

"THY WILL BE DONE"

Matthew 6:10

Introduction: A seminary student was asked on a questionnaire where he would like to locate upon graduation. In reply he wrote, "anywhere the Lord leads - in Georgia."

We must understand the nature of God's will and an important step in understanding God's will is to realize that God's Will incorporates every moment of our lives, not just parts of it. So often we hear people trying to comfort others at funerals..."it was God's will, we must accept it, we don't understand it, God knows best..." Those words will bring little comfort and only questions UNLESS God's will has been understood and accepted in every other parts of life as well.

God sees life from its beginning to its finality and can do that which is best for us in the total picture. We fail to see the whole picture and that is why we fear to turn it all over to God.

Parents give advice to their children, "get that high school diploma., etc" why? They were in on the start of life for their children and have lived long enough to be able to see a lot of life. Thus it is so with our Father.

To pray for God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven is:

I. A CONFESSION THAT WE HAVE DEPARTED FROM GOD'S WILL

1. To be honest with God and ourselves, we must admit that we have gone our own way in our conversation, conduct, choices in life and in our own careers.
2. This petition acknowledges that our failures are the result of ignoring God's will.
3. To ask this petition is to acknowledge that we alone are responsible for the mess the world is in.

II. GOD HAS A WILL FOR THIS EARTH

1. God created this world and it is still important to Him. All exists only by His will.
2. God's will is obeyed in heaven without question.
 - There is no sin, no temptation, no weariness, no rebellious will, all obedience is free, instantaneous and happy.
3. The pattern of obedience in heaven is to be followed here. Jesus promised ABUNDANT life and it comes to those who have learned to do God's will as it is done in heaven.
4. Jesus taught to seek first the things of heaven. Our first concern is God's will, God's way, God's work, everything else in our lives will fall into its proper place and bring complete satisfaction.

III. THE DESIRE BEHIND THE PETITION

1. To ask for God's will to be done on earth as it is done in heaven is to ask God for help in adjusting our attitudes, to bring our warped thinking in line with God's mind.

2. To ask for Gods' will to be done is to ask for everything in our lives to be exactly what God wants to happen.

CONCLUSION:

1. God's will is done constantly in heaven without failure.
2. The heavenly host does God's will out of loyalty, humbly, joyfully, instantly.
3. If you would experience some of the joy the angels experience, we need to pray for and all to happen within our own private lives, God' will.
4. Are you willing to pray for this to happen right now?