

The Will of God #3:

Praying for God's Will to Be Done on Earth

For outline and the Word, please use "The Holy Word for Morning Revival" (6/8-14)

Summary: **I.** Although God has a will for everything, He does not act independently; rather, He wants the human will on earth to echo His will before He does anything:

A. In the universe there are three wills: the divine will, the satanic will, and the human will; God wants man's will to be joined to Him and be one with Him so that man may express and echo His will back to Him in prayer for the good pleasure of His will. **B.** God will not act independently, and He will not accomplish His will alone; instead, He will accomplish His will only when His people agree with Him and are one with Him: God cannot do what He wants by Himself; He does it only with the cooperation of the church; He accomplishes His will through the church. /Whenever God's people place their will in harmony with God's will, the will of God will be done on earth as in heaven.

II. God's intention is to accomplish His will through the believers' prayer in union with Him:

A. God's people must pray before God will move on earth to accomplish His will. **B.** The prayer that is most pleasing to God is the prayer that asks for the accomplishment of His will. **C.** God wants us to work with Him to accomplish His will; the way to work together with Him is to pray: The purpose of prayer is that we be one with God's will so that God can work on earth to fulfill His purpose. /The prayer for the accomplishment of God's will is not asking God to accomplish what we want Him to do but asking God what He Himself wants to do; such prayer is the outlet of God's will on earth. **D.** Prayer for God's will to be done on earth consists of four steps: God intends to do something according to His will. / He reveals His will to us through the Spirit for us to know His will. /We return and echo His will back to Him through prayer. /God accomplishes His work according to His will.

E. God needs us to exercise our spirit with our resurrected will to pray according to His divine will for Christ to be manifested and enjoyed by us, for the Body life to be practiced by us, and for the Body of Christ to be built up through us: A genuine man of prayer is one whose desires are fully blended into God's desires and whose thoughts are fully one with God's thoughts; he is a man in whom God's desires are imprinted, a man of revelation whose heart is a duplication of God's heart. / When we come to the Lord in prayer, we need to allow the Spirit to mingle our desires with His desires, lead our thoughts into His thoughts, and imprint His desires and thoughts into us; then the prayers that we utter to God with His inward desires will be precious, weighty, and valuable to Him and will cause Satan to suffer loss.

III. Effective prayers for God's will to be done on

earth are the expression of God's desire and intention and are the issue of our abiding in the Lord and of His words abiding in us:

A. Prayer is God's heart's desire passing through us and returning to God: The desire in our prayers does not originate with us; it originates with God and is an expression of what God desires. /God's desire and intention are anointed into us through the Spirit and thus become our desire and intention, which we express to God in prayer. /Our prayer, therefore, is God's desire and intention coming out from God, passing through us, and going back to Him. **B.** All prevailing prayers—prayers that can be counted effective before God—are the result of our abiding in the Lord and allowing His words to abide in us: When we abide in the Lord and His words abide in us, we touch God's feeling and understand His desire. /After we touch God's feeling and understand His intention, we will spontaneously have His desire that comes out of His words in us. /His desire will become our desire, what He wants will be what we want, and then we will pray according to this desire. /The Lord will answer this kind of prayer, and thus the will of God "will be done, as in heaven, so also on earth".

Announcement and Fellowship of the Church

- 1. West Japan Net Blending Meeting:** The meeting was held on 6/6(Sat)10-12:00@Uozaki and was blessed.
- 2. The Church life's Vital Group After the Lifting of the Emergency Declaration :**
 - (a) Have tight & dense fellowship in 24 vital groups and practice church life including Lord's day meeting.
 - (b) "Tight" means "firm and tightened" or "imminent". "Dense" means "fine and attentive".
 - (c) Tight and dense fellowship is in the group which can comply with the fine needs immediately and the supply can be provided in a fine way. In the small groups, we can expect everyone's function.
 - (d) For everyone to function, encourage new ones to function and perfect them. Leading of the hymns, prophesy, services of the Lord's table, gospel, shepherding etc. Due to its smallness, gospel friends and new ones feel comfortable to join.
- 3. Framework of gospel and shepherding in the church :** The greatest mission of the church is gospel.
 - (a) Gospel and shepherding in the latter half of Sisters' meeting (Thu10-12)@Motoyama&Rokko
 - (b) Thu(10-12)@Motoyama(1st, 3rd)/Uozaki(2,4,5th) &Rokko(1st,3rd)/Sannnomiya(2,4,5th)
 - (c) Sat and Lord's day according to each district
- 4. Home meeting:** Spend 15-30 minutes every week with 6 kinds of new ones (gospel friends, the newly saved ones, those who cannot come, seeking believers in Christianity, the ones just moved in, family members) and enjoy 96 Shepherding materials etc. providing them the nourishment of divinity and cherish them with humanity.

