

# Hell Will Be Full of Pastors: Scary Reality About Your Faith

There's only one truth and one way to heaven: through Jesus Christ alone.

This is the message that Pastor Mark Driscoll recently shared, and while it may seem like the simplest, most basic part of the Christian faith, it's a reality that so many have ignored.

"You can have your parents baptize you as a baby in the church. You can grow up going to youth group in the church. You can serve in the church, you can sing songs in the church, you can tithe to the church ... and go to hell," Driscoll says.

Driscoll's message on Hebrews four was a call for Christians to look past their religious activity and examine the true condition of their heart posture toward the Lord.

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"These are people that spent 40 years going to church and not going to heaven," he said, referring to the Israelites in the wilderness. "They had something that today we would call portable church ... it was called the Tabernacle ... and they would worship and they would have church."

The first curse is pronounced on the serpent, which represents Satan. Cahn explains that in Genesis, God foretells that the woman's offspring will one day crush the serpent's head, while

the serpent will strike His heel. This prophecy, Cahn emphasizes, is fulfilled in Jesus. His crucifixion may have seemed like a defeat, as the enemy struck His heel, but it was, in fact, the moment the enemy's power was crushed once and for all. Through Christ's sacrifice, sin and death were conquered.

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The message moves next to the curse on the woman, symbolized by painful childbirth. While this curse brings suffering, it also carries the promise of life. Cahn draws a beautiful parallel, explaining how life, though born through pain, still emerges as a blessing. Just as Christ's birth through Mary was painful, it ultimately led to the salvation of mankind.

The curse on the ground, as a result of Adam's sin, is explored next. No longer would the earth be a paradise, but rather a place of struggle and toil. However, Cahn shares the hope of the "second Adam," Jesus, who came to redeem what was lost. Through His death on the cross—during Passover and the Feast of First Fruits—Jesus restored what was broken by Adam's fall.

Perhaps the most striking part of Cahn's message is his focus on the crown of thorns placed on Jesus during His crucifixion. Thorns, representing the curse, were woven into a crown to mock Him. But Cahn explains that by wearing the crown of thorns, Jesus took the weight of humanity's curse upon Himself. This wasn't just a symbolic gesture—it was Jesus taking on the personal and collective burden of all our pain and suffering.

While life is still affected by the curse, Jesus' death and Resurrection brought redemption. Every hardship, every sorrow, will ultimately be redeemed by God's love and purpose. In Christ, the curse is defeated, and what was once marred by pain is now filled with the promise of eternal victory. By taking on the weight of our pain, guilt and suffering, He not only overcame the curse but ensured that every hardship would ultimately be used for God's greater purpose in our lives.

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## **Is Your Favorite TV Show Opening a Gateway for Demons? Here's What You Need to Know!**

In a recent video, Pastor Larry Huch shared a powerful revelation that ties together biblical first fruits, personal transformation and the promises of God. He explained how giving a first fruits offering—especially during this Passover season—isn't just about sowing from your current harvest, but about preparing for the breakthrough that's coming.

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It's a spiritual act that positions us for the miracles ahead. And for Pastor Huch, the timing couldn't be more perfect.

His new book, *From Junkie to Jerusalem*, is a raw and hope-

filled story of transformation—from heroin and cocaine addiction to meetings with world leaders like President Trump and Prime Minister Netanyahu.

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“God reached into that hole and pulled me out,” Huch says. And if He did it for him, He will do it for you—or someone you love. If you’re ready for a new season, check out the video and grab a copy of *From Junkie to Jerusalem*.

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## **Sin Is Always Knocking, Here’s How to Say No**

It’s the season no one prays for, no one expects, and most of us try to avoid—what John and Lisa Bevere call the “wilderness season.”

In a recent episode of their *Conversations* podcast, the couple leaned into the topic of spiritual seasons, with a focus on the most difficult one believers often endure. “What’s the least favorite season that we as Believers experience?” John asked. “Without a doubt I would say it’s a wilderness season.”

