

## “Thy Will Be Done” Mark 14:32-36

Longer passages are not quoted in the study sheet, but they can be read in the accompanying transcript.

At the \_\_\_\_\_ moment of His life, the Lord Jesus said, “Thy Will Be Done.” We want to be able to say “Thy Will Be Done” in our \_\_\_\_\_ lives. God’s Word always gives us the \_\_\_\_\_ that we need to know the truth and to draw close to God.

A necessary \_\_\_\_\_ of life is that God is God, and we’re not; we’re human. God \_\_\_\_\_ our lives, and we should live according to His \_\_\_\_\_. When the Lord Jesus came into this world, He understood He was here to \_\_\_\_\_ the will of His Father in heaven. We too must do His will. Every facet of our lives \_\_\_\_\_ to God our Father, and the problems of this life arise when men ignore His will. We must \_\_\_\_\_ to pray, to speak, and to live a life that proclaims, “Thy will be done.”

When Jesus taught His disciples to \_\_\_\_\_ in the Sermon on the Mount, He said, “Pray, then, in this way: “Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your \_\_\_\_\_ be done on earth as it is in heaven” (Matthew 6:9-10). What if the will of God were done on \_\_\_\_\_ like it is in heaven? What if people were willing to set their \_\_\_\_\_ aside and to give their lives to the will of God? What if all the \_\_\_\_\_ in this world vanished and people set their hearts on righteousness?

So many problems in life come at the expense of people doing their \_\_\_\_\_ will and ignoring the will of the Father. The selfishness, the greed, the lust, and the pride of our time have \_\_\_\_\_ our lives, our homes, and our society untold pain and ruin. We desperately \_\_\_\_\_ God’s will in our lives. “Thy will be done” is not only a prayer; it’s a \_\_\_\_\_ of life.

### **Our reading today comes from the Gospel According to Mark 14:32-36.**

“Thy will be done.” Jesus must have \_\_\_\_\_ it both difficult and yet fulfilling to pray that the Father’s will be done. While Jesus hated the thought of a scourging and an agonizing death, He knew it was necessary to fulfill His \_\_\_\_\_ in life. While He hated the thought of bearing the punishment for the sins of the world, He loved the world and wanted it to be saved from \_\_\_\_\_.

The Bible presents a number of paradoxes about the Lord on the \_\_\_\_\_. A paradox is a situation that seems to be absurd or contradictory, and yet is in fact \_\_\_\_\_. For instance, the Bible says, “For our sake he made him to be sin who \_\_\_\_\_ no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Corinthians 5:21). Or 1 Peter 2:24 says, “He himself \_\_\_\_\_ our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. For by his \_\_\_\_\_ you have been healed.” The Holy Lord Jesus bore our sins at the cross so that we could \_\_\_\_\_ holy.

Hebrews 12:2 says that the Lord Jesus, “for the \_\_\_\_\_ that was set before him endured the cross, despising the \_\_\_\_\_, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.” He despised the pain and the shame but He loved the \_\_\_\_\_ of what He did on the cross. He looked to the joy that was set before Him, the joy of men \_\_\_\_\_ forgiveness in His sacrifice. He didn’t want

to die, but His desire for our eternal salvation was \_\_\_\_\_ than His desire to live in the flesh. He rejoiced in the eternal, not the temporary, and He was glad to do the Father's will.

Doing the Father's will was not a \_\_\_\_\_ concept or behavior to Jesus. From the time that He was \_\_\_\_\_, He realized that He had come into this world to do the Father's will. At age 12, Jesus was in the \_\_\_\_\_ doing His Father's business. When the devil tempted Him at age 30, Jesus said, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you \_\_\_\_\_'" (Matthew 4:10).

In John 4, Jesus passed through Samaria. Stopping at a \_\_\_\_\_ near the town of Sychar, Jesus sent his disciples into town for some food while He rested. At the well Jesus had a remarkable \_\_\_\_\_ with a woman who had been married five times and was living with a man. When she learned that Jesus was the Messiah, she ran into town and \_\_\_\_\_ all the men of the town. The disciples began to \_\_\_\_\_ with the food that He had sent them for.

