, Cleveland and Atlanta. God has not really blessed me that much in Atlanta. It seems like bad economic situations always happen to me in Atlanta like the devil attacks me too much in Atlanta. I may not be wealthy in having lots of money, but I am wealthy in the spirit of God. When I was living in and out of homelessness since 2011, it seems like I always got blessings from God after I give in church and help the poor. I know I prosper spiritually after I give and help the poor. Before I was born again, God did not help me at all in my life because I cared mostly for myself years ago. I really never had to live off the government for nothing in my life except for SNAP, Medicaid and SSI. I believe God will truly bless me when I move back to Detroit because I will not be living SSI income any more and will start paying rent like other apartment renters and homeowners. I will not have to live on SNAP either because I can buy groceries like other Americans and go to food pantries for food for the household. God has blessed me when my family was not able to be in my life and let me live and out of homelessness since 2011. I am grateful for the little help that I was able to get by. As a man of God and Bishop of the congregation, I still pray for my family because my family members are still sinful and live in sin and idolatry. I am still for my family because my family members still live in bondage. I pray for my family in hope for everyone to come together and stop hating each other with negative gossip. I pray for my family to become more Godly and live obedient to God before they unexpectedly leave this earth. When I think about 2 Corinthians 9:6-8, I think about people that do pay offerings in church or while they watch the church service online. When people pay little for offering to God, they will receive little blessings and breakthroughs in your life. When a Christian and disciple pay very little tithes and offerings to church very little during Bible study services and Sunday services every week, you will continue to receive little blessings in your life every week. That is why when my sermons from Bible study are posted on social media every week, I encourage people that are inspired by my sermons to pay very little every week. It is good to be blessed by God very little than not at all. We want to be blessed with God more than a little percentage of the time every week. That is why I ask and encourage people to donate \$1 or \$5 in an offering to the church every Bible study services and Sunday services so they can be receiving some blessings from God in their life if it is very little each time you pay an offering to the church. It will help your heart grow stronger as a mustard seed to heaven. When you pay very little to a church for tithes and offering, God will give you very little help you need spiritually. When you pay more to a church for tithes and offering, God will bless and help what you need a whole lot in your life. People that do not have faith

in God and live as sinners will not receive any blessings and breakthroughs from God. Rev. James Meeks used to repeat the same thing when I was going to Salem Baptist Church of Chicago in 2013 to 2015. I need more help from the community because I was able to donate very little to the church out of my personal finances as a person that lives on SSI income. I like to get off SSI income and live on a livable salary from the church. I was able to give a total of \$1,500 or less to the church out of my SSI income since 2014. I do not get help and financial support from family because they never heard and attended any of my congregation church services to hear me preach in the pulpit since 2014. I believe my family members are not 100% godly and not Godly at all. My family members still live in sin and the flesh outside of church, so I have to do what I can for the church financially and economically since 2014. I like the church revenue to match the growing congregation and I need help from members and people in the community for financial support for the church. My biological father's side of the family is the only family members that is spiritual but they have too much going on in their lives, but I still have support from my biological father's side of the family. They are not able to give to church because they are financially squeezed with their personal finances and some are unemployed and retired with SSA. I got my strength spiritually and committed to God from that side for teaching me the Bible, Christ Jesus, attended Bible study and Sunday school, discipleship, stewardship and obedience to God. With my SSI income that I am only able to pay little offering to the church In Detroit. 98% of tithes and offerings still come from members and visitors, but I still pay and give very little of my SSI income to the church to help pay for operations, programs and community development initiatives. You can go to the church website and view our income statements, profit and loss statements, balance sheets and other financial records at LJ.CBC.yolasite.com. I want to let people know starting on Wednesday of this week that the church will be able to get a PO box for the church in Detroit to receive donations made by check, cashiers check or money order made out to Lord Jesus Christ Community Baptist Church. I will get the information for the PO Box in Detroit and be able to get that information to pass on to you all. As bishop and man of God, I keep church and state on my mind that try not to get government and politicians financial support unless they are willing to support the church personally out of their own personal wealth and financially and economically.

I am refreshed with a pure and good heart when I give back to the community, pay tithes and offerings in church and help the poor out of my personal income. I am asking you to follow my example to become a cheerful giver to the Lord and see the results you will receive from your strong faith and obedience to God in your life going forward. I ask you to support our ministries by donating either \$1, \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1000. You can donate your tithe and offering to the link below. Wherever you are and looking to make an offering and looking for a church home. When I was living in Chicago, I gave homeless men and women money for food daily to avoid those homeless men and women dealing with food insecurity. I gave homeless men and women on CTA trains leftover food. When I lived in Detroit for a long time, I provided food and money to the homeless out of my own personal money. When I lived in Louisville for a short period of time, I gave the homeless and poor \$50 of my own personal money to help them out economically and financially. In Cleveland, I donated over \$60 to the homeless on the streets to help them living in poverty and Homelessness. I gave so much money to churches for tithes and offerings over the years to continue my strong cheerful giving to the Lord. It is companies and organizations that help the church financially and economically, but they usually offer a fee for their services and we are not able to pay those fees based on a tight and stressful budget from our growing congregation.