

Kingdom Come: Living God Reality on Earth

Breaking Free from Idolatry

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the guiding us to your kingdom with heavenly wisdom

Thank you for what you have us and blessed us in our life by providing us with your gifts from your kingdom.

Help us to turn away from idolatry

If we are dealing with idolatry and idol-heart, guide us and keep us focus on your kingdom forever

Guide us to have an obedient and humble heart as personal savior

I ask you to give us wisdom and knowledge from your word and kingdom

Educate us so we can avoid an idol-heart.

Let us strengthen our love for you while we serve and worship you as rock of your salvation

Help more people to be born again and live their new life in Christ.

Help unite families and bring more families together to unite them in communities to end violence, crime, evil, wickedness and demonic situations.

In Jesus name, Amen

First Lady told me last after I left after midnight to speak to her and she said she will provide community prayer and host a roundtable bible study in Phoenix and Flagstaff. She will attend the memorial service of Charlie Kirk and travel to the other two cities for preaching and evangelicalism. He is scheduled to depart Arizona on Tuesday night back to Chicago. She will and continue to talk about importance of tithing

Christians should repent and turn from their idols. After I was born again and baptized on September 4, 2011; no longer put nothing before God. in my life. Since 2011, my relationship has gotten stronger for God and the Holy Spirit. After I got baptized, I let a deacon at the time mentor me on how to strengthen my faith in God. I encourage my family members on my mother's side of the family to turn their ways from idolatry to turn from idols. Ways to identify idols are to look for anything that has become more important than God, giving undue importance to anything that occupies God's place in your life. We place God as the head of your life. We must seek to love and worship God. Christians and disciples read and meditate on God's Word to be reminded of His truth and glory. Our lives must be prioritized around God by making decisions by heavenly wisdom. I engage my spiritual journey with scriptures daily as a man of God and Bishop of the congregation. Christians and disciples pray daily to continue to build their relationship with God and the Holy Spirit. We need to build a relationship with God by building a stronger relationship and fellowship with God in these tough and bad times, not living by earthly wisdom. People need to do what I do is set our thoughts on things above because that is where we need to get what we need in life through prayers, not by this sinful world. We need to be thankful for what we ask from God from above with thanksgiving. The Devil wants us to depend on idolatry. We need to break up these gangs and stop these gangs to encourage us to listen and depend on idolatry to either stir and commit crimes, get what we need to get in our life by sin. That's why we need to find a loyal church home and get involved in the church. All of us are safe in church and meeting new people in church because we need to start making friends with people that live and make decisions by heavenly wisdom from God not living our life by earthly wisdom. Sinners are the people that want to continue to get things by earthly possessions and things. When I lived for a short period of time in Grand Rapids, Michigan; a pastor locally told me that I need to stick to preaching because I have spiritual gifts. It is the name of something that Pastor Johnson told me when I was at Star of Hope Mission in Houston in the Spiritual Recovery Program. He told me to stick to what I am doing to preach, live to the bible and read the bible

because I am spiritually gifted to do so. We need to set boundaries in our life to make sure we keep our focus on God and Holy Spirit as well as live with the fruit of the spirit. We need to stop putting our trust in idolatry. Turn to the person next to you and say stop putting your trust in idolatry. As Christians and disciples, we must have an accountability partner. When you recruit your twelve disciples like Jesus did, we can let our inner circle of our disciples be our accountability partners like my 59+ disciples do me daily when email, text or call to check on me to make sure I am doing what supposed to keep my strong fellowship and strength in God in my life.

When I move to Oakland County in my own place, I will use the budgeting I learned from Star of Hope Mission after I commenced in October 2023. After commencement from the Spiritual Recovery Program at Star of Hope Mission in Houston, I learned how to plan and submit monthly budgets to case managers to learn how to budget my income economically and spiritually. I will budget my SNAP benefits wisely each month while going to the food pantry first locally in my community. I will have to search the internet for local food pantries for Gleaners Food Bank of Southeastern Detroit because I believe they do not work with Michigan residents across state lines. I will continue to pay tithes and offerings each month, budget income and church housing allowance for rent, utilities and household expenses.

1. When you hear the word "idolatry," what is the first image that comes to mind?
2. What is the last thing you worried about so much that it kept you up at night?
3. What does that reveal about where you place your trust?
4. How can our own self-image become an idol?
5. What is your "if-only" statement? For example, "If only I had _____, then my life would be better. What does that blank space reveal about your heart?
6. Where does your mind go when it's idle?
7. Are you daydreaming about career advancement, new possessions, or something else entirely?
8. Where do you spend the most of your discretionary time and money?
9. What do those appointments in your calendar and items on your bank statement say about your priorities?
10. What is one practical step you can take this week to turn your attention from an idol and focus more on God?
11. If losing a particular thing in your life would feel like the end of your world, how can you reframe your perspective to find your ultimate hope in God instead?

You know, that's exactly what my other idols look like. A few pieces of pride and effort, propped up in a corner of my heart, taking up space and pretending to be more important than they are. And the moment I started to recognize that, it became a lot easier to take out the spiritual trash.

