

Breath of Heaven

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Heaven, where God reigns and rules, breaks onto the earth in the small baby Jesus. The Son of Man born of the Virgin Mary offers the full breath of heaven to all people.

KEY POINTS:

I can be a breath of heaven, showing the light of the gospel and new creation, in my community, workplace, and home.

By the Spirit, I can draw down on God's patience, kindness, and love to love difficult people.

When we move bodies in worship, heaven meets earth.

Because I identify with my Savior, I get to do the things He did -- healing the sick, freeing the captive, forgiving those who have wronged me, and bringing light and truth in all circumstances.

Heaven infiltrates earth in the body of Christ and His church.

I represent the Father best when I am united with my brothers and sisters in Christ.

SCRIPTURE:

"Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people."

-Matthew 4:23

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
-Matthew 5:1-12 (Beatitudes)

"Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: 'Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.'" Luke 2:25-35 (Simeon's song)

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."
-Isaiah 9:6

QUOTES:

"Jesus's resurrection is the beginning of God's new project not to snatch people away from earth to heaven but to colonize earth with the life of heaven. That, after all, is what the Lord's Prayer is about." [N.T. Wright, Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church

"The resurrection of Christ assures us that God will redeem not just souls but bodies, and will bring about a new heavens and new earth."
-Timothy Keller, "The Resurrection and Christian Mission"

"Our job is to make the invisible God visible – to mirror and mimic what he is like to the world. We can glorify God by doing our work in such a way that we make the invisible God visible by what we do and how we do it." [John Mark Comer, Garden City: Work, Rest, and the Art of Being Human.

"Our world, nation, communities, and families are in need of the truth. They are in need of the salt of the earth to break down the walls and push past the lies in order to walk in truth. We carry the truth, and it is up to us to bring it to others (Romans 10:14)."
-- Jessica Mathisen, Well Watered Women, "Breaking Down Walls"

SONG SUGGESTIONS:

Labor of Love by Andrew Peterson and Jill Phillips

Behold the Lamb Album by Andrew Peterson

Rescue by Lauren Daigle

Till We See Your Face by Ecclesia, Sarah Elkins, and S.O.

Now Behold the Lamb by Kirk Franklin

Tus Cuerdas de Amor by Julio Melgar and Lowsan Melgar

Burn Again by Ecclesia

Song for the King by Michael W. Smith

Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song) by Amy Grant

RESOURCES:

[Webinar: Stop Obsessing, Stop Neglecting, Live Free in Your Body](#)

RevWell TV:

[Alisa's RevX Full Body Metabolic Intervals "Kingdom Freedom"](#)

[Kara's Christmas Cardio Accumulator "Joy"](#)

[Amia's Cardio Dance "God's Way Revives"](#)

Rev Blog Posts:

[4 Ways to Love Your Neighbor by Amanda Eubanks](#)

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Podcasts:

[#606 Reving The Word: Kingdom Citizenship – Part 1 \(John 18:33-38\) Alisa Keeton \(Intervals\)](#)

[#354 Quantum Physics Jesus And The Power Of Faith In An Unseen Kingdom](#)

[#464 Francie Winslow: "Heaven in your home"](#)

Rev Book-a-Week Ideas:

["Surprised by Hope: Rethinking heaven, the resurrection, and the mission of the church" by N.T. Wright](#)

["Living in the crossroads: An introduction to Christian worldview" by Craig Bartholomew and Michael Goheen](#)

