

Thy Will Be Done

Psa 40:6 Sacrifice and offering Thou didst not desire; Mine ears hast Thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast Thou not required. **7** Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book *it is* written of Me, **8 I delight to do Thy will, O My God:** yea, Thy law *is* within My heart.

Heb 10:5 Wherefore when He cometh into the world, He saith, Sacrifice and offering Thou wouldest not, but a body hast Thou prepared Me: **6** In burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin Thou hast had no pleasure.

Mat 26:39 And He went a little further, and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, **O My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me: nevertheless not as I will, but as Thou wilt.**

- If the Heir to the throne of grace bowed to the will of God, even when it meant suffering the most heinous torture that man has ever devised, for our sakes, to save us from an eternity of even worse torment, as is God's will, shouldn't we also do the same?

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

- As part of the disciples prayer, Jesus had them pray that the will of God be done on earth as in Heaven. Heaven is made up of righteous and holy beings and so it was/is to be that way on earth. The only way that would happen then would be for the kingdom (*church*) to be established on earth with those in it (*Christians*) emulating the righteousness of those beings in the presence of God. How was/is that supposed to be accomplished? Through God's will.

What is God's will (*Gk.2307- purpose: -pleasure*)?

#1. **That we are all saved.**

1Ti 2:3 For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; **4 Who will have all men (*Gk.444- human being*) to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.**

Joh 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on Him, **If ye continue in My word, then are ye My disciples indeed; 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**

- Not only does God want us to be saved, He wants us to be free from the "sin which doth so easily besets us" (*Heb 12:1*) through the knowledge of the truth. But even then, we are not puppets on His string. The choices we make still trump His as per His design.

Gal 4:9 But now, **after** that ye have known God, or rather are known of God*, how **turn ye again** to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?

Mat 7:23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity.

- The number one desire that God has for us, then, is to be saved. Being "known of God" isn't saying He had no knowledge of us before we were saved. We just weren't in that

sanctified relationship with Him. If we are not in that relationship with Him in the end, He will treat us as a young woman does an ex-boyfriend, as though they were never in that relationship in the first place. Without that relationship, the rest will not even be possible.

#2. That we remain set apart from the world.

2Pe 2:20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. 21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known *it*, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. 22 But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog *is* turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

Joh 17:17 Sanctify (*Gk.37- to make holy, that is, [ceremonially] purify or consecrate [Webster: set apart as holy; devote to sacred or serious use]*) them **through Thy truth: Thy word is truth.**

1Th 4:3 For this is the will of God, *even* your sanctification...

1Th 4:7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

Jas 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye **present your bodies** a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service. 2 And be **not conformed to this world**: but be ye transformed by the **renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, **will of God.**

- Renewing of the mind involves constant, daily Bible reading/study. Whatever our focus is on, is what we conforms us. Whether the television and all of its decadence or friends and their influences or the word of God. We all conform to something and it is obvious to others through our speech, attitude and behavior what that something is.

#3. That we always seek godly advice.

From His Word

Mat 4:4 But He answered and said, **It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.**

- Every answer to every problem in life's journey can be found in the Bible. The specifics are left up to us, but have to be based on the sound godly principles found in Holy Writ. But some will say "*those are only the words of men*".

2Pe 1:20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* **moved by the Holy Ghost.**

Joh 17:8 For **I have given unto them the words which Thou gavest Me**; and they have received *them*, and have known surely that I came out from Thee, and they have believed that Thou didst send Me.

Joh 17:20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall **believe on Me through their word**;

Gal 1:11 But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. 12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught *it*, **but by the revelation of Jesus Christ**.

From God Himself

Mat 6:8 Be not ye therefore like unto them (*the heathen*): for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask Him.

- Then why ask? We do our part by asking and only **then** will He do His part by hearing.

1Jn 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask any thing **according to His will** (*Gk.2307- purpose: -pleasure*), He heareth us: 15 And if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions (*Gk.155- a thing asked for*) that we desired (*Gk.154- to ask: -call for, crave, desire, require*) of Him.

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

- If God can give us the kingdom, surely it is in His power to give us things that are less.

Jas 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

- God will not chide us for seeking the wisdom from above (*3:17*) but there will be times we might question His delay in responding as did Paul. His answers are for our benefit, even if we might not think so at the time.

