

Kingdom Come: Living God Reality on Earth

Living in Light of Eternity

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

1. When you think of the word eternity, what image or feeling first comes to mind?
2. How often does the idea of eternity cross your mind?
3. What are you investing your time, money, and energy in?
4. What do you most fear losing in this life, and how does the hope of eternity address that fear?
5. What do you want to be glad you chose today?
6. What is one thing you would do for God if you weren't afraid of failing?
7. How does the promise of a renewed Earth and resurrected bodies influence how you treat your own body and the world around you?
8. What is one practical habit you could adopt this week to help you think about eternity more often?
9. Do you view your possessions and money as your own, or as God's to be stewarded?
10. What's one change you could make to be a more generous giver?
11. Does anyone here feel like they are more focused on the here and now than on the eternal?
12. Can you name someone you know who truly seems to live in the presence of God?
13. Have you ever experienced a time when God seemed quiet, but you realized later He was still at work?
14. What are the biggest distractions in your life that keep you from thinking more deeply about eternity?

We must understand that everything we have on earth is temporary and it is like what people say about possessions. We cannot take any possessions with us. That is why we must not be takers to the world and must be willing to love the world. That's why what we get from this world is like a charity to us that is temporary. Our life on earth is short and we feel like we will not be on earth for a long time. We need to be living for God and honor God for what he does for us. We need to be serving others and it is not people serving others in a spiritual way. You still have people in the world that act envious and haters of other people that have accomplishments more than people that do not have nothing to look back on. I have witnessed homeless men being envious of other homeless men staying on the top of their game to accomplish their goals to get out of homelessness on a permanent basis. Homeless men and women act like they want to worry and honor God in their life, but they still live by the flesh and sin during the week. I do not call those people real Christians and disciples of God. I have witnessed people that are haters, instigators and anger issues in shared room housing in Atlanta, Chicago, Detroit, New York, Baltimore and Philadelphia. I started the congregation in the Westside of Chicago to Southeast Michigan because I love to serve and make a difference in communities spiritually. I believe as a man of God that we have a purpose on earth. I believe that going to law school and becoming a lawyer or prosecutor was not my purpose. I took time to myself to think years ago about being a lawyer, the right career and purpose to me. When I lived in shared room housing with 5 or more people in the home, it did not work for me because I liked living in shared room housing with 2-3 people. In my opinion, shared room housing with 2-3 people has more friendly living environments and most are peaceful environments for people that work and have careers. We are supposed to be living and honoring God under Grace. This transformation is not possible in your own power. You must rely on God's strength and grace to live this way. We must use our resources and time to minister and serve others. We must use our time and resources to discipline others to help them live an honest and good life to God. When you have people around you that like to hate and instigate people, it is not living your life with your own welfare and focusing on yourself. Tithing is part of worship.

"For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."-2 Corinthians 4:17-18

Believers need to understand that their struggles are temporary because I witnessed my temporary struggles being temporary. After I prayed for the struggles, I feel like God has gotten me out of the situation with a breakthrough. Believers live their life with eternal life. We need to shift our focus from temporary struggles to eternal glory to God. We are dealing with the government shutdown and families could be struggling with layoffs. I was not to expect to be on my fixed income this long and I expected to be receiving a salary from the congregation years ago. I have family members that do not donate money to my church to show support for the congregation. None of my family members ever heard me preach during services because money has always been an issue. My mother and most family members are senior citizens that are eligible for senior discounts with Greyhound to travel to Detroit. We need to stop going to the world for help to help with our trials and tribulations. I only accept money for people that are guaranteed gifts that I do not have to pay back. I do the same to other people. I do still have some struggles financially and that I am working out to improve my finances. The verse encourages us to see our afflictions as light and momentary compared to eternal weight of glory. We must understand that pain doesn't diminish glory. We must shift our mindset for our troubles. It is like a young person is struggling to raise money for their cause and stick to the same failed strategy that they know the struggle is not working for them. We are dealing with a government shutdown and this is the time we need to be praying for these struggles in case people are unexpectedly laid off, fired, lose benefits, healthcare and/or SNAP benefits. This is the time we need to worship God and be a peacemaker in our communities, not blame the other person or politicians for coming together for a solution. When we

have faith in God and are obedient to God, we must understand that Christ Jesus got us covered during our struggles. We do not need to be committing sin during our struggles. It is not the time to rage, anger, and mental health during our struggles because our anger makes people fall deeper from the glory of God. The hope of future glory provides motivation to endure present challenges without giving up. I want to say that we need to put our faith in God while we are dealing with our struggles, not politicians because all politicians do is provide soundbites and tell us what we want to hear. Politicians can deceive us and tell us anything to satisfy us. That's why Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. never believed in electoral politics based on history books about his advocacy and what done for the community. That's why I say that people need to stop depending on the government and politicians to live on government benefits and subsidies by seeking employment in the public and private sector to pay our bills. Lower and less taxes are good for the economy to allow employees to expand their workforce and raise wages for employees. I will make sure that the Volunteer-to-Work Program is promoted to employers and church members this week by the Vine Ministry and other ministries within the congregation, so people can end their struggles in their households and dealing with homeless shelters. The Volunteer-to-Work Program is a 11-page document that was agreed to. Phase i is to promote the Volunteer-to-Work Program in Oakland County at employers to help put more unemployed and underemployed residents back in the workforce. Part of Phase 1 is to promote the Volunteer-to-Work Program proposal on social media to be transparent with the public.

