

**Daily Reflection on Scripture**  
**Week of January 14**  
**Lies We've Been Told About God:**  
**We're Saved Just So We Can Go to Heaven**



Thank you God for saving me. Thank you for the many opportunities that come my way to be made whole in body, mind and soul. Forgive me for thinking you wanted to save me just so I can go to heaven. Forgive me for the times I have been more heavenly minded than earthly good. Help me to know that you have “the going to heaven” part covered and that the abundant life that Jesus offers begins right now. May Your kingdom come in and through me, just as it is in heaven. May I see every moment as eternal; full of Your grace, forgiveness and love for me and all people. In the name of Jesus who shows us the way to live in Your eternal kingdom right here and right now, I pray. Amen.

**Sunday January 14**

*John 8:32 You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.*

**Sacred Pause:** Knowing the truth about God’s unconditional love is the most freeing reality there is in life. Nothing can keep God from loving you. That’s the truth.

**Monday January 15**

*Matthew 6:10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

**Sacred Pause:** We don’t have to die to enter God’s kingdom, for Jesus said, “As it is in heaven so it is on earth”. The reign of God’s eternal grace has come in this moment.

**Tuesday January 16**

*Ecclesiastes 5:19-20 Yes, we should make the most of what God gives, both the bounty and the capacity to enjoy it, accepting what’s given and delighting in the work. It’s God’s gift! God deals out joy in the present, the now. It’s useless to brood over how long we might live.*

**Sacred Pause** Today, make the most of what God has given you. Choose to enjoy this day that is full of eternal joy. Accept what is given instead of brooding over what is not.

**Wednesday January 17**

*John 10:10b I came so that they could have life—indeed, so that they could live life to the fullest.*

**Sacred Pause:** Instead of pointing up to a future heaven, Jesus pointed to heaven that is real in this moment. In this moment you are breathing in God’s eternal presence.

**Thursday January 18**

*Matthew 6:33 ...desire first and foremost God’s kingdom and God’s righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

**Sacred Pause:** What we desire most is usually what we find. Desire God’s eternal presence in this moment and every moment to come and God’s presence is what you will find.

**Friday January 19**

*Matthew 18:4-5 The greatest in the Kingdom of heaven is the one who humbles himself and becomes like this child. And whoever welcomes in my name one such child as this, welcomes me.*

**Sacred Pause:** Instead of taking everything so seriously try to loosen up a bit and become like a child that lives in the moment. In that moment you will experience God.

**Saturday January 20**

*Luke 18:18 A Jewish leader asked Jesus, "Good Teacher, what must I do to receive eternal life?"*

**Sacred pause:** "What must I do to receive eternal life?" Open your hands and your heart to serve a need around you. You will receive God's gift of eternal life in that moment.