

Title: Heaven's Throne and Our Hearts

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Thank you, Jesus. I am going to continue in the river that the Lord has been bringing in the past few messages. I want to encourage everybody. It is written all through the Word, and we know it by ear and by faith. There is a reality that God wants His Church to walk and live in, the "awe of God." Okay, to "live in awe of God," the One in Heaven and on Earth, and within His Church. It is a lifestyle for us of praise and worship, but it is a reverential fear of the Lord. It is like you are in awe and wonder of Him. I want to be in awe and wonder of Him. It does not have to be some mystical thing out there. It is just day to day life and occurrences of knowing that your Father loves you, He is with you, and He is for you. I am just in awe of how He can help, and how He can meet a need. How He can restore. How He can encourage. How He can build up. How He can make a way where there is no way. We need to live in that awe.

God has been saying He wants us to have "revelation knowledge." Every time I say that, it means more than just head knowledge. Back in the day when I was in school, I was really good at memorizing to pass the test. Who did that? You all should raise your hands, because you know you did that at least once. Sometimes you have to memorize something like math facts. It is sometimes not this awe inspiring thing. But, we have all learned how to memorize things. We know how to read something, and say, "I have read it and I have got this." But, there is something deeper that God wants. He wants us to have "revelation knowledge," not just the facts, you understand? He wants us to have "revelation knowledge," and that is what changes us. That is what is going to transform us. That is what is going to catch our attention to change our lives. He wants us to have "revelation knowledge," of His great love, His sovereignty, and His authority as ruler overall. He takes that dominion within every saint.

He brings that dominion to you first. From there, it just goes outward and onward into everything that concerns you. Then He has the dominion, and the lordship in your life. The life of yours that you oversee, and all that has been entrusted to you. What a wonderful thing to know that you can live in awe of God, and in that, God is with you, in you, and He is there. He is Lord of you. He is Lord over your household. He is Lord over what concerns you. We want "revelation knowledge," of that. Not just that, "Well, God was with me." But, "I want to be in awe of this." I want this to change our lives. The Spirit wants that to change our lives and our thoughts. He is sovereign. He is the ruler and authority overall, and that is where the, "fear of the Lord," comes in. As the Body of Christ, we move up to Him, and lay hold of Him like we never have before. That gives us confidence. He gives "revelation knowledge," of His presence and His dominion within every born again believer in His Church. We sang about that all morning. "Christ in us, the hope of glory." There is that living witness of, "Wait a minute, I was once one way, and now I am this way. He has granted me repentance, and He has changed my life."

Look at how He has blessed you. Look at how He has answered your prayer. Look at how He has revealed Himself to you. This is a journey. So, it is never going to end. I think we should be more awe inspired and get closer and closer and closer to Him, until we come to see Him face to face. I think we should be literally undone. That does not mean that we are incapacitated, and we cannot get anything done in life. But, sometimes you may be a bit caught up in His presence. You just couldn't go do something, because you are literally caught up in the glory of the Lord. We want to behold Him in His glory. So, it is a lifestyle of presence and dominion. It is a lifestyle of acknowledging who He is. I want you to hear this word.

Matthew 5:34 NKJV

This is in context of a message, but this is what Jesus said. Now, He could have just told us not to make these oaths in vain. But, in this, He says, "I say to you do not swear at all, neither by Heaven for it is God's throne." Now, this is from Jesus. He is acknowledging that Heaven is God's throne, and the place of His throne. He is not just talking about His seat. He is talking about an essence of a place of "sovereign dominion and rule in holy and reverential fear." Amen. Yet, He is decreeing that Heaven is His home, His realm of authority and sovereignty, and from this place He rules, amen. Okay, "nor by the Earth, because it is His footstool." Interesting terminology, you say, "I didn't know God had a footstool." But, He came and He put His feet on this planet, did He not? That is where He is moving right now. Hallelujah. There is more, "nor to Jerusalem, because it is the City of the great King." We know that Jesus will rule and reign from Jerusalem forever. Hallelujah. We are delighted to know that Israel is forever, and the City of the great King is forever. Israel and Jerusalem will go through some upcoming trials and tribulations, but the word of the Lord stands and this is who they are. Say, "Heaven is God's throne. The Earth is His footstool. Jerusalem is the City of the great King." Amen.

