



Beyond The Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: Heroes of Faith (Enforcing Justice pt 1)

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

"Foundation of Redemption"

"Father God, thank you for another week of blessings. I know that when life is tough and my understanding runs low, that you have a plan for me. God teach me to rely on you for peace and comfort. Continue to show me that your love for me never runs out. Build my faith each day as I grow closer and closer to you. God, give me the motivation and strength to keep praying for my spouse, my family, my job, and my community. I trust you Lord, Amen."

Key Truths

The Bible tells us in Hebrews that without faith it is impossible to please God.

One third of human history is found in Genesis. We were created in God's image and to have authority and dominion over the Earth. When Adam and Eve let the devil deceive them in the garden, he stripped them from their authority. As believers we are of God, but the world around us is of the evil one.

We could ask why there are so many problems in the world, but we know that the devil is a liar, a thief, and a murderer who uses the authority that we have allowed him—the same power, authority, and dominion that God originally gave us.

The Bible is written primarily about two men, and they're both named Adam. One lived in the garden with Eve and the other is "the Lord from Heaven," as 1 Corinthians 15:45-47 describes—Jesus Christ. When the first Adam sinned, he took everybody into sin because he represented the whole human race. Just the same, when the last Adam went to the cross as our representative, He took all men into himself and paid for the sin of all mankind. That's a beautiful thing because it allows us to receive, and live in, eternal life starting now.

God so loved us that He sent his Son, Jesus, to pay the price we could never pay to redeem us from our fallen state. He made a covenant of promises with Abram to bless and prosper us, have us live in health, be protected, and so much more. Over the next couple of weeks we will

take a deeper look at the promises God gave that are ours to receive as His sons and daughters.

Practical Application

The promises from God to meet our needs, protect us, and bless us, do not mean there isn't an enemy that is ready to try to steal those promises. Things happen, we get distracted, and the busyness of life can weigh on us, but those absolutely do not negate the promises that God has for us.

- For each thing heavy on your heart, take the time to recognize that God does not cause bad things to happen. He has a provision for every single thing that you're facing. The devil comes to steal, kill, and destroy, but Jesus came that we might have life to the fullest.
- Remind yourself that God fully knows, fully cares, fully loves, and that help is on the way.

Key Verses

- Hebrews 11:6, 11:28-33
- 2 Peter 1:2
- Genesis 1:26-28, 2:15, 3:15, 12:1-3, 15:7-21
- Psalms 8:4-6, 115:16
- Revelation 21:1-5
- 2 Corinthians 4:4, 5:14
- John 14:30
- 1 John 5:19
- Job 19:9
- Luke 4:5-7
- Romans 5:12
- 1 Corinthians 15:45-47, 2:8
- John 12:32-33
- Ephesians 2:2
- 2 Samuel 14:14
- Galatians 3:15-16, 3:29

Declarations

"Even when things get tough, I look to God first. I continue to put my trust in Him, believing He has good things for me. My God has never broken a promise and I know He won't stop now. My God fights for me, loves me, cherishes me, and protects me. He has walked with me through all I have experienced and He knows my future. My best days are ahead in Jesus' name."

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

Heroes of Faith

2 Peter 1:2 NKJV

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord...

Hebrews 11:6 NKJV

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

Romans 1:17 NKJV

"The just shall live by faith."

Luke 18:8 NKJV

"...will He really find faith on the earth?"

Hebrews 11:28-33 ESV

By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them. By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

Genesis 1:26-28 NKJV

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Hebrews 12:9 NKJV

...Father of spirits...

Psalms 8:4-6 NKJV

What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet,

Psalm 115:16 NKJV

The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's; But the earth He has given to the children of men.

Genesis 2:15 AMPC

And the Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to tend and guard and keep it.

Revelation 20:10 NKJV

The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet *are*. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Revelation 21:1-5 NKJV

Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, [a]John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said [b]to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

2 Corinthians 4:4 NKJV

...whose minds the god of this age...

John 14:30 NKJV

I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming...

1 John 5:19 AMPC

We know [positively] that we are of God, and the whole world [around us] is under the power of the evil one.

Job 19:9 NKJV

He has stripped me of my glory, And taken the crown from my head.

Luke 4:6 NKJV

And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.

Romans 5:12 NKJV

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned...

Romans 5:12 NKJV

...just as through one man sin entered the world...

1 Cor 15:45 NKJV

And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being."

1 Corinthians 15:47 NKJV

The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven.

John 12:32-33 NKJV

And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself." This He said, signifying by what death He would die.

2 Corinthians 5:14 NKJV

For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died...

Ephesians 2:2 NKJV

...the prince of the power of the air...

Genesis 3:15 MSG

I'm declaring war between you and the Woman, between your offspring and hers .He'll wound your head, you'll wound his heel."

Genesis 3:15 NCV

I will make you and the woman enemies to each other. Your descendants and her descendants will be enemies. One of her descendants will crush your head, and you will bite his heel."

1 Corinthians 2:8 NKJV

...which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

2 Samuel 14:14 NKJV

Yet God does not take away a life; but He devises means, so that His banished ones are not expelled from Him.

Genesis 12:1-2 NKJV

Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great;

Genesis 12:2-3 NKJV

And you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Genesis 15:8-10 NKJV

And he said, “Lord God, how shall I know that I will inherit it?” So He said to him, “Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, down the middle, and placed each piece opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.

Genesis 15:17-18 NKJV

And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces. On the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying: “To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates...”

Galatians 3:16 NKJV

Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, “And to seeds,” as of many, but as of one, “And to your Seed,” who is Christ.

Galatians 3:29 KJV

And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Genesis 22:1 NKJV

...that God tested Abraham...