

Series: Living Under God Covenant with Gladness
Protecting Your Religious Beliefs in this Society

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for our strong beliefs in your kingdom and keeping our guard up to live by the world to believe in sinful things that do not represent the righteousness to your kingdom.

Thank you for keeping us away from evil

Thank you to you and your world. We are able to stay strong in our beliefs to protect our salvation to God and the Holy Spirit forever.

I ask you to help us get through our addictions and tribulations that we may be dealing with daily. This includes homeless men, women and children.

Guide us to go out as disciples to encourage more people to go to church to seek God in their life and not sitting at home on Sundays and during the week to be conformed to the world and letting the world handicap and validate us with sin, temptation, idolatry and the flesh.

Help people that smoke and sprung out on drugs to get off drugs and alcohol by getting help from mentors like pastors and churches to get their life right for God and the Holy Spirit. I am saying to guide more people to say no to marijuana and alcohol so more people on earth can treat their bodies as a temple for heaven and start to grow their hearts as mustard seed to heaven.

In Jesus name, Amen.

We need to be protecting our religious beliefs in this economy to avoid damaging our salvation for God. You see and hear Kamala Harris on the campaign trail talking about supporting reproductive rights and abortion. All she is trying to do is damage many Americans' foundation and beliefs for God by denouncing Christ Jesus as the Creator of human life on earth. Abortion is lust and sin to rip a newborn baby from a woman's womb. We need more adoption centers in minority communities and pass a national law to waive medical bills for maternity for women so women will not burden the costs. I said in my previous sermons about abortion that women need to learn how to make positive choices as teenagers and young in their 20s to wait until they graduate from high school to get married to have children. I will speak more on this during the next Bible class in Detroit that I usually teach on the third Saturday of the month. Do not let candidates like Kamala Harris damage your salvation on gay rights and same sex marriage because all couples supposed to be man and woman with children in the household. It was Adam and Eve and no such thing as Adam and Steve before Adam and Eve. When people tell you it was Adam and Steve before Adam and Eve is false. That is 100% fact. You hear Democrats campaigning on marriage equality, but couples are supposed to be man and woman. Today, it is where I stand on the issue and support all couples as man and woman with children. I do not support same sex relationships and couples raising children in the household because children need a traditional family and are raised in a traditional household with mother and father. I was born and raised in a household with my mother and father. When I try to protect my religious beliefs is by gaining some type of common ground with others to come to the middle.

Do not world and sinful people in this world to be all about drunkenness to smoke weed, cigarettes and marijuana. We need to be treating our bodies as a temple. I support homeless shelters having a no smoking policy. We need to discipline ourselves to eat and live healthy lives, by staying away from pork. We need to stop harming ourselves and bodies because it is not good for the kingdom of God.

“And remember, our Lord’s patience gives people time to be saved. This is what our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you with the wisdom God gave him—speaking of these things in all of his letters. Some of his comments are hard to understand, and those who are ignorant and unstable have twisted his letters to mean something quite different, just as they do with other parts of Scripture. And this will result in their destruction.”-2 Peter 3:15-16

When I read and got familiar with 2 Peter 3:15-16, I thought about what homeless people talk about in public, talking about God and the Bible negatively, thinking they know it all about the Bible and Jesus. When I think about this scripture in the Bible, I think about the wicked calling the Bible the book of demons. I think about Muslims in the past speak negatively about the Bible and say negative things about Christmas saying they do not believe in Christmas known as the birth of our Lord and personal savior Jesus Christ. We need to be like Paul and preach the wisdom from Christ Jesus to help lost souls be saved, anointed and worship the Lord in their life by letting God come into the life of lost souls. When I read 2 Peter 3:15-16, I think about the wicked and how we need to give them time to find themselves to seek God in their life and be saved. I think about those homeless men and women that are still lost in life with lost souls and act ungodly. Turn to the person next to you and say stop listening to sinners and idolatry. When I read the scripture, I think people need to be more patient with the wicked and give them time to seek God in their life because they are going to realize why their life is backed up against the wall. You do not want to be in a situation in life where your life is backed up in the wall with no spirit in their life. I think about how people need to be more patient and/or ignore haters because sooner or later they will have to stop being haters and envious towards other people that have more success than them. Haters and envious people are going to get tired of their life being backed up against the wall. We do not want the world to cause us to back up against the wall in listening to idolatry in the world from politicians, such as abortion and reproductive rights, same-sex marriage, legalization of marijuana, living by mammon and tax collector, gay rights and supporting marriage equality, and supporting homosexual and LGBT community. When I read the scripture, I think about my friends from high school and elementary school named Kenneth and his troubled life. People told me at the star of hope mission in Houston that I should just pray for him and let him follow his own path. He won't try to help himself to stay at a homeless shelter because he says he will not stay at a homeless shelter that is Bible based and Christian as a Muslim. I agree with other pastors and individuals that it do not make sense to sleep under a bridge on the southside of Chicago.

