

Thy Will Be Done

At the hardest _____ of His life, the Lord Jesus said, “Thy Will Be Done.” We want to say “Thy Will Be Done” in our _____ too. We’re here to search God’s Word for the Lord’s Way to salvation and to _____ the Christian life. God’s Word always gives us the _____ that we need to know the truth and to draw close to God.

One lesson we must _____ is that God is God, and we are human. God _____ our lives, and we should live according to His will. When the Lord Jesus came into this world He _____. He was here to do the will of His Father in heaven. We too must do His will. Every facet of our lives _____ to God our Father. Troubles and evils arise when people _____ His will. We must learn to _____ and to live a life that proclaims, “Thy will be done.”

When Jesus taught His disciples to pray 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 will be done on _____ as it is in _____’” (Matthew 6:9-10). What if the will of God were done on earth like it is in heaven? What if people were _____ to set their sins aside and give their lives to the will of God? What if we all stopped setting our hearts on _____ and started setting our hearts on righteousness?

Struggles and problems come at the expense of people doing their _____ will and ignoring the will of the Father. The selfishness, the greed, the lust, and the arrogant pride of our time cause our lives, our homes, and our society untold _____ 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, and Jesus is on His way to the cross, but first He goes to the Garden of Gethsemane, to spend hours in prayer.

Let’s pray together. “Heavenly Father, we pray that we may do Your will always, that whatever the cost we may be willing to give up ourselves and to follow You, to take up our cross. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.”

“Thy will be done.” Jesus must have found it both difficult and yet fulfilling to _____ that the Father’s will be done. While Jesus hated the thought of a scourging and an agonizing death, He knew that 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 _____ from sin.

The Bible presents a number of paradoxes about the Lord on the _____. A paradox is a situation that seems to be absurd or contradictory, in yet it is in fact _____. For instance, the Bible says, “For our sake he made him [that is, Jesus] 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, which says “He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree [the cross], that we might _____ to sin and live to righteousness. For by his wounds you have been healed.” The holy Lord Jesus bore our sins at the cross so that we could become _____.

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.” Yes, He despised the pain and the shame but He loved the _____ of what He did on the cross. He looked to the joy set before Him, the joy of people finding _____ 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 _____ not the temporary, and He was glad to do the Father’s will.

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

In John, chapter 4, Jesus passed through Samaria. Stopping at a _____ near the town of Sychar, Jesus sent his disciples into town for some _____ while He rested. At the well Jesus had a remarkable conversation with a woman who had been married five times and was living with a man. When she learned Jesus was the Messiah, she _____ into town and told all the men of the town and the disciples returned with the food.

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

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

In Jesus' heart and 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; _____ 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 _____ 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 _____, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps His word, in him the _____ of God has truly been perfected." Our love for God _____ us to be obedient to His will and to keep His commandments.

When Jesus was told that family was outside and had come to speak to Him, the Lord Jesus asked, "'Who is My mother and who are My brothers?' And stretching out His hand toward His _____, 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 _____ to anyone who does the will of His Father in heaven, and He wants to be close to us.

On the other hand, Jesus finished the Sermon on the Mount with these words, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who _____ the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. Many will _____ to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not 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 _____ knew you; depart from me, you who practice lawlessness'" (Matthew 7:21-23).

The Lord knew people would _____ to have a relationship with Him, while they lived lawlessly. They wanted the blessing of Christianity but they 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 _____ 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 _____ you love Him while living the way that you desire. A person who lives in lawlessness says to the Lord, "Not Your will be done but _____." He lives by his own _____ and ignores God's law. He hasn't set his _____ on the Father's will but on pleasing himself.

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

We should strive to _____ the will of the Lord. It will not only bless us, it will _____ bless everyone around us. The Bible says, "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your _____, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect" (Romans 12:2). Doing God's will shows everyone the _____ of the Lord's way! It is good and acceptable and perfect.

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 small 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 _____ the golden rule. The Lord Jesus taught that "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 place of _____ in our lives and decisions. We'd be asking the question, "What does God's Word have to _____ about this matter or that?" We'd realize that the God who created us knows us better than we know ourselves and teaches us what is _____. We'd make our life choices and think of right and wrong on the basis of God's _____ not our opinions or our culture.

If we did God's will on earth, we'd begin to pray 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, "seek His face"? It means we'd look to God for help and for the _____ 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 _____ the Lord and faced famine and were defeated in battle. Solomon asked God to be willing to _____ His people.

The Lord God answered Solomon's prayer with this _____ found in 2 Chronicles 7:13-14, "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 _____ from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land." God wants to draw close to His people, when they pray to Him with humble hearts, turning from wickedness, and then God will hear and heal them.

If God's will were truly done on earth, we'd stop _____ God's name being taken in vain and in filthy talk. Ephesians 4:29 says, "Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is _____ for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear." Words are important; and our speech would 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 corrupt. 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's anything worthy of praise, _____ 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. The Bible says, “Do not be deceived: ‘Bad company ruins good morals’” (1 Corinthians 15:33). When what is bad fills our minds, evil fills our lives.

If God’s will were done on earth, we’d think more about the Lord and about _____. The Bible says, “If then you have been raised with Christ, _____ the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your _____ on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is _____ with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in _____” (Colossians 3:1-4).

Where are you going with your life? Does your life _____ that the will of God is good and acceptable and perfect? Are you doing the will of the Father? Are you living in such a way that by your words, by your deeds, by your attitudes, you are a _____. Or are you a hurt to those who are around you? Doing the will of God is not simply something that we do to _____ God, it also makes this world so much better. Oh, we ought to all say, “Thy will be done.”

Let us pray. “Father, we’re thankful for the example of Jesus who did Your will, by dying upon the cross for our sines. Help us Father to deny ourselves, to take up our crosses and to follow You. This is our prayer in the name of Jesus, Amen.”

The Lord Jesus told Nicodemus unless he was _____ of water and the Spirit, he could not enter the kingdom of God (John 3:5). Jesus was emphatic and said in verse seven, “Do not be amazed that I said to you, ‘that you _____ be born again.’” Some think the will of God is flexible and doesn’t matter, but nothing could be farther from the truth.

John wrote, “Jesus came to His own, and those who were His own did not _____ Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the _____ to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, who were _____, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God” (John 1:11-13). You can’t be saved by substituting some human _____ for God’s will. God is God, and we are human. We can’t edit or overrule the will of God. If we are saved by God’s _____, it will only be by His will. To know His will we _____ read and study the New Testament.

What does God will for us to do to be _____? Upon hearing the gospel of Jesus, we must _____ Jesus is the Christ the Son of the living God. We must _____ of our sins and turn to righteousness. We must be willing to confess our faith in Christ Jesus and to 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 forgiven. When we are baptized, God washes away our sins (Acts 22:16). I pray that you, today, will do the will of God.

We do ask that you focus your heart on God by worshiping at church. Everyone needs a church family. There’s probably a church of Christ that’s near you. If you’re looking for a healthy, Biblical church home, we’ll gladly help you find one.