John 4:31-34 says: "Meanwhile the disciples were urging Him, 'Rabbi, \_\_\_\_\_.' But He said to them, 'I have food to eat that you don't know about.' So the disciples were saying to one another, 'No one brought Him anything to eat, did he?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the \_\_\_\_\_ of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His \_\_\_\_\_.'" The Lord Jesus lived to do the will of His Father in heaven.

Jesus explained, "I can do nothing on My \_\_\_\_\_ initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not \_\_\_\_\_ My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me" (John 5:30). Jesus regarded the will of the Father as the perfect \_\_\_\_\_ of right and wrong. He didn't want to \_\_\_\_\_ from His Father's will in any way, and so He listened to His Father. He made judgments of right and wrong only as the will of the Father instructed. He did not \_\_\_\_\_ on His own initiative.

In Jesus' heart and in His mind, keeping the will of the Father was how He remained in a \_\_\_\_\_ relationship with His Father. The Lord said to His disciples on the night before He died, "Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. If you \_\_\_\_\_ My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have \_\_\_\_\_ My Father's commandments and abide in His love" (John 15:9-10). Abiding in the Father's will was an \_\_\_\_\_ of love and devotion. Keeping the Lord's commandments is how we demonstrate our love to the Lord and remain in His love. First John 2:3-5 says, "By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we \_\_\_\_\_ His commandments. The one who says, 'I've come to know Him,' and doesn't keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected." Our love for God moves us to be obedient to His will and to keep His commandments.

When Jesus was told that His family was outside the house and had come to speak to Him, Jesus asked, "'Who is My mother and who are My brothers?' And stretching out His hand toward His disciples, He said, 'Behold My mother and My brothers! For whoever \_\_\_\_\_ the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother'" (Matthew 12:48-50). Jesus claimed a close kinship to anyone who does the \_\_\_\_\_ of His Father in heaven. He wants to be close to us, too.

On the other hand, Jesus, when He finished the Sermon on the Mount said, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the \_\_\_\_\_ of My

Father who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, didn’t we prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you who practice lawlessness’” (Matthew 7:21-23).

The Lord knew people would \_\_\_\_\_ to have a close relationship with Him, while they lived lawlessly. They wanted the blessing of Christianity, but didn’t \_\_\_\_\_ to the will of the Father in heaven. The Lord Jesus never knew them. He never had a relationship with them. They never belonged to Him because they lived life on their own lawless terms and would not \_\_\_\_\_ the will of the Father. You can’t live by your own will and expect to \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord.

You can’t draw close to God while you turn your back on what the Father \_\_\_\_\_. You obey God by obeying what He teaches, not by \_\_\_\_\_ that you love Him while living the way you desire. A person who lives in lawlessness says to the Lord, “Not Your will be done, but \_\_\_\_\_.” He lives by his own \_\_\_\_\_ and he ignores God’s \_\_\_\_\_. He hasn’t set his \_\_\_\_\_ on the Father’s will but on pleasing himself.

A person who plays by his own will thinks he’s an \_\_\_\_\_. He thinks his sins aren’t as \_\_\_\_\_ as other people’s sins. He does as he pleases and he \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord will still consider that as obedience. He counts on his own \_\_\_\_\_, not on God’s will, to assure him of a place in heaven. The Lord’s rejection is going to \_\_\_\_\_ him.

We should \_\_\_\_\_ to follow the will of the Lord. It’s not only going to bless \_\_\_\_\_ when we do that, but it will also bless \_\_\_\_\_ around us. The Bible says, “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may \_\_\_\_\_ what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect” (Romans 12:2). Doing God’s will shows everybody the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord’s way! It’s a good way and an acceptable way and the perfect way.

Jesus taught us to \_\_\_\_\_, “Thy will be done.” Have you thought about how radically different and better our world would be if people \_\_\_\_\_ did the will of God? God’s will for our lives is no \_\_\_\_\_ matter. If people did God’s will, crime would disappear, the moral climate of this country would drastically change, and people would be more loving and less selfish. We’d keep the golden \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus taught, “In everything, therefore, treat people the \_\_\_\_\_ way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets” (Matthew 7:12).

