

## **Experiencing Heaven on Earth**

What makes the difference between living in fear and walking in faith? The answer lies in understanding how God's Word functions as the foundation for everything in existence. When we truly grasp this truth, we can experience the peace and power of heaven right here on earth.

### **Why Does Heaven Work So Perfectly?**

Heaven is such a wonderful place because God's Word is established there. The Bible tells us in Psalms that His Word is established in heaven. Everything in heaven operates according to God's Word without question or doubt.

In contrast, what caused earth to become filled with darkness and curses? It was doubting the Word that God spoke. When Adam and Eve doubted God's command, they fell into disobedience, and the entire earth became cursed.

The Bible tells us in Hebrews that everything is upheld by the Word of His power. When we doubt or disobey God's Word, we're moving away from the very thing that upholds our lives.

### **How Can We Experience Days of Heaven on Earth?**

The only real difference between heaven and earth is that God's Word is fully established in heaven but not fully believed here on earth. However, as you believe God's Word in your personal life, you'll experience more and more days of heaven while you're here on earth.

When Jesus taught us to pray "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," He was showing us this is actually possible. We can take hold of the Word He's given us, believe it, and get it established in our lives so that we become doers of His Word.

## **What Can We Learn from Jesus' Example?**

Jesus was able to enjoy everything that heaven offers while He was here on earth. He could have anything He wanted because He was completely submitted to God the Father and lived by the Word of God.

When Jesus was arrested, He told Peter that He could call on the Father and receive a legion of angels for deliverance. When storms arose, He wasn't worried because He knew the Father was with Him. Problems were never really problems for Jesus because He was the answer - not because He was God, but because He was submitted to God and lived by His Word.

## **Walking in Jesus' Footsteps**

The Bible tells us in First John 2:6 that "he who says he abides in him ought himself also to walk just as he walked." We're called to walk just like Jesus walked, growing up "to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13).

Jesus had to study the Word, learn the Scriptures, and get them established in His heart. When the devil tempted Him, His response was always "It is written." The Word was so established in Jesus that He could counter any attack with Scripture.

## **How Do We Overcome Fear with God's Word?**

Fear often comes when we're faced with circumstances that seem threatening. But God's Word provides the antidote to fear. In Joshua 1:9, God commands: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

When fear starts talking in one ear, we need to turn our other ear to what God is telling us through His Word. Instead of just telling the devil to be quiet, we should change the station and listen to God's voice through Scripture.

## **Practical Steps to Combat Fear**

When fearful thoughts come, immediately respond with "It is written" and quote relevant Scripture. Ask yourself, "What does the Word say about this situation?" Don't settle for what man says or what the devil says - always return to what God's Word declares.

Get God's Word established in your heart by speaking it, believing it, and acting on it. When it's truly established within you, faith will be your automatic reaction instead of fear.

## **What Does It Mean to Be Saved?**

The word "saved" in Scripture means much more than just going to heaven. In the Greek, it means to be healed, delivered from every evil thing, and preserved. When you call on the name of the Lord, you shall be healed, delivered, and preserved from all harm.

Being holy means being set apart - set apart from all evil because the Holy Spirit lives within you. No evil will befall you, and no plague will come near your dwelling (Psalm 91).

## **How Do We Handle Attacks and Symptoms?**

When sickness or problems try to attach themselves to your life, remember that Jesus took all your sinfulness, sicknesses, infirmities, judgment, and pain at the cross. You've been redeemed from the curse of the law, which includes every sickness and plague.

Don't wish and hope for healing - know that it's already yours. Don't play with symptoms or negotiate with the devil. Rebuke these things in Jesus' name, knowing that you have authority over all the power of the enemy.

## **Why Is Thanksgiving So Powerful?**

Many situations don't require lengthy prayers - they require thanksgiving. Instead of asking God to do what He's already done, thank Him for what He's already provided through Christ's finished work.

Thanksgiving moves you from fear into faith. When you focus on praising God for His goodness and faithfulness, your strength returns and peace comes over you.

## **What's Coming for Planet Earth?**

Isaiah 11 describes a future day when the whole earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord. When that happens, even wild animals will be peaceful, and violence will cease. This transformation occurs because God's Word will have free course throughout the earth, just like it does in heaven.

We can be part of bringing this reality by getting God's Word established in our own lives and speaking it over every situation we encounter.

## **Life Application**

This week, make a commitment to respond to every challenging situation by asking, "What does the Word say?" Instead of reacting with fear, worry, or negative emotions, immediately turn to Scripture and speak God's truth over your circumstances.

Choose three key Bible verses that address areas where you typically struggle with fear or doubt. Memorize these verses and speak them aloud daily until they become your automatic response to challenges.

Practice thanksgiving instead of worry. When problems arise, thank God for His faithfulness and for the victory that's already yours through Christ, rather than asking Him to do what He's already accomplished.

## **Questions for Reflection:**

- Is God's Word truly established in my heart, or do I still react with fear when challenges come?

- What areas of my life need to be brought into alignment with what God's Word says rather than what circumstances suggest?
- Am I walking in the footsteps of Jesus by responding to every situation with "It is written"?
- How can I move from asking God to do things to thanking Him for what He's already provided?

## Quotes

1. "We live by the Word of God. It isn't just something we do—it's who we are."
2. "The only real difference between heaven and earth is that God's Word is fully established and believed there. As you believe the Word in your own life, you'll begin to experience more and more days of heaven on earth."
3. "With Jesus, problems were never really problems—because He was the answer to every one of them."
4. "When fear starts whispering and the enemy speaks into one ear, turn your other ear toward what God is saying. Let His Word speak louder than fear."
5. "You've got to talk to yourself—you've got to speak God's Word to yourself. When it's established inside you, faith will be your first reaction, not fear."
6. "No one could take Jesus' life, and no one can take yours. You'll lay it down only when you've finished what God has called you to do."
7. "If cursing is coming out of your mouth, there's a good chance you're living under a curse. Step out from under it—stop speaking against yourself and start speaking God's blessing over your life."
8. "I'm too blessed to be cursed. You can't curse someone God has blessed."
9. "Establish God's Word in you just like it is in heaven. The devil can't harm anyone in heaven—nothing bad can happen there."
10. "You're not a statistic—you're a believer. And believers don't live by statistics."

11. “Every evil thing was put on Him so it can’t cling to me.”
12. “Either the Word of God you’re saying is true or it’s not.”
13. “I stepped into faith through thanksgiving, and before I knew it, my strength returned.”
14. “Get the Word established in your heart. Know that He is your deliverer and that no evil will come near you.”
15. “There are a lot of things you don’t even need to pray about—you just need to thank God for them.”
16. “The Word is the most powerful thing. It created you, it sustains you, and it makes heaven the glorious place that it is.”
17. “You don’t have any problems—what you need is faith in God.”

## **Verses**

1. Hebrews 1:3
2. Psalms 119:89
3. Joshua 1:9
4. Isaiah 60:1-2
5. 1 John 2:6
6. Ephesians 4:11-13
7. Luke 10:19
8. Psalm 91:10
9. Isaiah 11:6-9
10. Romans 8:38-39

## **Summaru**

The difference between heaven and earth lies in how God's Word is received and established. In heaven, God's Word operates without question, creating perfect peace and order. On earth, doubt and disobedience to God's Word brought darkness and curses. However, as believers establish God's Word in their hearts and lives, they can experience days of heaven on earth. Jesus demonstrated this perfectly by living in complete submission to the Father and responding to every challenge with Scripture. When fear or problems arise, the key is to immediately ask what God's Word says about the situation rather than reacting with worry or doubt.