

Thy Will Be Done

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Mat 6:5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites *are*: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

Mat 6:6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

Mat 6:7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen *do*: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

Mat 6:8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

Mat 6:9 After this manner therefore pray ye:
Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Mat 6:10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven.

Mat 6:11 Give us this day our daily bread.

Mat 6:12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Mat 6:13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Last week we heard about the awesome kingdom that is coming! Oh, yes; it is going to be an amazing incredible world when Jesus sets up His kingdom.

When Jesus taught his disciples, believers just like us who are saved, he taught us not to pray like the heathen and hypocrites do and then He gave us a model prayer to use as an example.

This model prayer is very short but is loaded with content that matters.

It is interesting to note that lost people; especially religious lost people generally spend a lot more time saying prayers than saved, real believers.

Believers communicate with God all day long in short back and forth communications; ideally with a lot of listening included. We are instructed in [1Thes. 5:17](#) to [Pray without ceasing](#).

In teaching us to pray, the Lord tells us to ask for the things we need; however, the Lord here reminds us that he already knows what we need. As a matter of fact and record, the Lord has already provided everything every believer will need and has done so from before the foundation of the world.

The truth be known, the fellowship of the conversation itself is of far greater value than the need of asking for things.

Knowing what to ask for is especially important; believers are guaranteed by the Lord that whatsoever we ask that is according to God's will shall be done.

1Jn 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

John 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

“In my name” does not mean just tacking “in Jesus name” at the end of a prayer, it means praying in the interest of or according to the will of Jesus.

If I have an account at Lowes and I authorize one of my employees to use that account; what he buys at Lowes in my name had better be for my job, not for his own use unless I specifically OK that.

Most of us are pretty excited about the prospect of the new kingdom; that makes the first phrase of our model prayer pretty easy to pray and mean it from the heart. It is that second phrase that is somewhat harder to mean from the heart.

Can you honestly and from your heart pray “thy will be done?”

Before you answer; maybe you ought to do a little research on what God’s will for us really is. I am not suggesting that you should not pray for it or desire it; I am just pointing out that:

- a. If you do pray for “thy will be done...”
- b. and God answers that prayer;
- c. Your life will be different as a result!

God would have each of us to be fully aware of His will and then still be able to pray “thy will be done”: [Eph 5:17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.](#)

The whole Bible, especially as the will of God comes to fruition with the coming of Christ in the New Testament; is God’s will revealed to man.

At the very top of God’s will you will find that:

I. It is God’s will that you be saved!

A. Do not doubt the will of God to save you from your sins!

1. Let’s get something straight here this morning; Satan is propagating his lies by spreading around the same type of misleading question today that he did in the Garden of Eden:

2. That question which I have heard repeated more times than I care to remember is: "How could a loving God send anybody to a place like hell?"
3. You had better get this straight; it was your sin that you chose and my sin that I chose that separated us from our loving God; not His arbitrary choice!
4. Hell and the lake of fire we learned all about last week is what we each and every one of us deserve.
5. Thankfully, God's love is bigger and stronger than our sin; so big that He himself took on human form and laid down His life on a Roman cross to pay our penalty of death for us! That ladies and gentlemen is a loving God; you don't get bigger love than that!

B. God has made His will to save clear to everyone; there will be no excuses accepted!

1. [Rom 1:20](#) For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

2. Once on the shore of the Sea of Galilee Jesus fed 5,000 hungry men plus the women and kids with a couple of fish and a few loaves

of barley bread and then took up 12 baskets full of leftovers.

3. Afterward Jesus and the 12 went across the lake to the other side. The next day, the men who saw all that food went looking for Jesus but not for the right reasons:

4. Joh 6:25 And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when camest thou hither?

Joh 6:26 Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.

Joh 6:27 Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

Joh 6:28 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?

Joh 6:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. [in other words, this miracle was that you might believe that I am Christ, not that we go in to the grocery business.]

Joh 6:30 They said therefore unto him, What sign showest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work?

Joh 6:31 Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.

Joh 6:32 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.

Joh 6:33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

Joh 6:34 Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.

Joh 6:35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

Joh 6:36 But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not.

Joh 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

Joh 6:38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

Joh 6:39 And **this is the Father's will** which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

Joh 6:40 And **this is the will of him that sent me**, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

5. God puts on a show for you with every sunrise; with every starry night, with every blade of grass; He came and performed miracles, sent prophets, and even here in these last days has made his Word as plentiful

as water and air by giving us the Bible which is provable that it is from God!

6. He has done more than reason could ever require to save you from your sins; from your bad choices; If you wind up in hell, it will be because you chose to go there!

C. It is not God's will that anyone be lost!

1. **John 3:16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

1. **2Pet 3:9** The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

2. **Mat 18:14** Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

For believers who pray “thy will be done”:

I. Some things in the lives of Christians will have to change as well. The Bible is so amazingly consistent: The model prayer reads: **Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.** In I Thess. 4, the topic is the rapture and the

setting up of the kingdom; and in chapter 5, the theme is, vs. 18: “the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”

A. Listed here are some things you may be doing that will have to stop:

1. **1Th 5:22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.**

Appearance is important; lost people are watching. If it looks wrong, don't do it. Just because you are free from sin and eternally secure that does not excuse the lack of setting a Godly example for others.

