

Beyond Sunday

Mirror Mirror

A Sermon Application Guide

This guide is designed to offer a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print this guide to study on your own, or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

Our hope is that the living, breathing words of truth that are revealed to you become a part of your everyday life. In the book of James, we read about a key to living life with God. We are told that if we ask for wisdom by faith then we shall receive it generously from our Father in Heaven. One of the best ways to receive this wisdom is by preparing to receive it. We invite you to pray this prayer prior to the message and starting the study guide:

"God, thank You for Your truth and wisdom. Help me to see what I need to see, hear what I need to hear, and know what I need to know. Holy Spirit, help me to understand in a way that shows me the Father's true nature and heart. May this time help me to know You more and become more like Jesus. Amen."

Message Theme

God's perspective of us

Key Concepts/Truths

To find out the purpose and potential of something created you need to find the one that invented it.

God's word is the mirror for us to look at every day, seeing who we really are.

As we look into God's word, we see who we have been created to be. We need God to truly introduce us to ourselves.

When we believe wrong things about yourself, we live below the standard and greatness that God has for us.

God is working on our beliefs about ourselves for us to see ourselves from His perspective, as opposed to society's perspective, in order to live by the standard that God has for us.

Society's perspective focuses on "what I did". It says "I failed, I'm addicted, I'm messed up." We may have done those things, but that does not mean it is who we are.

God sets us free from our past. He doesn't look at our past and our condition to determine our destiny and future. When we believe what God says about us, His power is revealed in us.

It's not enough to just know about something. We need to be fully persuaded.

Key Verses: 2 Corinthians 3:18, 5:17 • James 1:22-25 • Judges 6:14 • Hebrews 11:6 • Romans 4:21

Which one truth do you already have evidence of in your life today? Ask the Lord for new ways to see even more of it for you and others around you. Write your answers out.

Which one truth is the most challenging or least existing in your life today? Why do you think this is? Ask the Lord if there are any beliefs or barriers that are keeping you from believing that particular truth. Write it out.

Real-life Application

We can't see what we can't see. Unless we adopt God's perspective of us, we won't be able to see His design in our lives and the unique identity that He has given each of us. In your mind, put yourself in front of a mirror and take note of what you see. If faults, shortcomings, and condemnation are what stare back at you, you can be certain that perspective is not from God.

Now let God show you yourself in His mirror. How do the two perspectives relate? Every verse and word from God's mouth is a mirror to see our reflection in. When we take the time to honestly reflect on the things that He has said we will begin to see ourselves the way that He designed us. Ask God what specific perspective of yourself He wants you to see from. Allow His perspective to transform you and change the way you think. You can trust in what He says.

This Week's Declarations

Life is released when your words are in agreement with God. Intentionally speaking life and biblical truth out loud is extremely powerful. In fact, you have that very life in the power of your tongue. These words below, when spoken out loud, will cause an acceleration of the reality of God's words in your life. We encourage you to speak the following with an expectancy to renew your mind and see God's fullness.

The Lord will bless those who fear Him both small and great.

May the Lord give me increase, more and more, me and my children.

May we be blessed by the Lord who made the heavens and the earth.

God is speaking to me now saying, "I am the Lord that healeth thee."

He is watching over His Word to perform it. He is the Lord who heals me.

He is healing me now. His Word contains the ability to produce what it says.

He is the Lord that heals me. His Word is full of healing power.

My body is the temple of the Lord that heals me, and He is bigger than sickness and satan.

Thank you Father because You are my healer, and You are healing me now.

Satan, you cannot bind me with sickness. I've been delivered from your kingdom. And translated into the Kingdom of the Son of God.

Sickness is ungodly and of the devil. Satan, you cannot put that on me. Who do you think you are? You are a defeated foe.

Jesus stripped you of your authority. You cannot do this to me. I resist you in Jesus' Name.

I am delivered. I am free. I am loosed and no longer fettered. My bondage is at an end.

Sickness is of the devil. Jesus gave me authority to trample on serpents, scorpions, and over all the power of the devil. I trample on sickness. I tread every evil under foot.

Jesus gave me authority over sickness. Sickness I tell you to get out.

You have no right to dominate me. Get out of my body in Jesus' Name.

Sickness and disease: you are under my feet.

I'm seated with Christ in Heavenly places. Jesus has given me the keys to the Kingdom.

I have the right, the privilege, and the responsibility to exercise my authority as a believer in Christ.

I release my authority as a believer with words of faith. I declare that this sickness is bound.

I declare that the door to divine healing and health is open.

It is God's will that I am well. He says yes to my healing. I declare "yes" to the will of heaven. And I say no to all that Jesus redeemed me from.

What's Next?

Now it's time to write down anything that the Lord has spoken to you. Praise Him, thank Him, and ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk this out.

Scripture References

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2 Corinthians 3:13-18 NKJV

unlike Moses, *who* put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away. **14** But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the *veil* is taken away in Christ. **15** But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. **16** Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. **17** Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty. **18** But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 3:18 ASV

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2 Corinthians 3:18 MSG

...our lives gradually becoming brighter and more beautiful as God enters our lives and we become like him.

2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

James 1:22-25 NKJV

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

2 Corinthians 1:20 NKJV

For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

Philippians 3:13 NKJV

Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,

Judges 6:11-14 NKJV

Now the Angel of the Lord came and sat under the terebinth tree which was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon threshed wheat in the winepress, in order to hide it from the Midianites. And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him, and said to him, "The Lord is with you, you mighty man of valor!" Gideon said to Him, "O my lord, if the Lord is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, 'Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt?' But now the Lord has forsaken us and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites." Then the Lord turned to him and said, "Go in this might of yours, and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites. Have I not sent you?"

Numbers 13:31-33 NKJV

But the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we." And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out... There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."

Hebrews 11:6 NKJV

But without faith it is impossible to please Him...

Proverbs 12:18 NKJV

There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword, But the tongue of the wise promotes health.

Isaiah 53:1 NKJV

Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

James 1:25 NKJV

But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues *in it*, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

Romans 4:21 KJV

And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

Joshua 1:8 KJV

This Book of the Law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate therein day and night...

Philemon 6 KJV

That the communication of thy faith may become effectual...

Psalms 115:13-15 NKJV

He will bless those who fear the Lord, Both small and great. May the Lord give you increase more and more, You and your children. May you be blessed by the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.

Joshua 1:8 NKJV

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