

# Already Heaven

by Basilea Schlink

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*The kingdom of heaven is already in our midst, and we can experience its joy through suffering and faith in Jesus Christ.*

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**Scripture:** Matthew 6:10, Luke 6:21, Luke 15:7, John 14:2, Romans 8:18, 2 Corinthians 4:17, Revelation 22:2

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## Description

In this sermon by Basilea Schlink, the focus is on the concept of heaven and its relevance in our lives. The speaker emphasizes that God's kingdom is already present on earth and that we should be grateful for Jesus bringing heaven to earth. The sermon highlights the idea that those who experience heaven on earth will also experience it in the afterlife. Suffering is presented as a pathway to heaven, as it opens the gates to experiencing the joy of heaven. The sermon concludes by urging listeners to hold onto their faith in heaven and to seek a personal connection with it through repentance and recognizing their own sinfulness.

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## Transcript

God lives and works today. His kingdom is the kingdom of heaven, which, as Jesus said, is already in our midst today. Therefore, the kingdom of heaven ought to be a joyful reality in our lives.

But what does this mean in practical terms? Listen to today's meditation by Basilea Schlink called Already Heaven. On the darkest, most difficult days of our lives, it is especially important for us to give thanks. Yes, we should be thankful that our Lord Jesus came to bring heaven to earth.

What amazing grace! Whoever lives in heaven here on earth will also live in heaven after he dies. Whoever knows the joy of heaven here will be able to join in the rejoicing in the city of God. And whoever begins to sing of heaven today will be surrounded by heaven in the coming days, the most difficult time the world has ever known.

Don't let anything rob you of your faith in heaven. It's not even worth comparing with the glory of heaven, which, as the Apostle Paul writes in Romans 8, verse 18, will be revealed for all eternity. When you hear the word heaven, you may know for certain that the joy which will come is an eternal joy and that the suffering of the moment will come to an end.

Therefore, concern yourself more with heaven. It's worth it. Heaven is your eternal home.

And if you can't relate to heaven, if it doesn't seem real to you and doesn't mean blessedness and joy, then you can ask the Lord until he makes it real for you. If you recognize that you're a poor sinner, then you will be able to hear the sound of angels as they sing about you, how there is joy in heaven over one sinner who repents. You will actually be drawn into the joy of heaven.

There is still another way to find entrance to heaven here on earth. It's the way of suffering. Suffering opens the gates of heaven.

For as the Bible says, this momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison. Second Corinthians 4, verse 17. In the measure that we must suffer, in the same measure will we experience the joy of heaven.

And all the promises about eternity begin on earth. Even Jesus' words, blessed are you that weep now for you shall laugh. Yes, heavenly joy begins already on earth.

Therefore, if you would like to taste a bit of heaven, commit yourself to your suffering now. Oh, that we were there. Oh, that we were there.

We'll pay this turn to pleasure. Oh, who such bliss can measure? Oh, that we were there. Oh, that we were there.

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