Referencing Scripture and personal stories, the Beveres unpack how God doesn’t waste our winter seasons. “The Bible says that

Jesus was led by the spirit of God into the wilderness for 40 days," John said. It wasn't punishment—it was preparation.

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Lisa echoed this truth with a personal account of a time when God asked her to separate from new friendships. "I was like, no, no, no, no, no, you don't mean that," she said. But God challenged her thinking. "You can make a choice whether this is a season of lonely or a season of alone."

That choice—how we respond in a difficult season—is central to the Berea message. "You can fight against the season or you can cooperate with the season," John said. When believers resist what God is doing, the results can be devastating. "They got offended," he said of the Israelites, "and so when you get offended your behavior is going to always be counterproductive."

Instead, believers are encouraged to lean in, to let God do the hard work of pruning, even when it feels like loss. "The branches that bear fruit, he'll prune," John reminded listeners. "They didn't do anything wrong. But they're cut off because it's going to produce more fruit."

Lisa emphasized that "God is doing a new thing," and warned that it's always easier to do the old thing. But that's not the path of growth. "You don't discover the new thing by looking at what people are saying," she said. "You discover the new thing by getting into Scripture and seeing what God is saying."

For anyone walking through spiritual winter, feeling isolated or stuck, their message is simple: Don't miss the purpose of

the season.

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Before closing the episode, the Beveres offered a heartfelt prayer, asking God for three specific things for their listeners:

1. That they recognize the season they are in.
2. That they recognize the season the body of Christ is in.
3. That they would know what to do in that season.

They prayed that “their behavior would line up with the will of God so that they can flourish as that springtime comes back in.”

In a time when many feel like they’re in a holding pattern, or maybe walking through spiritual frost, this podcast offers a timely reminder: God is faithful—even in the wilderness.

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# **Character Traits of Those Who Make God Their Dwelling Place**

# (Part 1)

The kingdom of God is more than an attempt to change a lost world; it is about reclaiming and functioning within what God has always sovereignly owned and managed. Psalm 24:1 declares, “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.” God framed creation and entrusted it to humanity for stewardship (Gen. 1:26-28). To make God our dwelling place is to understand His sovereignty, His presence, and our role in the cosmos He created. Moses even said, “Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations” (Ps. 90:1).

This perspective reframes reality. Time and space, as Hebrews 11:3 reminds us, exist within God’s creative matrix. Acts 17:28 declares, “In him we live and move and have our being.” Coming into this revelation transforms our understanding of worship, life, and purpose. It shifts us from “going to church” to seeing the cosmos as God’s sacred dwelling place. Hence, Christ is not only “in” believers—but we are truly “in Him” and exist within His reality!

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Furthermore, as His family, the church represents His Lordship on earth as it is in heaven.

Here are ten traits of those who make God their dwelling place.

## **1. Gratitude for Everything**

Profound gratitude is the first mark of someone who makes God their dwelling place. James 1:17 reminds us, “Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights.” Recognizing that every blessing, resource,

and opportunity comes from God fosters a heart of thankfulness.

When we acknowledge that the earth and everything belong to God, we shift from entitlement to appreciation. Gratitude becomes a daily act of worship, recognizing God's provision in all areas of life.

## **2. A Life Centered on Worship**

Those who dwell in God find worship woven into every aspect of their existence—prayer, work, family, rest. Worship is not limited to Sunday services but permeates every moment, reflecting the rhythm of creation (1 Cor. 10:31).

In Genesis, the six days of creation culminated in the seventh Day, a Sabbath of rest and worship, demonstrating that all activity ultimately leads back to glorifying God. Even the natural world testifies to His greatness: "The trees of the field clap their hands, and the rocks cry out in praise," (Isa. 55:12; Luke 19:40).

For such individuals, worship becomes not an event but a lifestyle.

