

BIBLICAL TEACHINGS

"THY WILL BE DONE"

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In the Christian world of “name it and claim it”, or “whatever you ask the Lord to do, He will do it”, or “command it to be so. And it will be so”. I think that we owe it to ourselves, and to others to really understand and know what the scriptures mean in regard to this subject.

Did Jesus really literally mean that whatever we wanted when we pray, to just ask, and He will give it to us? Did He really give us a blank check so that we could fulfill the desires of our hearts? For instance, in the gospel of Luke 11 as we read beyond the format for prayer, we hear Jesus speaking of asking, seeking and knocking. And in all of that He comes to the heart of what the heart of the Father is for us and what He desires that we ask, seek and knock for, and that is the **Holy Spirit!** Now let’s go back to the beginning of the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter of Luke. When Jesus ceased from praying, one of the disciples came to Him and said, Lord, teach us to pray just like John taught his disciples to pray. And Jesus began by saying, “when ye pray say, our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth”. You see, many have focused on that part only: ‘Thy will be done, as in heaven so in earth’ and have begun a doctrine that is not scripturally sound.

We have the “Kingdom Now” teachers, and the sort who say that, “well, there is no sickness in heaven, so there shouldn’t be any sickness on the earth”. “There is no poverty in heaven, so there should be no poverty on earth”. And so on and on it goes. Kingdom Now theology and Kingdom Dominion doctrine is being taught, as if, we are the ones that will usher in the kingdom of God, or, we are the ones to make the world a better place and bring in the Kingdom, when the word tells us that God the Father has **set a day** in which He will judge the world in righteousness and bring in His Kingdom and dominion (Acts 17:31). With our human intellect and reasoning, we can produce good sounding doctrine and theology that seemeth right, but sadly is not right (Proverbs 14:12/16:25).

You see, the problem is, is that we want **our wills** to be done and not, **His will**. We have become like the disciples, although Jesus warned them of His coming suffering and death, yet, they did not hear Him! All that they were concerned with was having the kingdom of Israel restored again. Much like us, not focused on the **will of God**, not hearing what He has already told us in the word, that, knowing the times and the condition of men’s hearts in the last days, how we are warned to watch as well as pray, to redeem the time because the days are evil, and to “**know what the will of the Lord is**”! (Eph. 5:16).

It is like many are trying to fulfill their own agendas and destinies making light of what God has already said by explaining things away, and putting a spin on the scriptures. So

the truth of scripture, and it's pure meaning has been perverted and changed while building our own kingdoms and ministries, not really desiring the return of the Lord because we have unfinished goals to reach, and dreams to fulfill, after all...we are "Kingdom Kids"! And I must add that there is an element of pride and arrogance associated with this move and teaching. You see. The enemy has no new plans, but the same plan that is linked with different schemes, and that plan is to make man think that he(man) can become as God, and even greater than God, as to even create his own destiny and future by changing or ignoring the prescribe and perfect will of God Almighty!(Gen. 3:1-5/Gen. 11:1-4).

Now, back to the subject of "Thy Will be Done". It occurred to me one day as I was riding along in my car listening to a radio broadcast teaching on the leper that came to Jesus, desiring to be clean, and said, "Lord, **If thou wilt**, thou canst make me clean"! And Jesus responded, "**I will, be thou clean**"! (Jesus spoke it!).

What leaped in my spirit was, what if this leper was not merely making a request, and what if Jesus was not just replying to his request? What if, in fact, this leper understood something, what if he understood the power, the order and the divine precedence of the "**will of the Lord**". What I am saying is that we need to understand that what the Lord does, He does it in accordance to His will, His pleasure and for His divine purposes, example; In John 9:1-4, we have an incident when Jesus and the disciples came upon a blind man: *9:1 And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. 2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?*

*3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.*

*4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.*

The questioned was asked; "who did sin, this man or his parents that he was born blind"? Although there of some sins that lead to sickness and diseases, this was not one of them. Jesus answered, "neither this man, nor his parents: **but** that the **works** (will) of God should be made manifest in him. We must understand and come to realize that the Lord has a divine purpose, He fulfills **His** good pleasure in the earth, and circumstances are constructed for His glory! There were many lepers in Jesus' day; did He heal them all...? There were many sick, many diseased, many demon possessed, many blind. Yes it is the will of God that all be well, but it is not so, until the Lord speaks it...it will not be done! Paul was **given** a thorn in the flesh...**why**! To keep him humble! (2 Corinthians 12:7). Even Jesus said, "Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me, **nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt**". Listen to what Jesus said; "**if it be possible... , if it be possible, nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt**". Was it possible? We are talking about the God of the impossible, and if it were possible, the Father did not allow it. The scripture says that God did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all...! The Father has a divine purpose; He does those things that please Him! So Jesus resolved..."nevertheless, **not my will, but thine be done**".

In the book of 1 John 5:14, John makes a statement that most people overlook. He says; “This is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything **according to His will**, He heareth us. Did you hear that! **According to His will!!** Listen to what James says; “We ask and receive not because we ask amiss that we may consume it upon your lusts” James 4:3. You see, many that are apart of the “Kingdom Now” and “Prosperity” without accountability doctrines ask for things, not for the glory of the Father, not to exalt Jesus Christ, but rather for their own glory, reputation and greed! Read Ezekiel the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Are we willing to allow the will and purpose of the Lord to be fulfilled in our lives, even if it means that we may have to suffer? If it means that we will not live the plush lifestyle that many are preaching that we as “Kingdom Kids” should be living? What did the Lord say of Paul after his conversion? Acts 9:16; For I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake. Also reference these other scriptures: Acts 5:41, Romans 8:17-18, 1 Corinthians 4:12-14, Philippians 1:29.

Jesus could have raised all the dead when He spoke; “Lazarus, come forth”, but He didn't, He was specific in that He spoke, “Lazarus”! It was His will that only Lazarus come forth, unless the Lord speaks it, it will not be done. It is vital, I can not stress that enough, but vital that we be led by the Spirit of God, and hear from God Almighty, rather than we, going about and around speaking and commanding things that the Father has not spoken nor commanded! The will of the Lord must be done in the earth, Jesus at any time could have aborted the process and called legions of Angels to deliver Him, but He didn't! It troubles me that there are some that think that we can manipulate the Father into doing what we say, what we speak, rather than we positioning ourselves to do what He has said, and purposed. It also occurred to me that in the prayer that Jesus gave as an example when He said; “Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven”. What is Jesus really saying...I believe that I understand it, and it is simply this: “OBEDIENCE”! When the Father gives a command, which of the Angels refuses? There is pure worship, praise and thanksgiving going on right now directed to the Father, in Heaven! There is perfect harmony in the presence of the Lord God Almighty, right now, in Heaven! So when Jesus says “Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven”, I believe that, that is what He means. See others will try and make it more than that because they have underlying motives and agendas. They have produced tape series and books that they want to sell, and money, donations and love gifts that they want you to sow into their ministries so that you can reap a bountiful harvest! “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge”. You've heard it all before! There is a real reason that Jesus turned over the tables and beat the money changers out of the Temple!

Listen, study the word for yourself, and keep the scriptures in their proper contexts. Ask the Holy Spirit of God to give you understanding, and He will do it!

I pray that this study has been a blessing;

Defending the Faith,  
Michael Williams Sr.