

Surrendered: Ascension

Day 1

A Glimpse of Things to Come

What do we see when we look up and Jesus is above us, rising into the heavens? We see a glimpse of the future reality in which we will share. To understand how profound it is, check out this devotional:

<https://www.woh.org/series/from-earth-to-heaven/>

Verses: John 16:28, Acts 1:6-11, John 14:1-4

Prayer Topics: Hope, Anticipation, Glory

Day 2

Preview

What if there was a way to get a glimpse of the ascension life here on earth? Would it motivate you? Inspire you? Give you joy? The good news is, there is such a preview. Check out this devotional to learn more:

<https://www.woh.org/2025/05/18/at-the-lords-table/>

What will you do with your preview? Does it disappoint? Does the energy you put into it matter to what you get out of it? How can you make the preview more efficacious in your life?

Verses: 2 Corinthians 3:18, John 1:14, Matthew 5:16

Prayer Topics: Joy, Perspective, Radiance

Day 3

Strange

As Christians, we find ourselves in a strange position. We want the alleviation of our suffering while at the same time we find that when the solution shows up, we are unready for it or even afraid of it. Check out these short devotionals to see what I mean:

<https://www.woh.org/2025/05/19/woe-is-me/>

<https://www.woh.org/2025/05/20/the-heavens-were-opened/>

The problem with humans is that we find this world intolerable, but we have strangely grown comfortable with it at the same time. When we get a glimpse of the heavenly realm, we instantly realize we do not fit in. The answer of course is to be remade into something more glorious, and God is at work right now in our lives to accomplish just that. What can you do today to participate in God's remaking of you?

Verses: Jeremiah 29:13, James 4:8, Psalm 27:4

Prayer Topics: Awe, Wonder, Excitement

Day 4

End Times

Jesus ascended to take his place over the earth, seated at the right hand of the Father. We await our reunion with Christ, and we will be seated with Him in the heavenly places. Check out this devotional and consider the implications of the promises of scripture:

<https://www.woh.org/2025/05/31/together-at-last/>

What will it be like to be seated with Christ? What will that relationship be like? What will the privilege of ruling with Christ be like? What will the responsibility be like? What kind of person will you need to be in order to do these things? How can you cooperate with the Holy Spirit right now to start moving toward becoming that kind of person?

Verses: Matthew 24:14, Matthew 24:36, Matthew 24:44

Prayer Topics: Cooperation, Authority, Dominion

Day 5

Thanks to Sylvester Warsaw, Jr for our devotional today

Some Bibles have the heading of Acts as The Acts of The Apostles and some have The Acts of The Holy Spirit. I personally go with The Acts of The Holy Spirit because it's about God and what He alone does in the third person of the Godhead. Acts is redemption history. Acts is a continuation of a fulfillment of the promise made by God of God redeeming man to Himself by His Spirit and promised by Christ Jesus as a necessity of His leaving earth and returning to heaven so that the Holy Spirit can come and dwell in the heart of people who repent of their sins. In Isaiah 42, God promises to do new things. In Ezekiel 36:26-27 and Jeremiah 31:33-34, God promises to put His Spirit within people. The most quoted of God's promise of the Holy Spirit is Joel 2:28-32 and quoted by Peter in Acts 2:16-21. In Malachi 3:1-3 the Holy Spirit is referenced as a refiner's fire and launderers' soap. Acts isn't about a man's personality which is about self, but God making Himself available to the whole of humanity by His Spirit in and through Christ Jesus. Man must understand that flesh and blood isn't the issue but spiritual as Paul states in Ephesians

6:10-20 and what happened on the cross and Christ Jesus' resurrection makes it possible to live in the power of His resurrection in and through the Holy Spirit which is true freedom as recorded in Colossians 2. Moses, Joshua nor any finite man could give people rest and peace, God had to do it Himself giving man a way back to Himself and that could only be done in and through Christ Jesus whom the Holy Spirit points us to never speaking of Himself but Christ Jesus the Living Word of God the only Begotten Son of God which is so eloquently stated in John 16:1-15 and Hebrews 8.