

# **Beyond Sunday with Scripture References**

## **Sovereignty of God (Living by Faith pt 2 )**

### **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.

#### **Message Theme & Prayer Focus**

Prayer Part 2 - Making A Difference

*“God, I rest in the fact that you love me and that you want what is best for me. I thank you so much that you're always near, pursuing me, and keeping your promises. I am so happy to be able to live my life for you. Continue to show me your love, and your truth. Amen.”*

#### **Key Concepts/Truths**

It is a right and Godly thing to pray for others. Prayer makes such a difference in our lives and in the world.

Unfortunately, there is a big lack of prayer in the church today, mostly because of bad theology. Typically, we misunderstand God's sovereignty, or “supreme rank”. This doesn't mean that God chooses each and everything that happens—people still have a choice—but He is still sovereign and restoring the world back to Himself.

In Genesis, God created Adam and Eve to have fellowship with them, and gave them dominion over the Earth. Because of their sin, the devil came into the world to separate fellowship with God and steal man's authority. As long as the devil is here, the Bible tells us that pain, suffering, and death are a reality, but God restored us to Himself through Jesus so that we can use His authority to spread God's Kingdom of light and love to a world that desperately needs it.

God's authority is kind of like a house owner versus a house renter situation. The owner may own the house but, to walk in, he still knocks and asks for permission. God still asks permission. He entered through Abraham and their covenant together. In Galatians we learn that we are spiritually Abraham's seed through faith and we inherit that covenant too.

Faith is a currency. In the book of Mark, Jesus goes back to his hometown, but could do no good work for them there. He wanted to, but the people had little faith and big unbelief. Having faith and trusting God can open up so many opportunities to see the will and promises of God happen in our lives.

God is exceedingly and abundantly able to do more than we can ask or think, but He chooses to work His power through us. He does this not only to demonstrate satan's defeat, but to spread His love and bring others into His family.

### **Key Verses:**

1 Samuel 12:23 • Romans 8:20-21 • Mark 6:4-5 • 1 Timothy 2:4 • Acts 10:38

### **Daily Application**

It is so important to know what belongs to us. Without knowing the authority given to us, we can't put it to use, so then faith is actually dependent upon knowledge. When we hear what God says, how God feels, and what is in His heart, we can know it. When we know it, we can put our faith and authority to it and claim His promises firmly. But what if we don't first know some of those things?

Take even 30 minutes of intentional time with God today and look for some of the promises in His word that relate to circumstances in your life. If you need healing, look for healing. If you need deliverance, look for deliverance. Find the things that God has promised you in His word and give Him space in prayer to talk to you about them. When we know the things that belong to us, it stirs up our faith and we can use our authority to make a difference in the world with God.

### **This Week's Declaration**

*"God, I am so blessed. I push aside the worries in my head and focus on the fact that you are sovereign. You want what is best for me and you love to bless me. I am so thankful to have the freedom and choice to praise you, and I will continue to put you first as long as I live. Thank you for choosing me, saving me, and pursuing a relationship with me. I praise you, I thank you, and I love you."*

### **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**

### **Sovereignty of God**

#### **Galatians 3:13-14 NKJV**

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

#### **Romans 3:20 NKJV**

Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

#### **Luke 13:10-11 NKJV**

Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up.

**Mark 16:17-18 NKJV**

And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

**Luke 13:12-16 NKJV**

But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, “Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity.” And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, “There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day.” The Lord then answered him and said, [e]“Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham...

**Luke 13:16 NKJV**

So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound...

**Acts 10:38 NKJV**

...how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

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**Matthew 15: 21-28 NKJV**

Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed.” But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, “Send her away, for she cries out after us.” But He answered and said, “I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, “Lord, help me!” But He answered and said, “It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.” And she said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered and said to her, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

**Isaiah 53:4 KJV**

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

**Matthew 8:16 NKJV**

When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: “He Himself took our infirmities And bore our sicknesses.”

**Matthew 8:1 NKJV**

When He had come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him. And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."

**Matthew 8:3 NKJV**

Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing..."

**Matthew 14:35-36 NKJV**

And when the men of that place recognized Him, they sent out into all that surrounding region, brought to Him all who were sick, and begged Him that they might only touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched it were made perfectly well.

**Mark 5: 28-34 NKJV**

"If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well." Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction. And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?" But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."

**Acts 14:7-10 NKJV**

And they were preaching the gospel there. And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked. This man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice, "Stand up straight on your feet!" And he leaped and walked.

**Matthew 4:23 NKJV**

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people

**Matthew 10:7-8 NKJV**

And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

**Matthew 12:22-28 NKJV**

Then one was brought to Him who was demon-possessed, blind and mute; and He healed him, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw. And all the multitudes were amazed and said, "Could this be the Son of David?" Now when the Pharisees heard it they said, "This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons." But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.

**Mark 16:14-19 NKJV**

Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.

**James 5:14 NKJV**

Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.