I want to continue to share my personal story about my preexisting condition of autoimmune pancreatitis disease. I am used to eating foods and fast food like everyone else in public. I believe that it was a disappointment for myself not sticking to the low-fat and fat free diet. Also, I want to start back to the follow up appointments with the doctor in Detroit. My PCP is located on the Westside of Detroit. The foods I need to be eating and discipline myself are chicken and turkey without skin, fish, egg whites, beans, lentils, fruits, vegetables, oatmeal, whole grain bread, rice, pasta, low-fat dairy, salmon, and trout. The foods that I need to discipline and avoid are fatty meats, fried foods, full-fat dairy products like butter, cream, and ice cream, nuts, nut butters, snacks, frozen meals, processed meats, alcohol, high-fiber foods. High fiber foods cause the pancreas to flare-up and aggravate symptoms. I need to be eating 4 to 6 small meals and snacks each day. That's why living at homeless shelters would not work for me because homeless shelters serve three meals a day. I will do this and eat healthier after I move where I am now to the Westside later this month. I want to prevent future flare-up and aggravate symptoms of the pancreas. I was dealing with financial collapse when I was attending and got admitted to DePaul University after I received my associate Degree at Kennedy King College in Chicago. I had struggles paying tuition at DePaul University and did not get help from family. I was happy that I was able to continue my higher education without relying on family for anything. When I lost my student housing at DePaul University, I had to continue my higher education while living at a homeless shelter in Chicago. I had to get back on SSI income in 2014 to help myself get out of homeless shelters in Chicago. My mother did not allow me to get my own apartment in Chicago because she used my SSI income as an income stream for her because she has been out of the workforce and labor market for many years. I was forced to move out of Chicago and transfer over my benefits out of state. My personal finances started to get better after moving out of Chicago and I was able to find and pay for permanent housing. The Social Security Administration says my mother was misusing funds for my SSI benefits as my payee in 2014 to 2015. I worked at warehouse jobs at temp agencies in Detroit and Wayne County in the past that spent less time on those jobs because I was thinking in my mind the opportunities were not for me based on my strong background in the social service nonprofit sector and ministry. I worked at a warehouse job in Atlanta for a short period of time because I was thinking in my mind the opportunity was not for me based on my strong background in the social service nonprofit sector and ministry. The jobs were good jobs, but my heart was not in them because I am more motivated to do ministry and serve communities in a spiritual way to help the homeless and poor.

"He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end."-Ecclesiastes 3:11

We have happy times in our life during our Christian journey. It is like Joel Osteen preaching our season to this congregation. We need to take note that we have a season when we start to receive more blessings and praises from God. Our season can be varied during the year or certain time of the year. I believe my season is the summer because I got most of my blessings and praises from God during the summer months since the first time I got saved and born again. I believe that the summer months are my season because I have done more helping the homeless people in Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia and Houston. I noticed my blessings and praises from God are limited during the fall. We need to figure out when our season is. I am able to volunteer and feed the homeless at homeless shelters like I was able to do in Philadelphia, Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland and Birmingham.

- Focus on your current purpose and trust that God's timing
- Find peace in setbacks and appreciate the present moment
- Peace
- Be patient and let go of the need to control every outcome
- Keep your focus on the eternal and on God
- Be glad and do good in every season

I have been trying to get more actively involved to preach at homeless shelters. I tried to do this at the Bowery Mission this year and last year. It seems like I got the door slammed in my face because I never got the opportunity to start preaching the chapel services at the Bowery Mission. I want to use my spiritual gifts to spread the gospel at homeless shelters among homeless men and women. I care and am compassionate to help the homeless men and women to live a spiritual life and be obedient to God. I applied to be part of the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries to be part of their ministry to preach to homeless men and women at the facilities, but I feel like I got the door slammed in my face every time. I moved my church operations out of Detroit to Oakland County because the church has been becoming more diverse among its membership and employees. This congregation membership is 37% White/caucasian, 32% Black/African-Americans, 25% Latino/Hispanic and 5% foreigners. Our church members live in Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Battle Creek, Grand Rapids and Flint. I have been having financial struggles getting my own apartment in various cities including Detroit in the past. That's why I had to live and rent shared room housing. It is not that many shared room housing that allow rental to couples. Many apartments have security deposits and allow you to pay 2 to 3 months rent. I only rented an apartment twice in my lifetime: in Highland Park, Michigan in 2018 and Dubuque, IA in 2016. The church is still trying to do business with nonpartisan rich stakeholders to fund the church budget each year. The church has offered a board position or some type of involvement in the congregation. I try to attend more church events and gatherings as possible because I feel like I am lonely while the First Lady has been living in another state. I try to keep myself proactive in my congregation events and other church events in communities. That is another reason why I volunteer so much at homeless shelters for networking purposes with homeless people, staff and other volunteers. According to my personal ideology and updates, I am 46% Independent/unaffiliated, 34% Republican/conservative and 17% Democratic.

