

Series: Living Under God Covenant with Gladness
God will Determine Your Dreams and Future-Part II

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for our Godly hearts to continue to let our hearts grow as a mustard seed to heaven.

Thank you for determining my and our steps to direct us on the right path to serve your kingdom.

Thank you for being our source and preventing us from living life by 1 John 2:15-17 and loving the world.

Guide us while you determine our steps to stop and eliminate us from living in bondage.

Guide us to continue to guide us and give us wisdom from your word daily by reading the bible daily.

Let us and ourselves confess our sins in our life and let us continue to move the devil out of the way.

Thank you for the opportunity to strengthen our strong faith in God to grow our hearts and minds as a mustard seed to heaven.

Thank you for your gifts and blessings.

In Jesus name, Amen

I want to tell you a story about how my Christian life and walk came more in focus with God. When I first became a member of Salem Baptist Church of Chicago years ago, my Christian walk as a disciple started to grow as a mustard seed to heaven. I believe my mother is the one that wanted to go to college and go to law school. When I first became a member of Salem Baptist Church of Chicago, it was Rev. James Meeks teaching and preaching in the pulpit motivated me to serve God and Holy Spirit in my Christian walk to God and his kingdom. That's why I still consider Salem Baptist Church of Chicago as a home Church today. My Christian walk with God started to strengthen and I became more motivated to Salem Baptist Church of Chicago than any other church in Chicago. In 2013, I started to let God determine my steps and path to Righteousness. After I got saved and born again on September 4, 2011; I started to let God determine my steps and lead me. I was still dealing with some tribulations while I was a member of Salem Baptist Church of Chicago in 2013 and before I first moved out of Chicago in September 2015. I have high respect for Rev. Charlie Dates and it was shocking to me that Rev. Meeks chose him to succeed him. I really feel like I should know him because we are the same age and generation. Only thing I don't know about him is who is older because my birthday is April 28 and I am a Taurus. I was thinking I could be older than him because my birthday was based on my birthday. His birthday looks like it can be some later in the year.

Star of Hope Mission in Houston helped me with those tribulations last year by stopping making decisions too fast and quickly. I learned at Star of Hope Mission in Houston taught me to start making more Godly and let God Guide me in my decisions with prayer to call on God for answers from his kingdom. I have been letting God direct my steps after leaving Star of Hope Mission in Houston, but some people in the Bronx did not let me for God and let Jesus follow and determine my steps in June-August 2024. I strongly remember that time in the Bronx that I did not have spiritual people around me. I probably need to stop taking the pastor's advice from Houston last year because I do not want my sermons to end up like his and be mostly dark. I may have to work more closely with the Bylaws and Rules Committee members to get them to censor information in my sermons before I preach them in the pulpit. Pastor in Houston last year told me something about how your sermons have to be dark in order to ungodly people to Christ. I want to be truthful during my preaching in the pulpit, but I want to be cautious

and not discriminate and alienate people in society. Friend from Star of Hope Mission in Houston always talked about his sermons during chapel services saying they seem more dark and not that uplifting. That's why it was my idea for the Bylaws and Rules Committee to implement a Subcommittee for Church Ethics to provide more oversight for the church operations. I just had a conference call with the church public relations team and they said the church needs to start doing more marketing advertising on social media in Southeast Michigan because it does not make any sense advertising our programs and services in Illinois because the church is not registered in Illinois and cannot do business in Chicago. Everything is legally registered and compliant in Texas and Michigan, so we are allowed to comply with Michigan and Texas state rules and regulations.

Ways we need to let God determine our steps towards his kingdom to prepare us when the time comes and world will end:

1. Have faith in God's word. It is time to become knowledgeable for God's word. We must get to know God as our personal savior as disciples. It is time we gain faith in God and let our hearts grow as a mustard seed to heaven. If this world will end, we must have a place to turn and heaven is the place we need to turn. In order to do that, we must not be living in bondage and idolatry to the world. We must not love the world more; we love God as the rock of our salvation. Turn to the person next to you and say heaven is my home.
2. You must trust and believe in God will lead you during your struggles and tribulations. It is a bad idea to let them solve your tribulations because that is what the devil wants us to do while on earth to let the world distract us from God and his kingdom. As a man of God and Bishop, I do not lead by my own understanding with my prayer life and serving God on earth. I ask him what he wants me to do in my life and he answers my prayers and he leads me back to Detroit to serve him in the Detroit community. Proverbs 3:5-6
3. Spend time with God through prayer daily as the rock of your salvation. Do not let the world and idolatry in the world distract you from God and let God stop your heart from growing as a mustard seed to heaven.
4. Ways you can build your faith with God is read Psalm 146-150 daily. I learned to read this scripture daily after I got saved and baptized on September 4, 2011. I want to say Pacific Garden Mission had a spiritual environment ten years ago with more homeless men and women highly motivated and committed to turn their life over to God. Ten years ago at Pacific Garden Mission, homeless men and women wanted to be more humble to God and willing to turn their life over to God, so they will get out into the world that will cause them to relapse back into the world.
5. Let God give you wisdom to move you forward with your life. I feel like that is what God is doing to me in life is moving me forward with my life by moving back to Detroit on October 29, 2024. I believe God is leading me and wants me out of Chicago with violence, crime and too many people with mental health issues in public and around me. I believe I am letting God prosper me at this moment to move me back to Detroit in permanent housing and continue to serve his kingdom as bishop and man of God. I believe as a man of God that God gave me so much information from prayer and his kingdom with a lot of reasoning for me to move back to Detroit to maintain and sustain myself long term adding to the 2.5 years.
6. When years went by, I reevaluated my goals for God and his kingdom. That's why I decided not to pursue a higher education to go to law school because God and the spirit spoke to me and said

to me that career was not for me. God spoke to me and said I need to be in ministry to serve him. I got my calling to preach and serve God after I was born again after September 4, 2011 by completing pastoral training and certification by taking more Biblical and theology classes during higher education. I started to realize that I have more of the personality to make a difference in communities and doing good in the community, so I decided to let God direct my path and change my direction in my life to make a difference in the community and help the needy in a Godly way. In 2011-2012, more people started to see me as unique and gifted that God chose me out of all my family members.

When God directs our steps, we need to keep the following scriptures in mind during our Christian walk to God and the Holy Spirit.

“The LORD directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives. Though they stumble, they will never fall, for the LORD holds them by the hand.”-Psalm 37:23-24

“We can make our plans, but the LORD determines our steps.”-Proverbs 16:9

“The LORD directs our steps, so why try to understand everything along the way?”-Proverbs 20:24

God is guiding me now and in my life to Detroit to back part of the Detroit community. Guide is guiding me in my life right now in the fruit of the Spirit. That's why the book of Galatians is my favorite book in the Bible. The Book of Galatians trains us how to live for God and the fruit of the Spirit. God is guiding me in my life right because I stay in his word daily. I let God determine my steps when I let him at the throne in heaven continue to guide me and continue to get sinners away from me daily. That's why I think God is moving me back to Detroit in permanent housing out of Chicago. I believe God is moving me and determined my steps to move me to Detroit on October 29, 2024 to get me away from people in Chicago that have mental health issues, envious, idolatry and all about signs of deception.

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.