

INTRODUCTION

Subjection or submission is

- understanding your place as under someone else, and being ready to come, go, and do as that person says
- being ready to obey those in authority over you
- instead of being afraid of what will happen, trusting God to bless you as you obey Him
- instead of proudly lusting after the things of this world, humbling yourself in the sight of God

In the case of a Christian wife, subjection or submission can be seen in Sarah, as she

- obeyed her husband Abraham, and
- called him “lord”

In the gathering of the church for worship, our verses in 1 Timothy chapter 2 specifically say that for a woman to be in all subjection or submission involves

- not seeking to be in authority over men in the church, neither by trying to have an official authority, nor by trying to exert authority by the function of preaching and teaching
- instead, rejoicing in the privilege of learning in silence as one of the men preaches and teaches

So much we considered last time. Now we have the information or data we need from the scriptures to know what it is to be in all subjection or submission. But knowing what is right, knowing our duty, is only part of what we need! Now we also have to obey! Consistently being in subjection or submission to those God has placed over us in authority is much easier said than done!

So, near the end of last week’s sermon, I offered you these ways to seek to be in all subjection or submission:

- Humble yourself before God
- Embrace rather than reject the humiliation of being in subjection or submission
- Look not to feminist women of the present for your model, but to holy, submissive women of the past
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to work inside you, helping you
- Look to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, as He powerfully and perfectly practiced subjection or submission

That's where we take up today, seeking to practice the subjection or submission our Lord Jesus commands us, His disciples, by looking to His perfect example set for us as He subjected Himself as a man to God Father in giving Himself for our salvation. As we look to Him, our Lord and Savior, to see the perfect example, we hear Him speak of subjection or submission in terms of the man not acting according to his own human will, but seeking to act according to the divine will, the will of God.

TEXT

1 Timothy 2:11-12

BODY

You remember that the centurion expressed subjection or submission in terms of those under his authority. If he told one of them, "Go," he would go. If he told one of them, "Come," he would come. If he said to his servant, "Do this," the servant would do it. Remember, also, that the Lord Jesus spoke very highly of that man's faith.

That practice of coming, going, and doing at the order of one over Him is how our Lord Jesus Christ conceives of His being in subjection or submission to God the Father. He speaks of men, including Himself, doing not our own human will, but the will of God. He embraces the phrase "Thy will" or "Your will," to speak of subjecting ourselves to God.

I. See That He Came Here to Earth to Do the Will of God As a Man

- A. Hebrews 10:4-12 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins. (5) Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "SACRIFICE AND OFFERING YOU DID NOT DESIRE, BUT A BODY YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR ME. (6) IN BURNT OFFERINGS AND SACRIFICES FOR SIN YOU HAD NO PLEASURE. (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.**' " (8) Previously saying, "SACRIFICE AND OFFERING, BURNT OFFERINGS, AND OFFERINGS FOR SIN YOU DID NOT DESIRE, NOR HAD PLEASURE IN THEM" (which are offered according to the law), (9) then He said, "BEHOLD, **I HAVE COME TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD.**" He takes away the first that He may establish the second. (10) By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. (11) And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. (12) But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God,
- B. The one true and living God is three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