Crucial Point(1): Putting a bridle onto your free will and train it, joining your will to God's will

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OL2: God will not act independently, and He will not accomplish His will alone; instead, He will accomplish His will only when His people agree with Him and are one with Him.

Man wonders why God would not destroy Satan quickly. But God would not do this. He wants man to join Him in dealing with Satan. God has His will, Satan has his will, and man also has his will. God wants man's will to be joined to Him; He does not want to destroy Satan alone. We do not fully understand, but we know that God wants to do it this way. He does not want to act alone; He wants man to cooperate with Him. This is the responsibility of the church on earth.

In order to do something, God must first put His will within us through the Holy Spirit. He will only accomplish something after we have echoed it in our prayer. God operates through this procedure. He works this way. . . . He wants a will that is one with Him and that echoes Him. If God does everything without us, then man does not need to be here, and we do not need to know God's will. Yet every part of God's will needs someone to carry it out, and He wants our will to become one with His will.

According to Genesis 2, God gave man a free will when He created him. . . . Whenever man's will is not one with God's will, God is limited.

God is willing to be limited in time because He wants to gain a harmonious will in the second eternity. He wants man's free will to be harmonious with His will. This is a glory to God.... God does not want the man He created to be like a book which can be shuffled around at will. Even though God wants man to be fully submissive to Him, He also gave man a free will. God's intention is that man's free will would choose to obey Him. This is a glory to God! . . . In eternity future man still has a free will, but it will stand on God's side. He still has the ability to oppose God, but he will not oppose Him. Hallelujah!... This harmony of will is a glory to God!

Application to the new ones, young people and college students

In the universe, there are God's will, the will of Satan who rebels against God and the will of man in between. Man's will eventually will join either God's will or Satan's will. While you are young, you may think that you want to do things as you wish. God gives you the free will and treasures your will. But please understand. Eventually,

man's will cannot remain independent from the will of God or Satan. It will join either will.

Rom. 8:5 For those who are according to the flesh mind the things of the flesh; but those who are according to the spirit, the things of the Spirit. **6** For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace. **7** Because the mind set on the flesh is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, for neither can it be.

When you insist to have freedom, take heed whether you are choosing God or Satan by using your free will. You cannot say that you are choosing your own and not God's nor Satan's. Moses said that he had put life and death, blessing and curse before you. In another words, you have only two options, joining to God's will to receive life and blessing or joining to Satan's will to receive death and curse. There is not the third option.

For example, whenever you feel that you don't want to call upon the name of the Lord, you don't want to pray to the Lord, you don't want to fellowship with brothers and sisters in whatever the situation is, it is a red signal or a yellow signal that your will is choosing Satan. You should immediately stop and pray "I don't want to call upon the name of the Lord now, but I also feel that I am somehow taking the wrong path, so I will command my will and start calling on the name of the Lord quietly again and again", then you will find yourself being able to call upon the name of the Lord more and more and able to pray. Please remember. Satan is not talking to you honestly but he talks to you in a deceiving way. Satan is more cunning clever than you. To stand against Satan, there is no other way but trusting Christ and the church. Your feelings that you don't want to call upon the name of the Lord or you don't want to fellowship with the brothers and sisters are actually not your feeling but your feeling which is influenced by Satan's will.

Don't leave such feelings of your not wanting to call upon the name of the Lord or not wanting to fellowship with the brothers and sisters until it grows big. Whenever you have such a small feeling you should stop and train yourself to call upon the name of the Lord. You need to train your free will to do this. As a horse needs a bridle, your free will also needs a bridle. Otherwise, it will go to the dangerous place. With a stubborn will, you cannot work or serve flexibly according to the change in the future. So it is very important to put bridle on your free will and give order to it while you are young.