2Co 12:8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. 9 And He said unto me, **My grace is sufficient for thee: for My strength is made perfect in weakness**. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

From faithful, older and trustworthy wise brethren who love us.

Pro 12:15 The way of a fool *is* right in his own eyes: but he that hearkens unto counsel *is* wise.

- “I did it my way” is the battle cry of an old disgruntled malcontent. Some people, even brethren, are not content unless they have the last word or have to have things their way, even when passages are presented by knowledgeable brethren on whatever the given subject might be. It is an utter lack of humility on their part. Also, looking for advice from worldly inexperienced peers might make one popular among them, but that popularity will run out as the disappointments add up. Notice what made Rehoboam such a weak king.

1Ki 12:8 But he forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men that were grown up with him, *and* which stood before him:

1Ki 12:18 Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who *was* over the tribute; and all Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. Therefore king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem. 19 So Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day.

#4. That we are content with what we have.

Mat 6:19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: 21 For **where your treasure is, there will your heart** (*Gk.2588- the thoughts or feelings [mind]*) **be also.**

Heb 13:5 Let your conversation (*Gk.5158- character*) be **without covetousness** (*Gk.866- unavaricious [Webster: avarice- greed for money]*); and be **content with such things as ye have:** for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

1Ti 6:6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into *this* world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. 9 But they that will (*Gk.1014- be willing: -be disposed, minded, intend*) be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. 10 For the **love of money** (*Gk.5365- avarice*) is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have **erred from the faith**, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

- Not that we are not to work toward retirement or even that weekly or bi-weekly paycheck because we are to work to take care of our families and the necessities of life.

1Ti 5:8 But if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

- But lack of contentment shows lack of faith in being satisfied with what God has blessed us with. And if we're not satisfied or living within our means as God saw fit, our focus is always on things other than the gospel of Christ.

Pro 27:20 Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.

#5. That brethren get along.

1Co 1:10 Now I beseech (*Gk.3870- implore*) you, brethren, by the name (*Gk.3686- authority*) of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak (*Gk.3004- relate; by implication to mean*) the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you; but *that* ye be perfectly joined together (*Gk.2675- to complete thoroughly, that is, repair or adjust: -mend, restore*) in the same mind (*Gk.3563- the intellect*) and in the same judgment (*Gk.1106- cognition, that is, opinion, or resolve: -mind, purpose, will*).

1Co 6:7 Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather *suffer yourselves to be defrauded (Gk.650- deprived)*? 8 Nay, ye do wrong, and defraud, and that *your* brethren.

Rom 12:19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but *rather* give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance *is* Mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

Gal 5:13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but **by love serve one another**. 14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed (*Gk.355- to use up, that is, destroy*) one of another.

1Th 4:9 But as touching brotherly love (*Gk.5360- fraternal affection*) ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love (*Gk.25- agape*) one another. 10 And **indeed ye do it toward all the brethren** which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more; 11 And that ye study (*Gk.5389- strive*) to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you; 12 That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and *that* ye may have lack of nothing.

- Paul could have been writing this to the church in Mt. Holly Springs.

#6. That we take care of those who are less fortunate.

Mar 14:7 For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may (*Gk.1410- to be able or possible*) do them good: but Me ye have not always.

1Ti 5:16 If any man or woman that believeth have widows, let them relieve them, and let not the church be charged; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed.

Jas 4:17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth *it* not, to him it is sin.

#7. That we seek to save the lost.

Mat 10:16 Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

Mat 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power (*Gk.1849- authority*) is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. 19 **Go ye** therefore, and **teach all nations, baptizing** them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 **Teaching** them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

- There are other things that we could look at that pertain to God's will but these should suffice for now. We just need to be involved in His will for us and for those who are lost because, if for nothing less, of the sacrifice Jesus gave.

Heb 10:9 Then said He, Lo, I come **to do Thy will, O God**. He taketh away the first, that He may establish the second. **10 By the which will** we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*.

Hear: Romans 10:17 ..."faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Believe: Heb 11:6 ..."for he that commeth to God must believe that He is"...

Repent: Lk 13:3 ..."except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Confess: Mat 10:32 "Whosoever shall confess Me before men, him will I confess before My Father which is in Heaven."

Be baptized: Acts 22:16 "And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

Remain faithful: Rom 6:4 ..."even so we also should walk in newness of life."

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