Isaiah 66:1-2 NKJV

Now, do you think Jesus knew Isaiah 66, verse one and two? He declares that, "God's throne is in Heaven. The Earth is His footstool. Jerusalem is the City of the great King." Isaiah says thus says the Lord, "Heaven is my throne. The Earth is my footstool." Christ, the Son of the living God, is declaring this to humans when He is trying to help us in our daily walk with God. He wants us to trust God and His place of dominion versus our own strength that sometimes we swear by. Saying, that "we will make it." Do you understand that? It comes back to lifting us up higher than what we know. He wants to know, "Where is the house that you will build for me? Where is the place of my rest? Where is the house that you will build me? How do you build a house for God? We know there is a tabernacle in the wilderness. We understand Solomon built a great temple for the Lord. But, we have to understand that it is going to come back down to He has always wanted to dwell with His people.

He wants to dwell within every believer. He wants dominion in every believer. Through this, He comes and brings it down. "I have made all these things. All these things exist, because I have made them. But, I am looking for one. I am looking for someone. I am looking for a soul. I am looking for a person, "on him who is poor and has a contrite spirit. Who trembles at my word." There is the fear of the Lord. He is looking for a humble person, who will say that God exists. Who will worship Him for who He is, and to allow Him to come and to take our lives. He is looking for a humble heart. "He resists the proud, but He gives grace to the humble," scripture says. "Apart from Him, we can do nothing." We cannot save ourselves. "Who trembles at His word." He does not want us walking around and being scared and in fear. The spirit of fear is not of the Lord. But, He wants us to come in reverential awe and in the fear of the Lord, and every word that proceeds from His mouth.

Isaiah 66:2 TPT

"But, there is one my eyes are drawn to, the humble one, the tender one, the trembling one who lives in awe of all that I say."

"There is one my eyes are drawn to." God is looking to show Himself strong. The strong do not need Him, but the humble in heart need God. It is the Spirit of grace that gets us to that place. We say, "You know what, I am tired of trying to do this on my own. I need God, and I want Him. I need Him, and I love Him." His eyes are drawn to them. I love how it says, "But, on this one, I will look. But, there was one my eyes are drawn to." How wonderful to know that God pursues you. "The eyes of the Lord are looking to and fro throughout the Earth for someone to show

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Himself strong to.” The Spirit of the Lord is looking throughout the Earth for someone who can actually believe God and allow Him to have the dominion from Heaven to Earth in you. Amen.

Matthew 5:3-11 NKJV

As I read this, “there is one my eyes are drawn to, the humble one, the tender one, the trembling one who lives in awe of what I say.” Jesus says, these are the attributes, the essence, the character, the nature and the power and authority of My Father in Heaven for you. As you start reading, it sounds a little humble. “Blessed are the humble. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.” The Kingdom of Heaven, because you are in need of a Savior. He says, “Blessed and empowered are you to prosper, because yours is the Kingdom of Heaven.” All of a sudden, this strength enters you, because your heart turns to God. You allow the Spirit of grace to form this in us. Yes, He continues with this strength.

