

BEYOND SUNDAY



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This guide offers 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

Heaven or Hell? It's Your Choice

PRAYER FOCUS

Father, my heart overflows with gratitude for what You've done for me. You made the ultimate sacrifice by taking on my sins and paying the price so I can be free. Thank You for Your unconditional love that never fades away. Thank You for being my constant guide and speaking to me daily. You're the perfect Father, full of grace and wisdom, and I'm in awe of Your goodness. You have a plan and purpose for my life, and I trust You with every step I take. Please continue to teach me how to follow Your Word and live a life pleasing to You. I pray this in the mighty Name of Jesus, Amen.

KEY TRUTHS

The Bible teaches us that Moses willingly left behind the pleasures and power of the world to pursue his heavenly reward. Despite being a member of the Egyptian royal family and having access to immense privilege and authority, he recognized the danger of turning away from God. Instead, he chose to live amongst the Hebrew people. This earthly life is a testing ground for what will come, as our decisions and actions determine where we will make our eternal home.

As human beings, God created us to have a deep and meaningful relationship with Him. We are a spirit, soul, and body, and when we pass from this life, it's not the end of our existence, but rather, the true essence of who we are steps out into eternity.

Heaven: Jesus tells us that Heaven is an extraordinary place of reunion, where we will recognize our loved ones who have passed before us. The beauty of Heaven is beyond our wildest imagination, reflecting the character and nature of God, with no evil, darkness, or malevolence present. It's a paradise, a dwelling place, and a space for everlasting praise and worship to our Creator with a choir of angels to accompany us. The most incredible thing about Heaven is that we will always be in God's presence. There will be no death, no pain, and no suffering. It's where brothers and sisters in Christ can look forward to spending forever.

Hell: Sometimes people confuse Hades with Hell, but they're different places. Hades is a holding area until judgment day, and Hell is a permanent place of weeping and gnashing of teeth. Think of Hades as a jail to hold criminals before they stand trial and Hell as the prison they're sentenced to if convicted. In Hell, there's no joy, mercy, or second chances. And like Heaven, Hell is permanent, making the decision to live life for Christ even more important.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Throughout our lives, we make countless decisions that shape our future. However, nothing has more weight than deciding where we will spend eternity. Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and we can enter into a relationship with the Father and secure our eternal destination only through Him. We can never atone for our sins alone, but Christ paid the price for us. As long as we're still breathing, there's hope for us to turn to God with repentant hearts and receive His mercy. The way to get right with God is to accept what He did for us and surrender our lives to Him.

Today, you have the opportunity to change your eternal destination. The path to righteousness is accepting what God has done for us and surrendering our lives to Him. Take a moment to reflect on where you stand with God. Are you where you want to be? Are you as close to God as you'd like? What can you do to change that?

REFERENCE VERSES

- Matthew 25:46, 12:40, 27:52-53
- Romans 1:24
- John 14:6, 10:10
- 2 Thessalonians 1:9
- Revelation 4:11, 20:10
- Luke 16:19-27, 18:3
- 1 Thessalonians 5:23
- James 2:26
- 2 Corinthians 12:2-5
- 1 Corinthians 15:44
- Ephesians 4:8-9

- Hebrews 9:27

DECLARATIONS

I will live my life for God and make a difference where I am right now.

I choose to live my life for God so that I may be with Him in Heaven for all eternity.

It may not be easy, but I will turn away from the power and privileges of the world to pursue a life with God.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Now it's time to write down anything the Lord has spoken to you. Praise Him, thank Him, and ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk this out.



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