If we did God’s will on earth, as it is in heaven, God’s Word would have a \_\_\_\_\_ of priority in our lives and decisions. We’d be asking the \_\_\_\_\_, “What does God’s Word have to say about this matter or that matter?” We’d realize that the God who \_\_\_\_\_ us knows us better than we know ourselves and He \_\_\_\_\_ us in His Word, the Bible, what is best. We’d make our life \_\_\_\_\_ and we’d think of right and wrong on the basis of God’s teaching, not our opinions or even our culture.

If we did God’s will on earth, we’d begin to \_\_\_\_\_ as a people again. We’d realize that nothing \_\_\_\_\_ can happen without God’s blessing and favor. We’d seek His face. What does that mean, to “seek His face”? It means that we’d look to God for \_\_\_\_\_ and for the answers of life. When Solomon became king, he asked God for \_\_\_\_\_ to know how to lead the people of Israel. He

worried about what might happen if Israel forsook the Lord and faced famine or were defeated in battle. Solomon asked God to be willing to \_\_\_\_\_ His people.

The Lord God answered Solomon's prayer with this promise, "If...My people who are called by My name \_\_\_\_\_ themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:13-14). God wants to draw \_\_\_\_\_ to His people, and when His people in humble hearts, turn from their wicked ways, and pray to Him, God will hear their prayers and He will heal them.

If God's will were truly done on earth, we'd stop \_\_\_\_\_ God's name being taken in vain and we'd stop hearing all the filthy talk. Ephesians 4:29 says, "Let no unwholesome \_\_\_\_\_ proceed from your mouth, but only such *a word* as is good for edification according to the need of *the moment*, so that it will give grace to those who hear." I tell you, words are \_\_\_\_\_; and our speech should be gracious, seasoned with salt, as we ought to speak.

If God's will were done on earth, we'd set our hearts on things that \_\_\_\_\_ rather than concentrate on things that \_\_\_\_\_. The Bible says, "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" (Philippians 4:8). What we think about shapes our \_\_\_\_\_. When our minds concentrate on the good, we see good all around us; and we become \_\_\_\_\_ people. If we think about the evil, it won't be long before we \_\_\_\_\_ evil people. The Bible says, "Do not be deceived: 'Bad company \_\_\_\_\_ good morals'" (1 Corinthians 15:33). When what is bad fills our \_\_\_\_\_, then evil begins to fill our \_\_\_\_\_.

If God's will were done on earth, we'd think more about the Lord and about heaven. **Read what the Bible says in Colossians 3:1-4.**

What are you going to do with your life? Does your life \_\_\_\_\_ that the will of God is good and acceptable and perfect? My friend, are you doing the will of the Father?

The Lord Jesus told Nicodemus unless he was born of water and the Spirit, he could not \_\_\_\_\_ the kingdom of God (John 3:5). Jesus was emphatic about it and He said, "Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You \_\_\_\_\_ be born again.'" Some people think when it comes to salvation and life that the will of God is \_\_\_\_\_ and doesn't matter, but nothing could be farther from the truth.

**Read what the apostle John wrote in John 1:11-13.** You cannot be saved by substituting some \_\_\_\_\_ plan for God's will. We have to realize that necessary lesson of life: that God is God, and we are human. We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ or overrule the will of God. If we are saved by God's \_\_\_\_\_, it will only be by His will. To do His will we must \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the New Testament.

What is the will of God for us to do to be \_\_\_\_\_? Upon hearing the gospel of Jesus, we must \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. We must \_\_\_\_\_ of our sins and turn to righteousness. We must be willing to \_\_\_\_\_ our faith in Christ and be \_\_\_\_\_. Baptism is that new \_\_\_\_\_ in water and the Spirit. The Bible teaches that we must be born again. Baptism is an immersion in water in the name of Jesus Christ so that our sins will be \_\_\_\_\_. When we're baptized, God washes away our sins (Acts 22:16). That old man of sin dies, and we're born again to walk in newness of life (Romans 6:4). I pray that you will do the will of God today.