“Blessed are those who mourn. They shall be comforted.” You hear it? “Blessed are the meek. They shall inherit the Earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. They shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful. They shall be given and obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart. They shall see God.” Wow! “Blessed are the peacemakers. They shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.” What promises! “Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and they say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in Heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

They persecuted Isaiah for stating, “Heaven is My throne, and the Earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build for Me, and where is the place of My rest? For all those things My hand has made and all those things exist, says the Lord. But, on this one, I will look, on Him who is poor and contrite of spirit, who will tremble at my word.” That is where Heaven invades. That is where Heaven rests, on the one that needs God, fears God, will obey God, and whose heart is all His. God wants our whole hearts. We say this constantly. The Father desires that He be worshipped in spirit and in truth. Honest, pure, genuine devotion to Him. We are not just throwing Him the scraps or the leftovers. He wants all of us. He wants our heart and genuine devotion, love, deep reverence, and holy fear. That is the awe of God.

John 4:23 NKJV

This is Jesus talking. The Father’s heart is drawn to you. His heart is drawn to you. He sees you in your need. He feels what you need. He knows the intimate most desire of how you need revelation knowledge of God, and He is drawn to you. When He is drawn to you, your spirit comes up front and center and receives spirit and truth, and you worship God. You know that there is no way on Earth that this could ever happen except by the living God.

John 14:17 NKJV

My goodness, where is the place of His dwelling? He can abide and remain in any place. But, His heart is for you and me. “But, you know Him.” You say, “Well, I know about Him.” He says, “No, but you know Him.” This is truth, but you know Him. You know Him, and you have to stay there. I know Him. “But, you know Him, and He dwells with me and He will be in you. He dwells with you, and He will be in you.” We were born for His presence. Yet, somehow we live on the Earth, right? “The Earth is His footstool.”

I Corinthians 2:9 NKJV

That is amazing. He is looking for that family. He wants every soul to come home. “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor has entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” Those who love Him.

Isaiah 64:4 NKJV

The apostle Paul wrote this passage in First Corinthians, chapter two, verse nine, by the Holy Ghost. He is quoting the prophet from Isaiah, chapter sixty-four, verse four, when in the New Testament, Paul writes by the spirit. "Eye has not seen, nor ear has even heard." It has not entered into your heart. "What God has prepared for you, because you love Him." Isaiah the prophet says, "For since the beginning of the world, men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, nor has the eye seen any God besides you, who acts for the one who waits for Him." He acts on our behalf. He waits on us, with us, and for us. This is amazing.

I continue with a portion of the word I brought last week. Listen to Him talk to His Bride. "Jesus says, 'Could it be that I am in the center of your very core, your life, your mind? Could it be that I am in the center of your very core of who you are in life and mind? Could it be that I have the dominion within you now?' That is the whole labor of the Godhead. I am in you, and you are in me, and we are one. I want a resting place. I want a dwelling place, and I want to be with you. Could it be that I have that dominion within you now? Could it be that I have chosen to rewire your brain in order to accomplish My ways within you? I can bypass your self structure and all the barricades, in order to build a house within you for My glory.

Oh my goodness. If you knew that I love you, if you knew that I am within you always and I always will be, if you knew that I have you in my heart now and forever, what would it do for your mindset and heart?" We are going from facts to evidence. We are going from, "I know that," to reality and "revelation knowledge." An encounter with living Love, daily. Breathing, moving, Holy Ghost in you. Christ in you, the hope of glory." Wow! "I await. I watch. I think upon you, with you." That is an amazing statement. "God thinks upon us, with us." He is thinking about us, with us. While He is with us, He is thinking about us. He is drawn to us like a moth to a flame. There is that flaming fire, and it is the fire of the Holy Ghost, that has made you pure and clean and white before Him.

"He says, I await, I watch, I think upon you, with you, not away or separate from you. So, what do you think? Shall we discover life and joy in my Father's house now? Or, are we just going to wait till we get to heaven and in the age to come? It is going to be better, isn't it? But, He is looking at right now. He is looking at right now. He is concerned about your right now. Your right moment, this moment. Today, while it is called today. Where will you abide? Where? How? He says, "I am one in you. I see you. You are mine. I hear your heart beating when I draw near." How about that? He can actually feel our heart as it races and runs when He comes near us. When the wind blows our direction, when we feel His presence, when we get a prayer answered, and when we cry out to Him in need. He feels the heartbeat. He feels the heartbeat. Trust me. He knows the heartbeat. You say, "Oh, my heart doesn't beat after God." Well, He does." If you have been born from above, it is beating in rhythm with the Spirit of Truth who is living inside of you.

