

Bringing Heaven to Earth: Part 3

Executing Heavenly Mandates

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Thus far we have spoken on two areas of Bringing Heaven to Earth

1. A Glimpse of Heaven: Understanding what Heaven is right now
2. Accepting God's will: Having a change in our thinking that produces a paradigm shift. This change brings our hearts in line with God's heart.

In Part 3 will deal with Executing Heavenly Mandates but first let's revisit the prophetic word that is pointing us to the heart of God:

- What have you been looking for spiritually that you haven't seen taken place within your life yet? The Spirit of the Lord declares that He opens and closes doors that man cannot fathom. His timing is purposeful and because of your obedience, this seed will bring forth the more that He has placed within your Spirit. Because of the promise of more, His word is everlasting! Take this few moments remaining to prepare your heart for the seed. This preparation is your intentional actions that will produce the harvest to ready the multitude for His return. Harvest time is upon us.

Here are 2 definitions of key words that must be heard within your spirit. These two words will set the stage for today's message.

Execute: Carry Out, implement, put into action, to make practical and action oriented. Execute also implies competence and skill in performing. To cause to take effect.

Mandate: a command given by a higher authority to perform a specific action or service. It is also defined as a command, order, or commission issued by someone with higher authority.

Mark 12:28–34 NLT

28 One of the teachers of religious law was standing there listening to the debate. He realized that Jesus had answered well, so he asked, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" 29 Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this:

‘Listen, O Israel! The LORD our God is the one and only LORD. 30 And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.’ 31 The second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ No other commandment is greater than these.” 32 The teacher of religious law replied, “Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth by saying that there is only one God and no other. 33 And I know it is important to love him with all my heart and all my understanding and all my strength, and to love my neighbor as myself. This is more important than to offer all of the burnt offerings and sacrifices required in the law.” 34 Realizing how much the man understood, Jesus said to him, “You are not far from the Kingdom of God.” And after that, no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Of all the decrees and mandates of scripture, Jesus referred to the greatest of all commandments and a second that was equal in stature. But notice how Jesus stated his answer. Look at verse 29-30, “The most important commandment is this: ‘Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. And you must love the Lord God with all your heart, all your soul, all of your mind, and all your strength.’ The start of the most important is to first “Listen”. Jesus quoted what all Jews knew and what is called the “Shema”. The Shema was the very first words that Jews spoke upon awakening and their last words when going to bed. It is quoted from Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Deuteronomy 6:4–5 NLT

4 “Listen, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. 5 And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength.

The first and greatest commandment is centered on our love for God in every area and aspect of our life. This emphasizes the priority of God’s position in our lives. If we are failing to love God in any or all of these areas of our life then we have missed the mark. We have not kept the commandment to love God. The decrees of heavenly mandates are inoperable when we fail to make Him the most central part of our agenda. This is why Jesus spoke in:

John 14:23–24 NLT

23 Jesus replied, “All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them. 24 Anyone who doesn’t love me will not obey me. And remember, my words are not my own. What I am telling you is from the Father who sent me.

All who love me, “Might” or “Will” do what I say! When obedience is viewed as optional then our love for God is longer love at all. It is just a four letter word without actions. It is a love that no longer displays. It becomes hypocritical.

Notice Jesus said “make our home with each of them”. There is so much volume here that we have been overlooking for too long!

As we circle back to Deuteronomy, Moses was instructed to speak these same words to the Israelites.

Deuteronomy 6:1–5 NLT

1 “These are the commands, decrees, and regulations that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you. You must obey them in the land you are about to enter and occupy, 2 and you and your children and grandchildren must fear the LORD your God as long as you live. If you obey all his decrees and commands, you will enjoy a long life. 3 Listen closely, Israel, and be careful to obey. Then all will go well with you, and you will have many children in the land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, promised you. 4 “Listen, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. 5 And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength.

The call to fear God and live a lifestyle of obedience equates to the greatest commandment. The commands, decrees, and regulations stated in verse 1 are referenced in Deuteronomy 5. Moses recites the Ten Commandment. Their obedience to the commands, decrees, and regulations that God gave them from the heart of the fire was the proof of their love for the one true God. But it gets a little more interesting as we read further.

Deuteronomy 6:6–9 NLT

6 And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. 7 Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. 8 Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. 9 Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

How do we learn something? When we place it on repeat. It's not a one time event. Do we continue to read the same passages over and over? Is Sundays sermon on repeat throughout the week? Did last Sunday sermon penetrate every crevice of your heart? Are you feasting off of the revelation that God has placed in your spirit. Why are we so quick to want another word from God when we have not consumed what He just spoke to us recently? The command to put His word on repeat was referenced towards our family and people we come across. It was the command to bring Heaven to Earth. It was the command to place this message at the forefront of all we do. Bringing Heaven to Earth now happens by Executing Heavenly Mandates.

1 John 2:3–6 NLT

3 And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. 4 If someone claims, “I know God,” but doesn’t obey God’s commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. 5 But those who obey God’s word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. 6 Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.

