



Low graphics | Help

Search

Explore the BBC

LIVE BBC NEWS CHANNEL

News Front Page



Africa

Americas

Asia-Pacific

Europe

Middle East

South Asia

UK

England

Northern Ireland

Scotland

Wales

UK Politics

Education

Magazine

Business**Health****Science & Environment****Technology****Entertainment****Also in the news**

Video and Audio

Have Your Say

In Pictures

Country Profiles

Special Reports

Related BBC sites

Sport

Weather

On This Day

Editors' Blog

BBC World Service

Page last updated at 10:58 GMT, Saturday, 17 May 2008 11:58 UK

E-mail this to a friend

Printable version

Brown reveals global moral vision

SEE ALSO

[Burma 'guilty of inhuman action'](#)

17 May 08 | UK Politics

[New moderator sworn into office](#)

15 May 08 | Scotland

[I can save economy again - Brown](#)

15 May 08 | UK Politics

[Sermon on the Mound](#)

16 May 08 | The Westminster Hour

RELATED BBC LINKS

[Church of Scotland](#)[Scottish politics](#)

RELATED INTERNET LINKS

[Church of Scotland](#)[Downing Street website](#)

The BBC is not responsible for the content of external internet sites

TOP SCOTLAND STORIES

[Claims row MP cannot stand again](#)[Pair jailed for festival stabbing](#)[Attacker jailed over knife in eye](#)

| News feeds

MOST POPULAR STORIES NOW

[SHARED](#) [READ](#) [WATCHED/LISTENED](#)['Mass opposition rally' in Tehran](#)[BA asks staff to work for nothing](#)[Sarkozy jeered at Bongo's funeral](#)[Nuclear N Korea is 'grave threat'](#)[Captain America alter-ego returns](#)[Day in pictures](#)[Letterman sorry over Palin joke](#)[Hydrogen car to be 'open source'](#)[Grandfather reveals lottery joy](#)[Postcard from Somali pirate capital](#)[Most popular now, in detail](#)

The prime minister urged nations and religions to act together to solve problems

Gordon Brown has been setting out his vision for a global society governed by a shared "moral sense".

The prime minister was addressing the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in Edinburgh.

It is 20 years since Margaret Thatcher gave her "Sermon on the Mound" at the Assembly, arguing a theological basis for her free market thinking.

Mr Brown, whose father was a Kirk minister, said he shared the church's "enduring vision of the good society".

The prime minister said he had never forgotten the lessons he learned in the Kirkcaldy parish manse where he grew up.

"Acting together, the first generation in the history of mankind to abolish illiteracy and give every child the right to education; acting together, the first generation to eradicate tuberculosis, polio, diphtheria, malaria, on the way to eradicating HIV/Aids.

"And to honour the dream of the scriptures: that justice will roll like water and righteousness like a mighty stream."

Mrs Thatcher won few converts in Scotland when, at a time when industry was being hard hit, she quoted St Paul saying: "If a man will not work he shall not eat."

When she had finished, the then moderator presented her with Kirk reports on housing and poverty, interpreted by many as a polite rebuke.

Mr Brown's spokesman said that nothing should be read into the fact that the prime minister's speech came 20 years after Lady Thatcher's famous address.

The General Assembly runs until 21 May.

 [E-mail this to a friend](#)

 [Printable version](#)

Bookmark with: [What are these?](#)

[Delicious](#) [Digg](#) [reddit](#) [Facebook](#) [StumbleUpon](#)

FEATURES, VIEWS, ANALYSIS



[Yemen fears](#)
Hostage killings could mark new phase in violence



[Pirate bay](#)
How Somali port is tackling modern-day Blackbeards



[Day in pictures](#)
Eye-catching images from around the world

MOST POPULAR NOW | The most read story in Australasia is: [BA asks staff to work for nothing](#)

[SKIP TO](#)

[PRODUCTS & SERVICES](#)

[E-mail news](#)

[Mobiles](#)

[Alerts](#)

[News feeds](#)

[Podcasts](#)

 © MMIX

The BBC is not responsible for the content of external internet sites.

[News Sources](#)
[About BBC News](#)

[BBC Help](#)
[Accessibility Help](#)
[Jobs](#)
[Advertise With Us](#)

[About the BB](#)
[Contact Us](#)
[Terms of Us](#)
[Privacy & Cookie](#)