2. **1Th 5:19 Quench not the Spirit.**

1Th 5:20 Despise not prophesyings. Today this equates to: Don't push the Holy Spirit aside when He speaks to you and don't reject the preaching of the Word that Jesus sends to us every week.

3. **1Th 5:15 See that none render evil for evil unto any man;** We don't do retribution; we leave that to the Lord.

4. **1Th 4:3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:** The definition of this is clear and simple; fornication is having sex with someone you are not married to.

5. These are just a few examples of things that will stop when God's will is done; and this is by

no means an exhaustive list; but remember, the “don’t do wrong” list needs to be replaced by the “now do right” list!

B. When we pray “[thy will be done](#)”, there is an even greater list of changes that need to begin.

1. For those are sexually active, that next verse says: [1Th 4:4](#) That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor;

2. Gentlemen, the first step to possessing your vessel in honor is marriage! [Heb 13:4](#) Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

3. If you think getting married invites a lot of problems, just wait until God puts His foot down on you dishonoring your partner by living together without it!

4. A life of practicing honesty, integrity generosity, rejoicing, holy living and faith in our Lord to do what He promises every day that we live is meant to be simply routine living for every believer!

5. Here is something that will sound contradictory but is not; one of the most outstanding and utterly essential aspects of God’s will for his children is that we live together:

6. 1Th 5:8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for a helmet, the hope of salvation.
 1Th 5:9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,
 1Th 5:10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, **we should live together** with him.
 1Th 5:11 Wherefore **comfort yourselves together**, and edify one another, even as also ye do.
 1Th 5:12 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;
 1Th 5:13 And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. *And be at peace among yourselves.*

7. Over and over and over and over in the New Testament God tells us His will is that believers are to live together; not in the same house or as some communal group, but together in one body as the Church.

8. Look how these commands flow; [every time I read “together” say it aloud with me]:
 Eph 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us **together** with Christ, by (grace ye are saved;)
 Eph 2:6 And hath raised *us* up **together**, and made *us* sit **together** in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus:

Eph 2:21 In whom all the building fitly framed **together** groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord:

Eph 2:22 In whom ye also are builded **together** for a habitation of God through the Spirit.

Eph 4:16 From whom the whole body fitly joined **together** and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Col 2:19 ...holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit **together**, increaseth with the increase of God.

9. There are no Lone Rangers in God's will; people who know Jesus belong in God's house together!

III. Why is all this doing of God's will so important?

A. Aside from the obvious that these things bring glory to the Lord and they also improve our lives; they are commanded also because of what is coming.

1. Over and over lately, the Lord has instructed you through both your pastors that the life you are now living in the flesh is preparation for the Kingdom that is coming!

2. 1Pe 4:1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; 1Pe 4:2 That he no longer should live the rest of *his* time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

3. Vs.13 goes on to tell us: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

B. All of this is about something really big that God desires and intends to do:

1. Luk 12:32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

2. I can think of two categories that all real Christian believers alive fit in today:

a. There are those who are living their lives for the new Kingdom that is coming instead of living for the things of this life;

b. And there are those who will absolutely wish they had!

3. Rom 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are not worthy to be*

compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

In Conclusion:

Now as we close, let me share with you a priceless gem of understanding from the scriptures:

In Luke 12 when God tells us to seek first the kingdom of God; that He intends to give us the Kingdom; He follows with these words:

Luk 12:37 Blessed *are* those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.

Luk 12:38 And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find *them* so, blessed are those servants.

Luk 12:39 And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through.

Luk 12:40 Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not. [At this point Peter interrupts the Lord with a question.]

Luk 12:41 Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all?

Luk 12:42 And the Lord said, *Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?*

Luk 12:43 Blessed *is* that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

Luk 12:44 Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.

Luk 12:45 But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken;

Luk 12:46 The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for *him*, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him **his portion with the unbelievers.**

Luk 12:47 And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not *himself*, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many *stripes*.

Luk 12:48 But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few *stripes*. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

In this text of scripture we do not find the Lord's answer to Peter's question.

In the Bible, when you read of God speaking to men, He may be speaking to saved people; in which case what He says may not necessarily apply to everyone.

Sometimes He may be speaking to lost people in which case what He says, thank God, does not usually apply to the saved.

Peter understood this well; that is why he asked the question he did in verse 41.

On rare occasions what the Lord says applies to everyone; it is the context of the scripture that will tell you in which case the application fits.

In Mark's recollection of this same account of the teaching of our Lord we find the answer to Peter's question.

Mark 13:35 Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:

Mark 13:36 Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.

Mark 13:37 And what I say unto you **I say unto all, Watch.**

If Jesus is Lord of all, [and He certainly is] who then are these servants? That's right, both believers and unbelievers as well.

The portion of the unbeliever is the Lake of fire. There are no cool places in the lake of fire, but there are degrees of torment in hell.

You would think that men like Hitler and those getting rich running abortion clinics would occupy those hottest places as well they may.

I don't mean to try and scare you; but according to the Word of God; you who are

sitting under the sound of the gospel right here in a real Church where you could be taught everything you need to know to be saved; and yet count it as foolish or for whatever reason do not avail yourself of what Jesus did for you on that cross...you are in the greatest danger of all!

It is for you to choose; choose Jesus, serve Him faithfully and you will experience all the riches of glory for all eternity.

Reject His love for you; and you will simply experience for eternity all that you truly do deserve based on these standards [The Bible] not yours.

What will it be?