He says, "I see you. I see your mind. I hear your heart beating when I draw near." Scripture talks about this. "Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you." He says, "I can change your life in the blink of an eye." That is pretty quick. "Yes, I am coming, He said. But, My presence is now," which is what we live for. This is what we live for. "I am in you, and you are in me. Abide in me and my word and my spirit. Let us abide together. Let's bring Heaven to Earth while it is still called today." This is it.

He says, "Come away with me. It is going to be wild. It will be fruitful and full of me." He says, "Your nearness is my good." This is scripture. This is in the Bible. "God, your nearness is my good." He says, "Your nearness is my good. Back at you, right! You say, "How can you think of

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God like that?" Because, that is the truth. He died to love us. He died to love us. "Your nearness is my good," He says.

Earlier, He said, "I am drawn to you." He loves the poor in spirit. "I have longed for you to have "revelation knowledge" of my very existence now within you, and for you to know of my dwelling place for you." There is a place of high worship of the "Self Existing One." It is a very high place to worship, "I am who I am." He is, correct? That is a high place of worship, yet it is personal, intimate and One on one.

Isaiah 41:4 AMP

"Who has performed and done this, calling forth [and guiding the destinies of] the generations [of the nations] from the beginning? I, the Lord—the first, and with the last [existing before history began, the ever-present, unchanging God]—I am He."

There is the fear of the Lord. "Who has performed and done this," God, "calling forth and guiding the destinies of the generations of the nations." Yes, the peoples. That is why you see in the book of the Revelation, "before the throne of grace, people from every tribe nation tongue, worshiping God, before the throne of grace in Heaven." Before the throne. Heaven is His throne. You see this fulfilled now. There are people there now. We are not finished with our race, but we will be there one day, amen. We will be joined, as one. The generations, the destinies crying back to an ever existing, "I am that I am," God who formed us and fashioned us before the beginning of time, to be with Him forever.

"Exceedingly abundant, beyond anything you could ever hope, think or imagine." This will mess up your day. If you meditate on these things, you won't be able to get things done. You will say, "Oh my, God, you are talking about me. It is you and me together, forever!" Yes, it empowers you. It ignites you. It can heal you. It takes the yokes and weights off of you. This is what this Christian walk is all about. He has your destiny in His heart. That is the fire within you, the flow, and the river that we follow. He has ordained that before the beginning of time. The "ever present, unchanging God." He says, "That is Me." Thank the Lord! We can be up and down one hour to the next. But, "He is faithful, unchanging, and unmovable. The Holy Spirit is calling His church, every individual, to rise in worship of God like never before. I am saying like never before.

It does not mean you have to have your own praise team while you go to work. It's this thing that is in your heart. It is connected to this instrument called a mouth. When you open it, you say, "I will praise you. I love you God. You are with me. Thank you for your provision today. I love you." There you go. You carry that band with you everywhere you go. Yes, we have music. We have a lot of blessings. But, I am saying that you are your biggest instrument. You have to dance with your feet, sing with your heart, clap your hands, or bow low in worship to Him in reverence. You can sit there and be still. But, the truth is, "you have made up your mind about Him." Amen, thank you, Lord. You say, "Well, when things are so terrible, how can you rise up and worship God?" That is the call.

Ephesians 2:19-22 NKJV

Every one of us, every saint, every member of the household of God, from the oldest to the youngest, He knows them all. He says, "I am dwelling in you," because of what Christ Jesus has done for us. The living, abiding Word. Do you see yourself in that? He says, "I am looking for a place to dwell." Here is where God is at.