Prayer: "Oh Lord Jesus, thank You for giving me the free will. Let me join to God's will and put my mind on the spirit to choose life and blessing. I learn to put a bridle onto my free will and my mind to control them properly."

Crucial Point(2):To pray forth the will of God, every part of our heart needs to be opened to God.

OL1: God's intention is to accomplish His will through the believers' prayer in union with Him.

OL2: The prayer that is most pleasing to God is the prayer that asks for the accomplishment of His will.

OL3: God wants us to work with Him to accomplish His will; the way to work together with Him is to pray.

How does the church bring the will in heaven to earth? It is by prayer on earth. Prayer is not as small and insignificant as some may think. It is not something that is dispensable. Prayer is a work. Prayer is the church saying to God, "God, we want Your will." Prayer is the church knowing God's heart and opening its mouth to ask for what is in God's heart. If the church does not do this, it does not have much use on earth.

The first step in carrying out His will is to pray out God's will and utter His will through our prayer. From this we see that prayer is a work. There is no work more important than this work because prayer is the speaking of God's will and the accomplishment of His will....Prayers that originate from our self-will are useless prayers. Prayers that are according to God's will originate from God. He conveys His will to us through the Holy Spirit, and then we return the same thought to Him through our prayer. Prayers that are after God's heart have God's will as the starting point; man is merely the transmitting and responding organ. Prayer that originates from ourselves has no spiritual value.

Praying in sympathy with God is more important than doing anything else. He can only work on matters in which His children sympathize with Him. He is not willing to work where there has been no prayer, where He does not have His people's will in union with Him. This union of the wills is real prayer. Obtaining an answer to prayer is not the highest goal of prayer. The purpose of prayer is that we be one with God's will so that God can work. When our will is one with God, even though we may at times ask amiss and our prayer is not answered, God still receives the benefit because He is able to work as a result of our sympathy with Him.

All worthwhile prayers are a kind of returning. If our prayer is only for the fulfillment of our plans and wishes, it will not have any value in the spiritual realm. Only the prayers that are initiated by God and that echo what He has initiated have any worth. God's work is governed by prayers. God is willing to do many things, but He will not do them when His people do not pray. He must wait for man to agree with Him before He will do them. This is a great principle of God's work, and it is also one of the most crucial principles in the Bible.

Application for the serving ones

A person who work together with God must be one whose heart is open to God. A heart is consist of conscience in spirit and mind, will, and emotion in soul. To make your conscience crystal clear, you need to

confess your sins and apply the blood of Jesus the Son. In order to avoid being infected with the coronavirus, it is encouraged to do frequent handwashing and applying alcohol for disinfection. Likewise, to avoid your conscience becoming dull by being infected with the "sin" virus of Satan, please frequently apply the blood of Jesus the Son, as the heavenly alcohol every day.

And to make your mind open to God, please set your mind on spirit. Your mind become unstable when you give free to your mind too much. By setting your mind on spirit, the divine mind will spread into your mind and then you can have understanding of the divine matter and see its spiritual value. Many of serving ones serves according to their own concept of values. According to their own old value, they think that "by doing good according to my own sense, I wish other people see I am a good person." However, this may please your old person, but it will never be able to please God. Unless you have mind renewed in the spirit of mind, you cannot serve properly. Unless your old concept of values is broken down by the Lord, you cannot work together with the Lord.

Talking about will, one who serve the Lord needs to have a soft but strong will. A will of a natural man is stubborn and fragile. To make your will be not stubborn but soft, please train yourself to repent or turn yourself as soon as you are enlightened by the Lord. Such repenting or turning must be done immediately after being enlightened. If you try to justify yourself after being enlightened, you will never be able to repent. In the training provided by the Human Resource department of a company, it is taught that "awareness" is important and if you are "aware" of something, you should re-examine the matter. The Lord will enlighten and expose every darkness inside of you. Once you are aware of it, immediately turn. To do this, you should seek the Lord's mercy, and learn to follow the Lord with a softened will.

