

THE LORD'S MODEL PRAYER

"Thy Will be Done" (1)

Matthew 6:10

Intro: Will-desire, pleasure, or _____; "God, may Your wishes, desires, pleasures be fulfilled on this earth even as it is accomplished in Heaven"

- I. _____ Attitude and Pattern of Prayer concerning the Will of the Father:
- A. Garden of Gethsemane Mt 26:36-46; Mark 14:32-42; Luke 22:40-46
 - B. Jn 4:34 — **Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.**
 - C. Heb 10:7 — **Then I said, "Behold, I have come-- In the volume of the book it is written of Me-- To do Your will, O God."**
- II. Christ's other statements concerning the will of the Father
- A. Mt 7:21 — "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but **he who does the will of My Father in heaven.**
 - B. Mt 12:50 — **For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother.**" [Also Mk 3:35]
 - C. Jn 6:40 — **And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life;** and I will raise him up at the last day." [SALVATION]
 - D. Jn 7:17 — **If anyone wants to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority.** [DISCERNMENT]
- III. The Apostle _____ statements concerning the will of the Father
- A. Ro 12:2 — **And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.**
 - B. Eph 6:6 — **Not with eye service, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart,**
 - C. Col 1:9 — **For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;**
 - D. 1Th 4:3a — **For this is the will of God, your sanctification:**
 - E. 1Th 5:18 — **In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.**
- IV. Other NT Passages concerning the will of the Father
- A. Hebrews 13:20-21 **Now the God of peace,** that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, **21 Make you perfect in every good work to do his will,** working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.
 - B. 1 Peter 2:13-16 **Submit yourselves** to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; **14 Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. 15 For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: 16 As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.**
 - C. 1 Peter 4:1-2 **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; 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.**

- V. The _____ request of the Lord's Model Prayer: (Matt. 6:10-Thy will be done on earth as it is *done* in Heaven)
- A. When we pray, we are to pray in _____ with God's will. His will is to become our will. We are also praying for His will to _____ all over the earth, just as it does in heaven.
- B. Some professed believers see the request as the _____ of God's will—a divine dictator working out His sovereign, selfish will on His people. They pray out of a sense of _____, believing they cannot escape from the inevitable.
- C. Other believers, don't resent God's will. They view Him as their loving, caring Father who has only their best in mind. Yet they also are resigned to His will as the inevitable, unchangeable, and irresistible force in their lives, thus they think their prayers will not make a _____. They pray for His will to be done only because He has _____ them to do so.
- D. Too many believers have weak prayer lives because they don't believe their prayers _____ anything. Cf. Acts 12
- E. Prayer is not a empty duty to be performed for the sake of obedience _____.
1. To pray with this attitude is no different from the hypocritical Pharisees who prayed for show.
 2. We must pray in faith, believing that our prayers _____ make a difference to God.
 3. Jesus told the disciples the Parable of the Importunate Widow—"to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose _____" (Luke 18:1).
- F. Asking, "Thy will be done on earth," indicates that God's will is _____ always done on earth. 2 Peter 2:9
1. We pray, "Hallowed be Thy name," yet God's name is infrequently hallowed on earth.
 2. We ask for His kingdom to come, yet there are many who _____ His reign.
 3. Lack of faith-believing prayer, (that we pray for and believe in His will being best for everything and everyone on earth), _____ God's will from being accomplished on earth.
 4. God is sovereign, but He gives us _____. And it is in His sovereignty that He commands us to pray, "Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" (Matt. 6:10).