



Beyond The Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: Heaven on Earth

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

The Greatest Gift

"God, you are holy and worthy and I love to honor you. You are the beginning and the end. You love me so much and for that I am thankful. In this season of my life I recognize that you have been at work. Help me to grow in what it looks like for me to partner with you in bringing heaven to earth. Thank you father. Amen."

Key Concepts/Truths

When it comes to the holidays we all know "what" they are, but the person that knows WHY has a great advantage.

Just as Mary was favored by God, the book of Ephesians tells us that we too are highly favored. We all have potential, high value, and great purpose.

A Lot of people try to be good to please God. The book of Romans, chapter 3, tells us that no one has ever been made right with God by obeying the rules. God gave the law so we could realize that we need a savior.

Religion is man trying to reach God to have a relationship with Him. Christianity is God reaching to man.

There are 4 Greek words that mean 'love' in the New Testament. One of these, agape love, is an 'in spite of' love. That's the love God has for us. He loves us in spite of our behavior.

The law without grace does not produce anything other than condemnation.

John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." When it says eternal it means that kind of life that was given to all believers in Christ. 'Eternal' draws attention to the quality of life, not its duration in a temporal sense.

Key Verses:

Luke 1:26-33 • Luke 2:4-10 • John 3:16

Daily Application

Christianity isn't about just when we die. God told us to pray "Your kingdom come, your will be done. On Earth as it is in heaven." When God's will is done today, that's the kingdom.

The Kingdom is here and now. As a matter of fact, it is the main subject of the New Testament.

Creating an environment for the kingdom of God to move could look like a number of different things for each of us.

How could that look in your life this week?

- Setting aside more time to read the bible and experiencing transformation, praying out loud over your kids?
- Befriending your neighbor you never talk to?
- Asking about your coworker's family?
- Becoming an example of agape love?

This week, intentionally assist in bringing God's kingdom to Earth.

This Week's Declarations

"God, you are a constant in my life. You pursue me and I am so blessed to be highly favored by you. I know that you have a great plan for my life and that my story is important. I am here to play a part in your grand story. This week I will stay kingdom minded, trying to find ways to bring your kingdom to the world around me."

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

Heaven on Earth

Luke 1:26-33 NKJV

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

Luke 1:33 NKJV

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Luke 2:4-10 NKJV

Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.

1 Corinthians 5:7 NKJV

...Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.

Exodus 12:21-28 NKJV

Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Pick out and take lambs for yourselves according to your families, and kill the Passover *lamb*. And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip *it* in the blood that *is* in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that *is* in the basin. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning. For the Lord will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike *you*. And you shall observe this thing as an ordinance for you and your sons forever. It will come to pass when you come to the land which the Lord will give you, just as He promised, that you

shall keep this service. And it shall be, when your children say to you, 'What do you mean by this service?' that you shall say, 'It is the Passover sacrifice of the Lord, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt when He struck the Egyptians and delivered our households.' " So the people bowed their heads and worshiped. Then the children of Israel went away and did so; just as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

Luke 2:10 TLB

"I bring you the most joyful news ever announced, and it is for everyone!

Romans 5:20 NKJV

Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19 TLB

All these new things are from God who brought us back to himself through what Christ Jesus did... For God was in Christ, restoring the world to himself, no longer counting men's sins against them but blotting them out. This is the wonderful message he has given us to tell others.

John 14:6 NKJV

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19 TLB

...no longer counting men's sins against them but blotting them out.

John 3:16 NKJV

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Colossians 2:13-14 NKJV

And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

Hebrews 12:2 NKJV

...who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame...

Colossians 2:14 NKJV

...handwriting of requirements that was against us...

Colossians 2:15 NKJV

Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

Mark 1:15 NKJV

...And saying "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Acts 1:1-3 NKJV

The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

Acts 8:12 NKJV

But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God...

Acts 28:31 NKJV

...preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ...

Acts 19:8 NKJV

...persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God.

Luke 22:29 NKJV

And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me...

Romans 14:17 NKJV

for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 2:12 NKJV

that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.