## **3. Submission to Christ's Lordship**

To make God your dwelling place is to recognize His absolute Lordship. Psalm 90:1 and 91:9 speak of God as the eternal refuge. This means submitting to His authority in every area of life.

Every decision, action, and goal becomes an opportunity to honor Him. Those who dwell in God's presence are constantly aware that Christ is not just Savior but Lord. His will becomes the standard for all they do, and obedience is their ultimate act of love (John 14:15).

#### **4. No Separation Between Secular and Sacred**

People who make God their dwelling place understand that all life is sacred. There is no division between what is “secular” and what is “spiritual” because “The earth is the Lord’s,” (Ps. 24:1).

Work, family life, recreation, and even mundane tasks are opportunities to glorify God. This understanding dissolves artificial boundaries, allowing them to see every moment as a chance to reflect God’s kingdom.

#### **5. Integration of Church and Workplace**

In the same way that they do not separate the secular from the sacred, these individuals refuse to divide the “church place” from the “workplace.” They see their work, whether in an office, a field, or a factory, as a ministry and an extension of God’s mission.

Colossians 3:23-24 encourages, “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord.” The workplace becomes a platform for reflecting Christ’s values and principles.

#### **6. Stewardship of Creation**

Making God your dwelling place instills a deep sense of responsibility for creation. Genesis 1:26-28 calls humanity to steward the earth as caretakers under God. This involves honoring and studying the natural world, using resources wisely, and protecting the environment as an act of worship

(Ps. 111:2).

In recognizing creation as God's possession, these individuals see stewardship as optional and a divine mandate.

## **7. A Call to Restore the Breach**

Isaiah 61:3-4 speaks of those who will "rebuild the ancient ruins" and "restore the places long devastated." Those who dwell in God feel compelled to be restorers—healing broken relationships, rebuilding communities, and bringing God's justice to areas of destruction.

This trait reflects God's heart for communities, cities, and nations. He has called His people to stand in the gap and see every "pain point" in their community as an opportunity to manifest God's creative solutions that elevate the quality of life for all as a witness of the gospel.

## **8. Using Finances to Advance God's Kingdom**

Those who see God as their dwelling place view their finances as a tool for kingdom work. They understand that their wealth is not their own but entrusted to them by God for His purposes (Deut. 8:18).

This perspective drives them to give generously to support the gospel, help the needy, and invest in causes that reflect God's heart. They live with the mindset that "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also," (Matt. 6:21).

## **9. Appreciation of Nature as a Reflection of God's Glory**

Creation is seen as a useful resource and a reflection of God's glory and creativity. Psalm 19:1 declares, "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his

hands.”

Those who dwell in God cultivate an acute appreciation for nature, seeing it as a testimony to His power and wisdom. Whether marveling at a sunrise or tending a garden, they are reminded of God’s beauty and majesty.

## **10. An Acute Sense of God’s Nearness**

Finally, those who make God their dwelling place experience an unparalleled awareness of His presence. Acts 17:28 declares, “In him we live and move and have our being.” This sense of nearness transforms their view of reality, enabling them to see God’s hand every moment.

Psalm 91:9 promises, “If you say, ‘The Lord is my refuge,’ and you make the Most High your dwelling, no harm will overtake you.” This intimate relationship with God provides peace, security, and confidence, even in trials.

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Making God your dwelling place transforms every aspect of life. It shifts your perspective from merely “attending church” to living as part of God’s sacred cosmos. Those who embody these 10 traits demonstrate what it means to reclaim their role as stewards of creation, ambassadors of the kingdom, and worshippers of the Most High.

Understanding that the earth is the Lord’s and living in the light of this revelation calls us to gratitude, worship, submission, and stewardship. It reminds us that in every moment and every place, God is near—inviting us to dwell in Him and reflect His glory to the world.

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## The Other Francis

A lot of attention has been focused on St Francis of Assisi after Cardinal Bergoglio took the name of Francis upon his election as Pope. As well we should, because St. Francis taught his followers to share the Gospel more by what they do than what they say.