“You say, “Food was made for the stomach, and the stomach for food.” (This is true, though someday God will do away with both of them.) But you can’t say that our bodies were made for sexual immorality. They were made for the Lord, and the Lord cares about our bodies.”-1 Corinthians 6:13

When I read the scripture daily, I think about my preexisting condition of autoimmune pancreatitis since August 2014. When I could not make it home one evening in Chicago, I had to go to the close public place called the Palmer House and the security did what I needed to call a paramedic. The paramedic picked me up and took me to Northwestern Memorial Hospital. I believe when I ate so much food that was not good for me for many years that I harmed myself and my body. You do not want to be like me. I found out from doctors and health experts that I have a weak immune system and it was mandatory during the pandemic to do both doses of the vaccine in Georgia and do the booster shot. When I got into the

emergency room at Northwestern Memorial Hospital by paramedic, the doctors told me that it was like my pancreas was on fire after my lab results came back and needed to stay in a hospital room for three days. I did not eat anything in the hospital for two days because doctors and nurses flush out my pancreas and immune system with the IV in my arm. I found out from the doctor later that autoimmune pancreatitis is an unexpected disease that sneaks up on people. Right now, I need to work harder to eat right for myself because I am really not supposed to eat snacks, red meat, greasy and fried foods. I am supposed to be eating more fruits and vegetables. Another case manager in another homeless people told me that I was supposed to be eating light with more fruits and vegetables.

That is why I have supported more nutrition programs at homeless shelters for many years because homeless men and women that stay at biblical shelters need to learn how to take care of themselves spiritually by eating and living a healthy life. I am supposed to be eating 4-6 times a day based on my preexisting condition. This is the food that I am not supposed to be eating according to the autoimmune pancreatitis disease. I am supposed to be eating vegetables, yams, sweet potatoes, jerusalem artichokes, minimally processed meats, seafood, fermented and probiotic foods, non-dairy fermented foods, I unexpectedly get redness on various parts of my body as an autoimmune pancreatitis disease. I unexpectedly get joint pain and stiffness on my body as an autoimmune pancreatitis disease symptom. I unexpectedly get fevers that come and go at certain times of the month. I remember getting fevers while I was in the Spiritual Recovery Program at Star of Hope Mission in Houston last year along with redness and rashes on my skin. I did not say nothing to staff about it,

1. I am not supposed to be eating foods with processed vegetable oils, refined sugars, nuts and seeds, beverages like coffee and alcohol, artificial sweeteners, food colors and thickeners. It means I am not supposed to eat foods like any flavored peanuts or cashews that people buy in the store along with sunflower seeds, I am not supposed to be eating potatoes and tomatoes.
2. Grains: cereals, oats, rice, wheat, pasta
3. Legumes
4. Eggs
5. Dairy products

“The LORD himself watches over you! The LORD stands beside you as your protective shade. The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon at night. The LORD keeps you from all harm and watches over your life. The LORD keeps watch over you as you come and go, both now and forever.”-Psalm 121:5-8

As Christians and disciples, God looks and watches over us daily wherever we are. The scripture says that God can be standing beside you right at the moments keeping an eye on us. Right now, God can be standing right beside me watching and protecting me based on what I do in my life. God can be standing right beside you while you don't know it protects you from harm. I feel like God stands beside me daily wherever I am because I know when I am in bad situations economically and financially that God is right beside me watching and protecting me. That is why I have been so blessed in my life since I was saved and born again on September 4, 2011.