"By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward."-Hebrews 11:24-26

Moses's choice by faith to give up his privileged life in Egypt to suffer with the Israelites instead. Moses grew up in Pharaoh Court and he has a choice to retain his powerful status. He rejected the identity of being Egyptian prince. He saw the pleasures of sin as temporary and the suffering for his faith as a greater wealth. The key motivation for Moses's decision was his faith and his focus on the future reward from God. The ways to apply this scripture to our life is making more conscious choices, dealing with suffering, resisting temptation and sin, and making sacrifices in your life.

After I became pastor and succeeded to Bishop in 2018, I lost a lot of friends or my friendship with people is not very strong. Most of the people I have been friends with for years are Democrats and live in Democratic cities that support liberal policies including supporting abortion, same-sex marriage, big government and bureaucracy. I became an independent in 2010. I am 48% Independent/unaffiliated, 43% Republican/conservative and 9% Democratic. I am always too close to call during midterm and Presidential elections. The congregation membership is made up of 49.3% Independent/unaffiliated, 47.7% Republican/conservatives and 3% Democratic based on members personal ideology. I believe in lower and lower taxes to grow the economy and expand the labor market and workforce. I believe lower and less taxes increase poverty in the economy and help small businesses grow their operations to create jobs to put Americans back to work. You can look at the struggling economy in Chicago and Illinois with their high taxes and competitive economy. A competitive economy means jobs are being eliminated and/or people are competing for less available jobs. I oppose defunding the police. I support a balanced budget amendment for the federal government. I personally presented a proposal to the Obama administration to reduce spending by \$5.7 Trillion without cutting public services and programs. My budget proposal was rejected by the Obama administration in 2011 to reduce our national debt to \$9.1 Trillion at the time. I believe life is precious and need to make marijuana and abortion is illegal across the board. I am a conservative on Defense and national security issues because I support strong defense to prevent illegal immigration and prevent future terrorist attacks in this nation. I do not compromise my beliefs to fit in with a particular group because I have done what Jesus did to recruit 12 disciples that have been growing. I oppose fentanyl. I do not make friends going to them because I let people come to me to become friends. I provided a proposal personally about saving social security long-term. I support more food banks and food pantries in communities because some people that may need emergency food do not have access to a car or public transportation. I strongly believe that it is too much price gauging in the housing market that makes apartments and shared room housing unaffordable.

To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.”-Colossians 1:27

Paul states his responsibility is to fulfil the word of God. Paul explains a secret kept hidden for centuries and revealed to God's people. God revealed the riches of glory available to the Gentiles. Paul revealed that Christ is in them and has hope in the glory of God. Paul preaches and teaches the message about being perfect in Christ Jesus. Paul worked and struggled intensely. We have to understand that Christ is in you mean that the presence of Christ and Holy Spirit in every believer.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”-Matthew 6:19-21

When we read this scripture, we need to be living our life by heavenly wisdom to focus on living our life for God, not earthly wisdom. We need to distance ourselves from idolatry, bondage, abomination, sin

and temptation. Believers should focus on eternal, spiritual values rather than temporary. We do not support material possessions.

“Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.”-1 Corinthians 6:19-21

Our bodies are supposed to be a temple to the Holy Spirit and should be treated as a temple to the Holy Spirit. It means we need to be cautious about what we should put in our bodies. That's why people should not be smoking marijuana, cigars and/or cigarettes. We must understand life on earth is precious. People that sell and addicted to illegal drugs should not be putting any illegal drug substances in our bodies as a temple to Holy Spirit, such as cocaine, GHB, benzodiazepines, LSD, hallucinogens, fentanyl, ayahuasca, codeine, ecstasy, methamphetamine, ketamine, Psilocybin mushrooms, opioids, PCP, barbiturates, inhalants, heroin, cannabis, amphetamines, alcohol, depressants, anabolic steroids, caffeine, and LSD. These illegal drugs damage the body that is supposed to be a temple to the Holy Spirit. The woman's womb is part of the temple of the Holy Spirit. Women have to realize that their body does not belong to them. Women bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit. Newborn babies are the children of God and born as the children of God as his creation of human life on earth. Women are damaging God's creation of human life on earth by aborting babies in the womb or coming out of the womb. We need to be fasting regularly to treat and honor our bodies as a temple of the Holy Spirit. We must not be selfish with our bodies. That is what the Democrats are doing and all about by telling voters to commit sin with their bodies. Democrats are telling voters in this nation to be selfish with their bodies by legalizing marijuana, and support women getting abortions. People should not be getting tattoos on their bodies because it does not honor the body as a temple to the Holy Spirit.