A requirement to New Testament serving one is to be an "Open vessel." You need to open every parts of your heart fully to the Lord. Then you must know the will of God, agree with the will of God, and become a person praying according to the will of God. With such a prayer that comes from God and returns to God, you are being transformed and becoming a person useful to God.

Rom. 8:27 But He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to God.

Prayer: "O Lord Jesus, to understand the will of God, please search my inward parts and let me know I am serving according to my old value. I train myself to repent and turn promptly after being enlightened by the Lord. It is for me to become an open vessel to God, pray according to His will, and work together with Him. Amen!"

Crucial Point(3): We need to use our resurrected will, exercise our spirit, pray according to the divine will of God, and turn the age

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Daniel joined himself to God's thoughts; he touched God's desire and will, and they became the desires of Daniel's heart.... When Daniel prayed according to these desires, crying out or groaning because of these desires, they became God's desires. We must have this kind of prayer, a prayer that touches God's heart.... We should allow God's Spirit to lead us into His heart. We should spend time to learn this lesson. When we first begin to pray in this way, there is no need to say or consider much. Our heart should be calm and undisturbed. We can bring the things we have encountered into God's presence and consider them, or we can forget about these things and simply meditate on God's Word. We can remain in His presence, touching God in our spirit and allowing God to touch us in the spirit. Actually, we do not have to go to God to touch Him; we can simply wait on Him. While we wait on Him in this way, something will come to our attention, and we will gain something. Then we will touch God's desire.... In this way our desires are mingled with God's desires, and our thoughts are one with God's thoughts. Based on this, we can pray to God.

John. 15:7 If you abide in Me and My words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you.

The first point is, "you abide in Me." The second is, "and My words abide in you." Verses 4 and 5 speak of us abiding in the Lord and Him abiding in us. But in verse 7 I is changed to My words—"you abide in Me and My words abide in you." I being changed to My words means that I have something to explain to you. This may be clarified by the following example: if I were to go to your home, first, my person would go there; then, after I had been there for a short while, I would speak and reveal the intention of my visit. Hence, when it says here, "My words abide in you," this is a step forward. Third, it says, "Whatever you will." Because of the Lord's speaking in us, we begin to desire something, and this desire is something

issuing out of the Lord's words. Fourth, it says, "Ask...and it shall be done for you." ... This asking is not an ordinary prayer. It is a specific prayer. ... Hence, this asking will be answered by God.

Application to young working saints/graduate students

Daniel was a man who prayed for the word of God and joined himself to God's thought. Daniel was transferred to Babylon in captivity but was outstanding among Babylon's ministers and his guards. Because there was an excellent spirit in him.

Young businesspeople and graduate students should train their spirits and spend time praying to God's will. When praying, forget everything and pray and consider God's will in the Word in the presence of God. It is also necessary to bring the environment they encountered to the Lord's presence, such as the coronavirus pandemic and the declaration of emergencies and the release of the declaration of emergencies, to see the movement of divine history behind human history. The person who prays and understands God's will in this way is a person with an excellent spirit. These are people who pray for God's will and can be used by God to turn the age. At the same time, he is a very useful person to the king. So, realize that anyone who prays for God's heart can be a very good person for the company. Never consider praying and knowing the will of God in the church life and business life separately. First, be a business person who knows the will of God and prays for the will to come true. Even though he risked his life, he prayed for God's will and was eventually thrown into the lion's cave. But God protected him and raised him even higher in business and prospered.

Most importantly, Daniel's prayer allowed God to turn the age of captivity into the era of rebuilding the palace and the city, where the will was carried out on earth. Daniel is a good example of business person and researcher.

Dan. 1:20 And in every matter of wisdom and understanding that the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and conjurers who were in all his realm....6:3 Then this Daniel distinguished himself among the chief ministers and satraps because in him there was an excellent spirit, and the king considered setting him over the whole kingdom.

Prayer: "Oh Lord Jesus, Daniel is an excellent example of businessperson and researcher. I thank the Lord for this example. In the presence of the Lord, pray carefully to the will of the Lord and make me a person with an excellent spirit. Pray in cooperation with God to turn the age like Daniel. Remember my family and business too. Amen!"