"Dear children, keep yourselves from idols."-1 John 5:21

John is speaking to his readers about idols and idolatry. John was giving a final warning to his readers. He wrote the letter to early Christian communities to combat false teachings. John was one of Jesus' twelve disciples. John was a close follower to Jesus. John uses the analogy of "little children" to address the early Christian community. John was urging early Christians to actively guard their hearts and minds. The idols John warns against are not just physical objects but anything that becomes a false god, such as material possessions, careers, or relationships that take priority over God. Ways to apply the scripture to our life is to identify and actively replace any distractions or competing desires in your life that take the place of God's rightful position in your heart, mind, and actions.

Some businesses and organizations say they will nominate me for the Nobel Peace Prize. I found out that I will be given gifts for recognition for my 14th year anniversary next Sunday. I do not care and want to be consumed with recognition. My focus is keeping my mind and soul on God's kingdom. When I preach and serve for God in my life. I do not do it for the money, although church members are supposed to make sure the senior pastors are cared for economically and financially. No longer compare myself to others like I used to do during my childhood. My mother and family members always told my sister and I we are our own person. My mother and family members always instilled in us that we are our own person during my childhood. I only use social media and be on social media for spiritual persons. I only make friends that are spiritual people and pastors of churches. I do not become friends with sinners and ungodly people on social media. If a sinner wants to make friends with me, I ignore their friend's request. When I volunteer at organizations and homeless shelters, I do it for spiritual purposes because I am a cheerful giver to the Lord that helps the poor and homelessness. I keep my strong devotion to God daily even times that I missed services and I continue to keep my strong prayer life. Ways to apply the scripture to our life

"You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments."-Exodus 20:3-6

God is speaking to the Israelites about two commandments and God commands His people to have no other gods. God establishes his supreme authority and His unique relationship with the Israelites. God forbids the creation and worship of any image of things in heaven, earth and water. God describes himself as a jealous God demonstrating his desire for exclusive loyalty from the Israelites and promising mercy to those who love Him and keep His commandments. Ways to apply to the scripture is to prioritize your relationship with God. We need to make God your ultimate devotion and avoid any other gods that take his rightful place in your heart.

1. Make your first and highest priority
2. actively turn your eyes and heart toward the greatness
3. Avoid bowing down to or creating images of anything to be worshiped as a God
4. Engage in constant communion, prayer, and conversation with Him.
5. Seek and please Jesus by focusing on His kingdom and what has His approval
6. Guard your heart against any false hopes or things that would steal your heart from God
7. Provide a strong incentive to choose Him over substitutes.

Before I was admitted to the Star of Hope Mission in Houston in the Spiritual Recovery Program, I had problems making final decisions because I used to make decisions by leaning on my own understanding by making decisions too fast and quickly. I learned from case managers at Star of Hope Mission in Houston that I need to take my time and let God guide me. I was told to start praying to God before making my life decisions to avoid any consequences. I start putting God at the center of my heart. I started to settle myself in my own place when I moved from East Detroit this weekend. I believe in my heart that God does not want me in Detroit where I am now. I believe in my heart that God is calling to move in my own place, so I can start my new chapter as an Oakland County resident. Starting next month I can start my doctor appointments like I did at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago for my preexisting condition called autoimmune pancreatitis. I am really supposed to eat low fat foods and vegetables. I am not supposed to be eating foods with fats, dairy products, snacks and processed foods. I need to do better to discipline myself to eat foods that are low-fat and stick to a low fat diet.

"But those who trust in idols, who say to images, 'You are our gods,' will be turned back in utter shame."-Isaiah 42:17

God is speaking to the prophet Isaiah to address the Gentile nations and their practice of idolatry. God is denouncing the people's reliance on idols. When you place ultimate hope in anything other than the Creator, it will ultimately fail you and lead to confusion and disgrace. Ways to apply the scripture to our life is turning from the folly of idolatry to the true and living God, recognize God as the ultimate source of all creation and the one who has a plan for salvation through his chosen servant Jesus Christ, align your life with God's purposes by trusting in his work, allowing God to lead us in a new spiritual direction; be vigilant about what consumes your time, energy, and focus; make sure your worship and devotion are directed solely to God, avoid the temptation to idolize anything, trusting in God and His promises for your life.

"Some of the elders of Israel came to me and sat down in front of me. Then the word of the LORD came to me: Son of man, these men have set up idols in their hearts and put wicked stumbling blocks before their faces. Should I let them inquire of me at all? Therefore speak to them and tell them, This is what the Sovereign LORD says: When any of the Israelites set up idols in their hearts and put a wicked stumbling block before their faces and then go to a prophet, I the LORD will answer them myself in keeping with their great idolatry. I will do this to recapture the hearts of the people of Israel, who have all deserted me for their idols. Therefore say to the people of Israel, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Repent! Turn from your idols and renounce all your detestable practices! When any of the Israelites or any foreigner residing in Israel separate themselves from me and set up idols in their hearts and put a wicked stumbling block before their faces and then go to a prophet to inquire of me, I the LORD will answer them myself. I will set my face against them and make them an example and a byword. I will remove them from my people. Then you will know that I am the LORD.'"-Ezekiel 14:1-8

God speaks through the prophet Ezekiel to the elders of Israel who have come to him for guidance but have idols in their hearts. The elders of Israel are the audience, a group of leaders within the Israelite community in exile in Babylon. Ways to apply the scripture to our life is examine your heart to identify any idols, trust in place of God, recognize the consequences of idolatry, seek devotion to God by setting your affection on heavenly things and desiring wholehearted loyalty to God, repent and turn away from heart-idols to find God grace and restoration.