

# Destined To Experience Heaven On Earth

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You have been destined to experience heaven on earth. What does heaven on earth really look like? Heaven on earth looks like the Garden of Eden... the place where Adam and Eve lived before sin came. That was the original plan for man—to experience heaven on earth. Jesus went so far as to tell us to pray, **“Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven” (Matthew 6:10)**. So it is theologically correct to actually believe God to experience heaven on earth.

Some people believe that their lives are supposed to be storm after storm; but that is not biblical. That is not the truth. The will of God for us is to reign as kings on this earth.

**Romans 5:17 For if by the one man’s offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.**

Do you know that when you receive Jesus, you receive grace? Grace means favour. You are destined for God to do good things in your life and to experience unmerited favour. The Bible says the gospel is good news. Why do you think it is called the good news? Because you don’t have to be sick anymore; you don’t have to be poor anymore; you don’t have to be defeated. You have the answers for life in Christ.

The Bible says in **Galatians 3** that Christ has redeemed us from the Curse of the Law found in **Deuteronomy 28** which talks about defeat. However, the Bible says that when you receive Jesus Christ, you are redeemed. Redeemed means to be bought back to your original state. The original state of man is to experience dominion. Your destiny is to dominate the issues in your life through Christ Jesus.

Do you know you are righteous in Christ Jesus? What is righteousness? It means that you can come before God, not as a slave, but as a child and a joint heir with Christ Jesus. You come before God being righteous in His eyes. You do not have to try to do anything to get righteous. You are righteous because of Jesus. It is a gift that you have been given by God.

**In Romans 5:17**, you see the word reign. Reign means to rule. Your destiny is to rule, to have dominion over your life as you submit your life to God. Defeat is not the will of God for your life. You have to stand up today and declare with your mouth the power of God and the Word of God over your life. Declare that your life will be blessed according to scripture; that your children will serve God; and that your marriage will be good. Also, declare that relationship with your co-workers in your workplace will be blessed because God says you will have dominion.

**Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.**

God thinks about you. God has a plan for you. The secret to a successful life is to get in line with God’s thought pattern for your life. When you have your own thoughts apart from God’s

thoughts, then you are subject to defeat from the enemy. This is because you are not following God's will, you are following your own will.

Most of the time, your plan makes sense to you in the natural; but it is not in line with God's will for your life. God will always challenge you in the realm of faith to step out and do something that does not make sense. You may think that just because it makes sense somehow that is God. No! That is not how God works. I listen to people trying to justify why they are making decisions, and they have a good reason; but is it God's will or is it their will?

To be a prosperous man or a prosperous woman, you are going to have to be led by God and not be pushed by life. Life pushes you and expects you to behave a certain way, but you are to be led by God.

You are to ask God, "Is this what you want me to do?" You are not to be forced into thinking, "Well, I have no more options. This is the next best thing to do." Don't do that. When you make decisions in your head and you have not committed your plans to God, you are going to mess up because you are doing it in your own strength. Then you are going to be wondering, "Why, God? Why, God?" The bible teaches us that biblical victory is, **'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD (Zechariah 4:6).**

You do not have the power to bring the blessings into your life. God is the one who is going to cause the breakthroughs. You do not have to manipulate anyone or anything; you do not have to lie. Everything must be done in the light, in integrity. Anything that is done in darkness is cursed. If something that is done in darkness blesses you, it is the devil just tricking you to get you deeper into trouble.

Why do we always think we have to go through struggles? No, God wants to bring peace. In the bible, every time a man of God rested and trusted in God, God brought him peace. Every king who served God uprightly, God gave him peace. Your destiny is peace. You say, "Well Pastor, do you see what's going on in Somalia, Ethiopia, Europe, Cuba? Do you see what's going on in my life? Chaos." No! The Bible tells us God has a plan. God has a plan to bring peace and you have got to believe it. You have got to let it drop in your spirit and you have got to stand strong.

When confusion comes in your face, you can say, "You know who I am? I'm a covenant man or woman. In the name of Jesus, I resist this. I resist struggling. I resist strife. I resist the forces of darkness trying to invade my life." You have got to resist. You have got to speak until they back up. That is the way God wants it.

**Genesis 1:27-28 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...**

We see here that God has a plan for our lives. The first thing God did to you was bless you. You say, "The first thing that happened to me was I got spanked by somebody and it made me cry when I came out of the womb." No, no, no. That was the second thing. The first thing, when you came out of the womb, God decreed blessings over you.

Most of us have been cursed in our lives. “You’re so stupid. You’re going to be just like your father. You aren’t going to make anything of your life. You’re not going to be this; you’re not going to be that.” You tend to live from the negativity. Then you create attitudes to hide your pain and form shields to block the pain. When people look at you, they see the shield that you have put up to block your pain and they judge you, thinking that is who you really are. It takes a man or woman of God who can look beyond the mask and the walls that you have put up to be able to prophetically speak into your life and say, “I see more inside of you than what you can see.” That is who God sees. God sees a man or a woman of virtue in every one, because His desire for your life is to walk in blessings.

**Genesis 1:28** 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.”

Being fruitful and multiplying does not only mean having children, it also means being fruitful in your life. You are to be fruitful in everything you do. The Bible says you shall know those who love God by their fruits. What are the fruits God is looking for? The fruits are the characteristics that resemble Jesus. They are called the Fruit of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (**Galatians 5:22-23a**).

We are to bear fruit. We are to grow. We are not to become stagnant. Some of us have stopped living since the year 19... when the last big problem happened in our life. We made a decision that we would not be hurt anymore and we stopped living. I want to hit the Play button in your life and say, “Start living again by God’s grace.”

Do not be afraid; do not be dismayed, for the Lord thy God is with you. He will never leave you; He will never forsake you. He will cause you to shine. He will cause you to be the head and not the tail; He will cause you to be above and not beneath. These promises are for God’s children. For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him (**2Chronicles 16:9**). Is your heart right? If you can’t say that; all you have to do is repent.

If you are going to be a man or a woman who is going to dominate the issues in this world, you are going to have to be led by God. You are going to have to be strategic in your steps. The Bible says that the steps of a righteous man are ordered by the Lord (**Psalms 37:23**). It does not say a righteous man orders his steps. You can not make your steps and then ask God to bless them. You need to hear from God and then make the steps.

These are not the days of feeling anymore. Feelings can trick you. Have you ever noticed how some mornings you get up feeling happy, and then by the end of the day you are feeling sad. Sometimes you can make decisions by going with your feelings and then regret the decisions later. Feelings demand you to make decisions from your sense realm. Being led by God means you make decisions from the spirit realm where God speaks. You do not just do what looks right; you do what is right because God said it.

If you are trying to figure out God in your common sense, you are going to miss it. You have got to be led by God. Now you say, “How do you do that? How do I know God’s voice?” Well, let

me ask you this: Do you have to go anywhere to learn your mother's voice or your father's voice or your child's voice? No. You spend time with them and you know their voice.

Is it not strange how everyone has to go and learn how to hear God's voice? If you spend time with God, you will know when God speaks. The problem with most people is that they do not spend time with God. They are always looking at all the problems in life and never look at the scriptures where God says, "You shall have dominion. You shall reign in life." We have not spent time where God says, "You are called to be the head and not the tail." Instead, we spend more time focusing on the problems. That is why the Bible says, as soon as you get born again, you need to get your mind renewed.

**Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.**

Why do you need to get your mind renewed? It is because you need to get your thinking pattern lined up with how God thinks. Therefore, think like God to walk and experience heaven on earth.

*Unless otherwise stated, all scripture quotes are from the New King James Version (NKJV)*