

Kingdom Come: Living God Reality on Earth

The Resurrection of the Dead

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

It is still people in our communities not showing tenderheartedness and kindness towards other people. It is people in public that avoid homeless people on the streets that ask for help and money for food to avoid food insecurity daily. I can understand why homeless people go through things on a daily basis. This is the time of the year that homeless people are looking for a place to stay and get their life back on track at homeless shelters. Older and younger homeless people are not getting any younger. That is why homeless men and women are dealing with depression and mental health. Homeless men and women on the streets need to have more tenderheartedness and kindness because too many homeless people want to argue and call out people that do not help them on the streets or get angry at people that do not help them out with money for food. Showing compassion to one another is part of worshiping God and his kingdom. Believers go to be with the Lord in heaven. Physical bodies remain on Earth. Eternal destiny is to live in the new heavens and new earth after the final judgment. Souls of unbelievers go to a place called Hades. Souls will be reunited with their bodies and sent to the lake of fire, a final and eternal punishment. Hades is the temporary abode of the dead. Hades is consistently presented as the place where all the dead go regardless of their righteousness. Hades is the Greek word used to translate the Hebrew Sheol. Hades is a temporary state and not the final destination for the saved or the damned. The wicked will be cast into the eternal Lake of Fire and the saved will enter the new heaven and new earth with God. Jesus descended to Hades after his death to proclaim salvation to the righteous. Gates of Hades is used metaphorically to represent the power of death and the grave.

Saturday's child works hard for his living. The saying reflects a time when most people worked a six-day week and attributes a strong work ethic to those born on Saturday. I was born on a Thursday on April 28, 1983 that means I am a child that has far to go. Wednesday's child and hard labor to a Saturday's child, not despair to a Saturday's child. My sister was born on May 8, 1985 which means she was a Wednesday child that is full of woe. World War II in Europe officially ended at midnight on this day in 1945. Sunday's child is full of joy and victory. Christian faith would be meaningless. The resurrection is seen as proof that God accepted Jesus' sacrifice, providing forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Those who have died in Christ would be lost. Lazarus was temporary. Lazarus Died and was brought back to continue his earthly life while Jesus died and was resurrected to a new life beyond earthly limitations. Jesus' resurrection was permanent. Jesus' resurrection provided new capabilities for him when he rose from the dead on the third day. Lazarus returned to earth with his original body. Jesus' resurrection was self-resurrected. Lazarus was raised through the power of Jesus. I preached to the congregation on the story of Lazarus in 2017 in Detroit. I just moved to Detroit that year and was living in the Highland Park area. I just moved to Detroit from East Iowa in 2017. Believers will be resurrected into new bodies that will not be subject to sickness, disability, or death. Christians who are alive when Christ returns will not have to die first. They will be transformed in a moment in the twinkling of an eye.

1. When have you experienced a situation that felt hopeless, like a dead end?
2. What fears do you struggle with that the promise of the resurrection can help you face?
3. What does it look like to be Saturday's child full of despair and waiting versus Sunday's child full of joy and victory?
4. How has the reality of the resurrection changed the way you view your daily life and your future?
5. What does the resurrection of Jesus mean for your salvation?
6. If Jesus had not been raised, what would that mean for our faith?
7. How is Jesus's resurrection different from Lazarus being brought back to life?
8. How does the power of the resurrection work in your life today?
9. What tombstone in your life is God asking you to move?
10. In what ways should the truth of the resurrection change how we live?
11. What is one area of your life where you need a new beginning, empowered by the resurrection?
12. What stood out to you most from the sermon today? Did anything surprise or challenge you?
13. What is your earliest memory of learning about or celebrating the resurrection?
14. Have you ever had to share the story of Easter with someone who doesn't believe? How did it go?
15. What are some specific ways 1 Corinthians 15:50-58 gives you hope?

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead"-1 Peter 1:3

The verse is an act of worship, thanking God for His mercy that leads to a new spiritual birth. The phrase "begotten us again" refers to a spiritual rebirth. Jesus' claims and guarantees the future resurrection and eternal life for believers. The letter is written to Christians facing trials and suffering. Living hope allows believers to have joy even in suffering.

- Encouraging believers to live with joyful expectation
- Trust God
- Remain hopeful and resilient
- Know their salvation is secure
- Before thinking about your problems, start with a doxology

- Understand that your hope comes from God's abundant mercy
- Find joy in trials
- Be confident that God's power is guarding you through faith

"For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive."-1 Corinthians 15:21-22

Death came into the world through the first man named Adam. The resurrection of the dead came through a different man named Jesus Christ. Adam introduced mortality to all humanity. One man who brought the curse of death is countered by another man who brings the promise of eternal life. We need to reject a life of sin by avoiding becoming part of the LGBTQ community. We need to respect the story of Adam and Eve that all couples are supposed to be man and woman. Adam represents men and Eve represents women on earth. We need to be happy and love ourselves for what God created us on the day we were born. It is not godly and we do not love ourselves when people become transgender. Being gay and lesbian is a sin. People in the LGBTQ community need to think long and hard about becoming gay, homosexual, transgender and queer. We need to love one another spiritually, not love one another intimate with the same gender. We need to avoid sin and avoid idolatry in our life. For example, joining gangs, becoming hoodlums and thugs, avoiding stealing and killing people. When I think about Chicago, I believe there is too much crime in Chicago with crime, stealing, theft and gang violence. I am thinking the same about the violence in Portland. Men and women need to reject sin when they meet new people. Clubs, bars and wild parties are full of sin. That's why we need to meet new people at church and fellowship gatherings. This will prevent rape and incest accusations among women. It can reduce unexpected pregnancies and abortions. Abortion clinics in minority communities will not need to exist. Reproductive rights will not be an important issue in elections and among Democrats. Men and women need to stop taking advantage of each other at parties, clubs and bars. Men and women need to stop acting so fast in public, parties, bars and clubs when meeting new people.