Next week, on April 8, we mark the life of another Francis who, it is believed, is also a role model for the new Pope. On that date in 1541 Francis Xavier began his extraordinary missionary journey to the East. Over the next 10 years he traveled through 50 kingdoms and baptized more than 1,000,000 people. He founded churches from India to Japan, earning the title "Apostle to the Indies."

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Beyond his importance as an Asian missionary, Francis Xavier pioneered a return of Christian missions to its Gospel roots. The Medieval model of missions called for conquest and forced conversion, as exemplified by the Spanish conquests and failed conversions in the New World. Francis Xavier showed that heartfelt conversion won by the love of God was not only more scriptural, it was more effective. In that sense he is the father of all modern Christian missions.

Francis Xavier lived in an age of upheaval, when Europeans had begun challenging the pagan kingdoms of the East for commerce and, later, military supremacy. The European traders were interested in gold, not God, but they undermined the power of

the Pagan Kings and the Pagan Gods they claimed to represent. The traders also curtailed the power of the Islamic merchants and stopped the Islamic expansion into the Far East. As a result, societies which had been closed to Christianity became more open, and Christian missionaries were able to present the Gospel. For Francis Xavier, a million baptisms followed.

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These European powers eventually spread their empires throughout the world, replacing Pagan kingdoms in the Americas, Africa and Asia. While these nations were seldom, if ever, interested in spreading Christianity, many missionaries followed in the footsteps of Francis Xavier and brought God's love to the colonized peoples. Today there are thriving Christian communities in the Americas, Africa and Asia because of these missionary efforts.

Also, today, we find that it is Europe which has abandoned its Christian roots and fallen into darkness. So, it seems somehow to be fitting that a Pope taking the name Francis would come from a place which was Christianized by missionaries like Francis Xavier, and would now return to Europe to preach a new evangelism to the lost Europeans.

We pray for Pope Francis, a man of the Spirit and a uniter of Christians, that he will help lead the whole church to challenge the European societies and open them to the Gospel like the Europeans did to the Pagan world 500 years ago.

We pray also for the unity of the church and a spiritual awakening of the church to enable it to be faithful in our

generation as Francis Xavier was in his.

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# **If Your Kids Have Left the Church, This Might Be the Reason**

In a recent reaction video, podcast host Kap Chatfield dives into a powerful message from Pastor Philip Anthony Mitchell that challenges popular ideas about discovering one's calling. The viral clip has struck a chord—especially among Christians seeking clarity on their God-given purpose.

Chatfield opens the video by asking the question many believers wrestle with: “How on earth do you find your calling?” But he quickly notes, “Your calling might not actually be the thing that you want to do. What happens then?”

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Pastor Mitchell, who has been preaching for over a decade, shares that ministry was never his personal ambition. “I pastor out of obedience. I preach out of obedience. I don't do it out of my natural desire,” he says. “Ministry is a cross that I bear. It is not glory for me.”

Despite his dynamic preaching and growing influence, Mitchell recalls resisting the pastoral call. “I wanted to be like Billy Graham,” he says. “I wanted to be an evangelist... I

didn't want to be in a local church." He remembers the exact moment God called him to pastor on Apr. 14, 2004, and his four-year struggle to surrender.

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Chatfield connects this to a broader issue: many people are trying to manufacture their purpose. "A calling requires a Caller," he warns. "If you're trying to build your own life and slap His name on it like a bumper sticker, that's not blessable."

Pastor Mitchell's testimony reminds us that true purpose comes not from following our passion, but from obeying God's voice—especially when it's hard.

No matter how hard something is, ultimately, God wants us to be able to surrender everything to Him. In order to truly find a fulfilling life, God is asking that we trust Him with the greater, more perfect plans He has for us.

***Be on the lookout for Kap Chatfield's new book coming next year, Prosperity is Not a Curse Word.***

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