“Though I am surrounded by troubles, you will protect me from the anger of my enemies. You reach out your hand, and the power of your right hand saves me.”-Psalm 138:7

This one of my favorite scriptures in the bible adds to my favorite book in the bible called Book of Galatians. When I read this scripture, God has come through for me a lot to protect me from enemies and sinners since 2011. I let God judge enemies and sinners that sin against me, although they may not know they are being judged by God at the throne in heaven. I do not let no one damage my salvation towards God and serve God as the rock of my salvation. The scriptures says we are surrounded by troubles daily but we must understand as a christian and disciple that God is our protector and you must be wearing your armor daily from the kingdom to let God save you from your troubles daily.

“The LORD is a shelter for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. Those who know your name trust in you for you, O LORD, do not abandon those who search for you.”-Psalm 9:9-10

If you are oppressed and depressed by the world, God has you in your life because Christ Jesus cares about you. When people are oppressed, do not do what you see other people are doing in the world by getting sprung out on drugs with smoking and alcohol, committing crimes and killing people like you see and hear what is happening in this country with school shootings, killings in our neighborhoods and communities. You want to not go down that road because it makes you more of a sinner and idol causing others that it is okay to live and sprung out on drugs. It is not. I never did drugs and never will do drugs. When I did my research on survival sex, I found out you hear many people dealing with depression and oppression having survival sex by having sex as homosexual with the same gender. You do not want to go down that road and cause you to be a sinner and conform to the world. Turn to the person next to you and say do not go down the road to be a sinner and conformed to the world.

These are the scriptures we need to live by daily to remain closer to God and grow our hearts as a mustard seed to heaven.

- *“Don’t you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you? God will destroy anyone who destroys this temple. For God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple.”-1 Corinthians 3:16-17*
- *“Don’t you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, **20** for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.”-1 Corinthians 6:19-20*
- *“Do not cut your bodies for the dead, and do not mark your skin with tattoos. I am the LORD.”-Leviticus 19:28*

I want to end by saying that I support Rep. Mike Rogers(R) 50% and Elissa Slotkin (D) 49% in my updated support in the Michigan US Senate race as an independent. According to my voter registration that is still active in Michigan, my member of Congress is Shri Thaneder (D). In this election in the Michigan 13th Congressional District, I supported Rep, Thanedar (D) 48% and Martell Bivings(R) 52% as an independent. After this election as an independent, I will be 51% Republican/conservative and 48% Democratic. Numbers are subject to change for future elections. I support Tyrone Carter (D) as Michigan House of Representatives, Senator Erika Geiss (D) for State Senate. I support Democratic for Wayne County Clerk, Prosecuting Attorney, Register of Deeds. I support T.P. Nykoriak(R) for Wayne County Sheriff. According to Nehemiah 4:6, I have been building the wall among the congregation. That is why

the church has a Family Ministry for families to fellowship together and provide discipleship. That is why the church has a Youth and Young Adult Ministry for youth and Young adults to fellowship together and provide discipleship. The church has Family worship hour on Wednesday to provide discipleship from God's kingdom. The youth and young adults ministry have monthly youth seminars to have youth fellowship together once a month. The church has a free childcare program to have children to be able to grow up spiritually if they do not live in a Christian household. It will give children the opportunity to learn the Bible and become disciples at a very young age so the God word can grow on them when they get older to adults. Family members have community nights to give opportunities for members and individuals to fellowship with each other in the local Detroit community and are invited to bring family and friends with them every week. Community nights give members and individuals an opportunity every week to eat and fellowship together. The women's ministry hosts a women's Christian support group hosted by the first lady Jennifer once a month. The women's ministry hosts a women's support group to give women members an opportunity to pray, fellowship and provide discipleship together every month. The purpose of the letter writing campaign from the Prison Ministry is to provide prayer, fellowship and discipleship with inmates and ex-offenders in Detroit and Houston. The Veterans Outreach Ministry provides prayer, discipleship and fellowship with veterans in Detroit and Houston. The children ministry provides fellowship, prayer and discipleship with children within the congregation and in Detroit and Houston. The Married Couples Ministry hosts couples retreats each month to provide fellowship, prayer and discipleship among marriages to help man and woman increase their discipleship and prayer life in marriages in Detroit and Houston. The Married Couples Ministry provides married couples within the congregation to fellowship, discipleship and prayer for marriages and married couples. The church has a special needs ministry to give people with disabilities fellowship together, provide discipleship and prayer for people with special needs in Detroit and Houston. The church has a men's ministry to give opportunities to fellowship together, provide discipleship and prayer for men in Detroit and Houston.

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 post 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 a going to Salem Baptist Church of Chicago in 2013 to 2015.

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.

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