I hate that my grandmother on my biological father's side of the family died because she was the only family member that was a caring and cheerful giver to me. I missed her because she was the one that taught me about the bible and how to live a Christian life. My mother never helped me out financially because she always got angry when I asked her for money. When I needed financial help from my family in bad times, I could never go to my family for help. It explains why I try to avoid asking family for help and decided to stay at a homeless shelter in the past. I have stayed at Pacific Garden Mission, Olive Branch Mission, A Little Bit of Heaven Shelter, Detroit Rescue Mission, Oasis, Delta Manor Homeless Shelter in the Bronx, BRC in New York City, Atlanta Mission, Star of Hope Mission in Houston, Re Center in Louisville. My grandmother on my biological father's side of the family helped me economically and financially during my childhood in Chicago. My family members today are tax collectors, mammon and sinful. I have some family members that may go to church and still live by the flesh outside of church. I have some family members that do not go to church at all and rather be takers, mammon and live as a tax collector. I still feel neglect from my family members and avoid family members again to ask for any help because I am afraid what angry or sinful response I will receive from them. I work and pray to God for my prosperity while living in Michigan and other cities in the past.

After I got my calling and saved to seek God in my life, I have been living as a disciplined Christian and disciple as a Christian and disciple. Serving God and becoming a man of God as Bishop has changed my life because I turned away sin and the idolatry in my life. I have a strong prayer life that God hears my prayers and continues to give me a breakthrough in life in bad and tough times. I have been reading the

bible and understanding the bible. I have been applying the bible to my life, so I can live a righteous and spiritual life to God and the Holy Spirit. I started to trust God in my life with decisions and have contentment with God. I just have to work on taking my time and stop making decisions too fast. It causes me to have weak contentment with God. I learned that from case managers and staff at Star of Hope in Mission in Houston. Today, I pray for things before making life decisions because I do no longer lean on my own understanding.

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."-Ephesians 4:32

Paul's teaching that believers should live in unity and put off their old way of life. Paul presents a direct contrast between negative emotions and actions. The primary motivation for forgiving others is that God has already forgiven believers abundantly through Jesus Christ. The verse calls for a change in attitude and action. Believers can create a more harmonious and loving community.

- Put aside anger, bitterness, and slander. People with mental health are not good for the soul to serve God as the rock of our salvation. If you are dealing with anger in your life, people like to speak to a professional or therapist. Also, you can speak to a pastor or deacon at a local church so they can provide people with anger with healing. We need to stop slandering each other. That's why you need to do media fasting because all you hear on television is politicians attacking each other and/or you are watching too much idolatry on television. People that have mental health do a lot of shouting while they have anger problems and talk to themselves. That's why we need to pray for the wicked and people dealing with mental health.
- Replacing sinful behaviors with acts of kindness and forgiveness
- Forgive others as God has forgiven you in Christ. It is important to forgive people that did us wrong or who we did wrong in our life. We need to forgive people like family, friends, former friends, co-workers, and enemies.
- Acknowledge your own forgiveness
- Live out your new self. As Christians and disciples, we need to do journaling and take note of our virtues in our life during our spiritual journey. I did this when I was in the Spiritual Recovery Program at Star of Hope Mission in Houston in 2023.

I hated when people used to gossip about me in high school and elementary school at Morgan Park High School and Esmond Elementary School in Chicago when people used to think I was gay. I know I was not gay. Only time people thought that I was gay because it is like what my biological father told me during my childhood that I need to stop walking too fast in public like I am in a hurry. My biological father told me during my childhood that I need to start swinging my arms when I walk in public and not to my sides. I even hate people in public who still gossip about people like me in a negative way trying to be haters and judgemental thinking they know it all about people. God is the judge and only people that can judge are hearts and souls, not people on earth. I wish my mother could have waited on my biological father and helped raise me because I would have a better social life today like everyone else. The family member who offended me the most is my stepfather because I do not like it when he thinks he knows everything about people. I do not like it when he tried to track me down in 2018 like he was a woman assuming I lived as a homeless shelter in Detroit. I do not like how he used to hassle me to pay him back his \$200 that I borrowed from him, but I was told if my sister asked him for money that he will not hassle and do that to her. That's why I do not go to him any more for help. I forgive him as a man of God for that and just decide not to depend on him no more for nothing or go to him for no more help. When my friend Kenneth, who I have been friends with since elementary school, I learned that his life went

downhill and became homeless. I tried to help him financially and economically by sending him money to his cash app for food money. I feel disappointed sometimes when he asks me for money for food because I live on limited income and never able to give him money every week like that for food. I need to be less critical of others about people going forward. For example, stop worrying about what people think of me, stop worrying about haters, envious and instigators in any situation. I let God care about it and be the judge of those people. My mother and stepfather offended me during my childhood and under 30 because they never waited for me to tell them stuff and be open to them. They always assume stuff about people.