You can read all of this at home, but it is a beautiful testimony of a man called Stephen proclaiming what God is saying to his persecutors.

Acts 7:44-50 NKJV God's true tabernacle
He is quoting Isaiah 66.

Acts 7:51-60 NKJV

This is one of the most powerful passages. Stephen, only brought the truth. He literally brought the witness and the testimony as you read the entire chapter. He is quoting the prophets in the midst of this passage, by the Spirit of the Lord. What is the message in the heart of Stephen, before he is stoned to death? That, God says, "Heaven is My throne, and Earth is my footstool." But, "I am looking for a place to rest in you. I am going to put my Holy Spirit in you. I am going to fill you to overflowing with my Holy Spirit."

That offends those who do not have a place for Him to dwell. Because, the ever existing God Almighty, I am He, who came in the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, says, "I want to have the dominion and I am drawn to you. I love you. I want you. You are going to be my resting place, Church. You are my Bride, and we will be one forever." He rebukes them because they resist the Holy Spirit. There is your problem. There is always Holy Ghost. You resist the Holy Spirit when all He wants is to fulfill all these prophecies and to be that dwelling place. That is it. So, these destinies can be fulfilled, and that they can come and inherit what has been given to them before the beginning of time. That, "Eye has not seen and ear has not heard," and has not entered into your heart, all that "God has planned for you," stuff. There is no way you could do this by yourself. You are right. But, with Christ, "I can do all things." The Lord allowed us to hear this testimony. We get to see the movie here, even though we weren't there.

In Verse 55, it says, "Stephen, being full of the Holy Spirit." He was already taken over. The Lord knew what was going to happen. Stephen was so consumed in the Spirit, when the heavens opened, he sees straight in and was allowed to speak what he saw as he gazed into heaven. What did he see? The glory of God! What are we after? The glory of God! What do you want to see every day? The glory of God! Lord, show me your glory. Do you have to wait to get to heaven to see it? Or, can you see it now? Can you see it now? "Christ in you, the hope of glory." Yes! Can you see it now? Can you hear His heart now? He sees God in His glory, and Jesus at the right hand! How about that? Oh, He did go back, and He is there! He has all authority in Heaven and Earth and under the Earth. Look, the heavens are open. There He is, the Son of Man. He said it again. Here Jesus is, standing at the right hand of God. That is amazing.

There is such authority! You say, "Lord, I want "revelation knowledge." Well, to get that one, you had to be stoned to death. But, to hear it, you have to see it. You have to see it in the essence of the Father, revealing Himself, to one that was bold enough to preach the Word and give the testimony. It was written of him to lay it out for them. The case was closed, and the heavens bore witness with what was going down on Earth. It was sealed with the Holy Ghost. You see the Father, you see the Son, and the Holy Ghost in this passage. The Godhead, all is one. Say, "He is drawn to me. Show us your glory, Lord."

Hebrews 3:1-6 NKJV

"That Christ, as a son of His own house," say, "that is me," in whose house we are, if we hold fast, the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end." Amen.

All right, let's stand up and pray and ask God for revelation. Say, "Here I am, Lord."

"Father, we thank you for looking towards us. Thank you for seeing us, even when we were yet enemies, and dead in our sin. You saw us dying in our blood and you saved us. You called us by name. You gave us our name. You placed us in your dwelling place forever. You have given us access, through the anointing of Jesus Christ, to the revelation knowledge of the blessing.

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The empowerment to prosper. Know what you will do with us, and how you will transform us. How we can be with you where you are, and how you pursue us God. Lord, we want to be in awe of you every day. You are not the God upstairs. You are the Lord, God Almighty. Jehovah Shammah, the Lord is there. You are, who you say you are, the Great I Am. We worship you. We thank you for strengthening us today and encouraging us today. Heal those who need healing, and bring miracles where they need miracles. Comfort the brokenhearted. Reassure us and give us strength as we endure and overcome. Today, while it is called today, in Jesus' name, Amen.