- C. The Son of God came down here to us, by taking on human nature, becoming a man, to do the will of God as a man
1. He is still God the Son; He did not cease to be what He always has been
 2. but He now is God and man in one person, both divine and human
 3. a human being has his own human will, which is a different thing from the divine will of God; that includes Jesus
 - a) He is not God in a human shell
 - b) He truly has a complete human nature, including a human will, distinct from the divine will
- D. It has been the will of God always for Christ to give His own body as a sacrifice for us sins, to take away the guilt of our sins forever
1. it was God's will first to show, by the Old Covenant system of animal sacrifices repeated over and over, that the blood of animals could never truly take away sins for us sinners
 2. it was God's will then to send, in the New Covenant, Christ, to give Himself, to offer His own blood as a sacrifice, which blood can truly take away sins for us sinners
- E. For Christ to offer His own body as a sacrifice for us sinners, to take away our sins, was the will of God always, from all eternity; but it was not the will of man
1. for one thing, a man's will does not exist until he is conceived
 2. and it is native to the human's will to preserve his own life, not to give it up
 3. even if there is something natural in a man's will that he might give up his life for someone else, it would be for some good person, or someone family member or friend
 4. but it was the divine will for Christ to give His own life, His own body, His own blood, for those who were still sinners; for those who betrayed Him; for those who hated Him; for those who killed Him;
 5. it was also the will of God that Christ's giving of His life for those who hated Him would be by a long, painful, shameful, torturous ordeal; it is not native to the human will to submit to that willingly
 6. then, it was also the will of God that when Christ was giving His life for us sinners, He would take our guilt upon Himself, becoming the curse for us, and making Himself, for our sakes, a subject of the wrath of God, which wrath of God would be poured out on Him; He would drink the cup of God's fury Himself for our sakes; He, who all His life enjoyed only favor from God, would feel the suffering of those who have to face God's wrath with nothing to cover them; it most definitely is not natural to the human will to suffer the wrath of God
 7. so, for Jesus Christ willingly to give His own body on the cross, His human will had to be subjected to the divine will, the will of God

- F. And, indeed, Jesus Christ did willingly offer His own body on the cross, one sacrifice for sins forever, to sanctify us sinners

Jesus came here to earth to do the will of God as a man; and although it was not natural to His human will, He did the will of God

If we would be in subjection to the will of God; and if we would be in submission to those whom God has placed over us in this life; if the women of the church would learn in all subjection or submission

II. See How Our Lord Jesus Taught Us and Showed Us to Pray for God's Help in Doing His Will Instead of Our Will

A. He knows this is what the Bible says to do

1. Psalm 143:10 Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.
2. I take it that since the Psalms say this, and the Lord Jesus then says the same thing, that He has learned it from the scriptures
3. see the simple prayer for God's help in doing His will
 - a) for You are my God
 - b) Your Spirit is good, to lead me
4. note that David is praying this when there are enemies seeking to harm him, even to kill him

B. He teaches us, His disciples to do this

1. Matthew 6:9-10 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. (10) Thy kingdom come. **Thy will be done** in earth, as it is in heaven.

C. He Himself made this prayer

1. Luke 22:41-42 And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed, (42) saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."
2. it was agonizing to Him, what He was facing in doing the will of God; it was difficult even for Him, to subject His human will to the will of God; He knew it was right, it was His duty; but it was still excruciatingly difficult;
3. What did He do? He kept praying, and prayed more earnestly Luke 22:44 And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

D. God the Father, by the help of angels sent to Him, and by the work of the Holy Spirit in Him, granted what He prayed for: by His human will, willingly He subjected Himself to the will of God, and gave His own body a sacrifice for us

CONCLUSION

So, then, my dear sisters in Christ, as you seek to do the will of God in learning in silence with all subjection or submission, look to our wonderful Lord Jesus Christ for your instruction, both His words and His actions. Pray for God to help you submit your will to His. If it is difficult, pray the more earnestly! And trust that Christ, who prayed that same prayer, and who taught you to pray it, will send you the help you need.

And let it be that all of us, when we must submit ourselves to those whom God has placed over us, pray, “Thy will be done,” and keep praying that prayer until it is answered with help from above, that we may do the will of God as also our Lord Jesus has done.

Roel - Call to Worship and Opening Prayer - Psalm 143:8-10

Thad - Scripture Reading - Luke 22:39-46

Jeff - Congregational Prayer

Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21

Anna - Prelude

Anna - Trinity 402 “Amazing Grace”

Rita - Trinity 413 “O Thou That Hear’st” (Psalm 51)

Allison - Trinity 579 “Be Still My Soul”

Matthew 26:42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

- I. He Taught Us to Pray, “Thy Will Be Done”
- II. He Himself Prayed, “Thy Will Be Done”
- III. He Was in All Subjection to the Will of the Father
- IV. By His Submitting to the Will of God the Father, We Are Saved (Hebrews 10:10)

see Watson Body of Divinity on third petition of Lord’s Prayer to confirm that “Thy will be done” is an expression of submission