**Lord Teach us to Pray – Matt. 6:10**

**Focal Truth: When you pray – pray for God’s will to be done on the earth**

Why does Jesus teach us to pray for God’s will to be done on earth?

Do you think about God’s will when you pray?

How does praying God’s will help you do God’s will?

**Observations**

1. **Pray – God’s will be accomplished on the earth for His glory**

*Your will be done*

**Will** = **what is determined to be done, choice, desire, purpose**

***Done = to come into existence, to begin, to appear, to happen, to be done***

1. God promises to accomplish His will & good pleasure

Isa. 46:10 – *declaring the ending from the beginning, & the ancient times things which have not been done, saying, My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure*

Dan. 4:35 – *He does as He pleases among the angels of heaven and among the people of the earth. No one can stop him or say to him, what do you mean by doeing these things?*

1. God’s will is eternal & does not change from generation to generation

Ps. 33:11 – *the counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of His heart from generation to generation*

1. God’s word reveals God’s will

Isa. 40:8 – *the grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever*

1. The angels praise God’s will in the creation of all things

Rev. 4:11 – *worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created*

**Consider**

* Praying is asking for God’s will to be done
* Praying for God’s will, removes self – will from prayer
* Praying for God’s will glorifies God on the earth

1. **Pray – God’s people will obey His will as the angels in heaven**

*Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven*

1. The angels carry out the exact commands of God

Ps. 103:20 – 21 - *bless the Lord, you His angels, mighty in strength, who perform His word, obeying the voice of His word! bless the Lord, all you His hosts, you who serve Him, doing His will*

1. The angels permanently obey God’s will
2. The angels serve God by doing His will
3. The angels worship God as they obey His will

**Consider**

* The angels are created to obey God’s will
* The angels completely obey God’s will
* Heaven waits for God’s command to obey His will
* **The angels adoringly obey God’s will in heaven**

1. **Pray – God’s people will obey His will like Jesus the Son of God**

*Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven*

1. The Lord Jesus Christ lived in perfect obedience to God’s will

John 6:38 – *I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me*

John 4:34 – *my food is to do the will of him who sent me*

Lk. 22:42 - Jesus said, *not my will but yours be done*

Phil. 2:8 – *he became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross*

**Consider**

* **The Lord Jesus obeyed God’s will completely**
* **The Lord Jesus obeyed God’s will lovingly**
* **The Lord Jesus obeyed God’s will submissively**

1. Obeying God’s will like Jesus begins in prayer

Prayer prepares for obedience to God’s will

Prayer produces humility to accept God’s will

Prayer provides guidance to understand & know God’s will from His Word

Prayer practices submission to God’s will

**While I am in secret with God the Father I am praying, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done…**

What are some ways we obey God’s will like Jesus?

1. When you present your body as a living & holy sacrifice to God & are not conformed to the world you will come to know God’s will – Rom. 12: 1 -2

*Present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship & do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect*

1. When you commit to live your life in obedience to God’s will – 1 Pet. 4:2 –

*so as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God*

1. When you continue to grow in the knowledge of His will through God’s word Col. 1:9 – *we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom & understanding*
2. When you do His will you obey His will – Matt. 7:21 – *not everyone who says to me Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter*

**Things to Remember & do**

1. Pray for God’s will to be accomplished on the earth
2. Pray seeking to obey God’s will not your will
3. Pray & obey like Jesus Christ the Son of God our Lord and Savior

**Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven**

**To the praise of the glory of His grace! The Lord is near to the door! Come Lord Jesus!**

**Matt. 7:21 not everyone who says to me lord lord will enter the kingdom of God but those who do the will of my father shall enter the kingdom of god**

**God’s will is written in the Word of God**

1. May we do His will as His people

Do His will with sincerity

Do His will with knowledge

Do His will with understanding

Do His will in love

Do His will submissively

Do His will completely

1. May we submit to His will like Christ – John 6:38 – I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me

John 4:34 – my food is to do the will of him who sent me

Matt. 12:50 – whoever does the will of my Father is my brother and sister and mother

Jesus said, Not my will but your will be done

R. 12: 1-2 – that may prove what the will of God id, that which is good and acceptable and perfect

2 Cor. 7:10 – sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation

Eph. 6:6 – not by way of eyeservice, as men – pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart

1 Thes 4:3 – for this is the will of God your sanctification

1 Pet. 4:2 – so to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God

1 John 2:17 – the one who does the will of God lives forever

Col. 1:9 – have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding

Heb. 13:21 – equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen