

## THY WILL BE DONE

Matt. 6: 5-13

### INTRODUCTION:

- A. For consideration today look at one of the petitions in the prayer Jesus gave as a model to his disciples; "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."
- B. Isn't it wonderful to think about what this world would be like if everyone did God's will on earth as it is done in heaven.
- C. Suppose every responsible person believed in Christ and obeyed teaching of passages such as Acts 16:31; Rom 10:17; Acts 2:38; Rom 10:9,10; Mk 16:16; And went on to obey passages such as Matt 7:21; 1Cor 1:10-13; Heb 10:25. There would be no crime, no war, no broken homes, no drunkards, no strife between employers and employees. no starvation. no worry, etc.
- D. Everything does the will of God except man. God's will is done in nature: seasons, fields, flowers, "trees, sun, moon, stars, rain, snow, etc. His will is done in animal creation
- E. Only man, God's highest order of earthly creation refuses to bow in submission to God's will for him. Man has brought upon the earth all its ills, by rebellion to God's will
- F. There is only one remedy: man must say: "Thy will be done on earth. as it is in heaven." He must not only say these words, he must say them from the heart, mean them and live by them.
- G. Notice three areas in which we must maintain this attitude of: "Thy will be done. "

### DISCUSSION:

#### I. MUST BE MY ATTITUDE TOWARD MY OWN LIFE

- A. It is fundamental to knowing God's teaching Jhn 7:16,17 2Thess 2:10-12
- B. It is fundamental to entrance into Christ's kingdom Matt 7:21
  1. At the very threshold of the kingdom one must lay aside his own will; no others are inside
  2. None converted that do not truly say: "Thy will be done. "
  3. One who complains about baptism can't get in
  4. No one can get in who, having learned that God says "buried in baptism," holds out for sprinkling
  5. None in who, having learned that Jesus built His church, yet holds out for a choice of churches.
  6. None in who complains about attending worship
- C. It is fundamental to being Christ like (Christian)
  1. Christ came to do God's will Heb 10:7; Jhn 4:34 ,
  2. Remember Jesus' prayer in garden Matt 26:39,42

3. It was God's will that Jesus endure the grief and sorrow, such that man cannot comprehend, sufficient to atone for our sins, to meet the demands of justice, and Jesus endured this because it was God's will.

4. We must manifest this same attitude to be Christ like

#### II. MUST BE ATTITUDE TOWARD LIFE'S EXPERIENCES

- A. The Bible replete with examples of acceptance of God's will in life's experiences
  1. Eli dealing with Samuel in 1Sam 3:15-18
  2. Job in dealing with misfortunes Job 1: 21,22
  3. Christians at Caesarea responding to Paul Acts 21:13,14
- B. We can accept his will, for he has given divine assurance that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord Rom 8:28
  1. Does not mean that everything that happens is good
  2. God can use what happens to bring about good
  3. Primarily refers to all of what God has done is for our good

#### III. MUST BE MY ATTITUDE AS I PRAY FOR OTHERS

- A. I must not only pray that God's will may be done in the lives of others. I must labor to bring others to submission to His will
  1. Pray that others be filled with knowledge of His will Col 1:9
  2. Pray for laborers for the harvest Lk 10:2
  3. Pray one for another Jas 5:16
- B. Must be true as I work with those in my own home; with my neighbors, and in preaching the gospel throughout the world. Matt 28:18-20; Mk 16:15-16

### CONCLUSION:

- A. Are we willing to say, "Thy will be done" and accept it as it is done? Jas 4:14,15
- B. We learn His will by studying and teaching His word 1Tim 4:12-16
- C. God wants us to accept and obey His will, because He is not willing that any should perish. 2Pet 3:9
- D. Therefore. His will is for you and me to be saved.
- E. Will His will be done in your life? Only if you allow it to be.