John is reiterating what we have already spoken about today. Our obedience is the proof of our love for God. But let me rephrase that and say “Our obedience is the proof if we love God”. If our obedience is conditional then our love is conditional. Obedience with conditions is not obedience at all. Obedience must not be determined by our status of comfort or convenience. Our obedience is the proof that we are his (huius) children.

1 John 2:7–11 NLT

7 Dear friends, I am not writing a new commandment for you; rather it is an old one you have had from the very beginning. This old commandment—to love one another—is the same message you heard before. 8 Yet it is also new. Jesus lived the truth of this commandment, and you also are living it. For the darkness is disappearing, and the true light is already shining. 9 If anyone claims, “I am living in the light,” but hates a fellow believer, that person is still living in darkness. 10 Anyone who loves a fellow believer is living in the light and does not cause others to stumble. 11 But anyone who hates a fellow believer is still living and walking in darkness. Such a person does not know the way to go, having been blinded by the darkness.

Jesus lived this truth. And we are called to live it out too. What did Jesus display? He walked out the commandment to love His neighbor. He executed heavenly mandates. Remember that Jesus said the second commandment was just as great as the first. The first commandment was to love God with everything we have and the second was to love your neighbor as yourself. To love our neighbor as ourself is to love without conditions. If love has conditions then it’s not love at all. Jesus displayed this in every word and action. He brought Heaven to Earth. He Executed Heavenly Mandates! When we deny the world and our neighbors Heaven on Earth we fail to Execute Heavenly Mandates. In Matthew, Jesus said the entire law and the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.

1 John 3:18–24 NLT

18 Dear children, let’s not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions. 19 Our actions will show that we belong to the truth, so we will be confident when we stand before God. 20 Even if we feel guilty, God is greater than our feelings, and he knows everything. 21 Dear friends, if we don’t feel guilty, we can come to God with bold confidence. 22 And we will receive from him whatever we ask because we obey him and do the things that please him. 23 And this is his commandment: We must believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as he commanded us. 24 Those who obey God’s commandments remain

in fellowship with him, and he with them. And we know he lives in us because the Spirit he gave us lives in us.

Our actions speak louder than words. Stop for just a moment and reflect upon your actions to see if they have aligned with your words. Jesus asked Peter if he loved him and Peter replied, Lord you know I love you. And Jesus said, Feed my sheep. This conversation happened with the repetitive question and answer. But what became of it? The love that Jesus questioned Peter with was “agape” but the love that Peter answered Jesus with was “phileo”. It is going to take the unconditional love of God to bring Heaven to Earth. Not a love of affection which can be conditional.

In closing:

Mark 10:17-25 NLT

17 As Jesus was starting out on his way to Jerusalem, a man came running up to him, knelt down, and asked, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” 18 “Why do you call me good?” Jesus asked. “Only God is truly good. 19 But to answer your question, you know the commandments: ‘You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. You must not cheat anyone. Honor your father and mother.’” 20 “Teacher,” the man replied, “I’ve obeyed all these commandments since I was young.” 21 Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for him. “There is still one thing you haven’t done,” he told him. “Go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” 22 At this the man’s face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions. 23 Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God!” 24 This amazed them. But Jesus said again, “Dear children, it is very hard to enter the Kingdom of God. 25 In fact, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!”

Which commandments did Jesus mention?

5. Honor your father and mother
6. You must not murder
7. You must not commit adultery
8. You must not steal
9. You must not testify falsely against your neighbor
10. You must not covet your neighbor’s house.

Jesus looked at the man with genuine love. According to 1 John 3:14 “14 If we love our brothers and sisters who are believers, it proves that we have passed from death to life.” This is the love that is achieved by keeping the first and greatest commandment. And what was the first and greatest? To love the Lord God with all you soul, heart, mind, and strength. And this is what Jesus told the young man in verse 21. There is still one thing you haven’t done. Let’s look at commandments 1-4.

1. You must have no other god but me
2. You must not make for yourself an idol
3. You must not misuse the name of the Lord your God
4. Remember to observe the sabbath and keeping it Holy

So Jesus shows us the ten commandments that are two equal commandments. The first four is categorized as the first and greatest commandment. They deal with our relationship with God. As we stated earlier in this message that it is our fear of God and obedience to God that execute heavenly decrees. The second commandment that is equal is to love our neighbor as ourself. Commandments five through ten deals with our relationship with man. How we are to honor them.

Jesus told the rich man that he lacked one thing. But notice that Jesus didn’t quote the scripture. He told the man how to execute heavenly mandates by walking away from the very thing that was god to him. The rich man was famous because of his riches. He had made a name for himself. He had given himself a title and people looked up to him as a public figure. There was nothing at all wrong with him having money or being known but the neglect of loving God with all his being is what separated him from inheriting eternal life. How else would we convey eternal life? Heaven itself! He would not have Heaven because he did not love God.

Executing Heavenly Mandates is doing God’s will, fulfilling His purposes, and establishing His Kingdom. Just as Jesus said in Matthew 6:10

Matthew 6:10 TPT

10 Manifest your kingdom realm, and cause your every purpose to be fulfilled on earth, just as it is fulfilled in heaven.

This is the next step ladies and gentlemen in Bringing Heaven to Earth.

Let me pray with you today!