

I. 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 to be one with Him so that man may express and echo His will back to Him in prayer for His good pleasure:	A. The tree of life represents God with His divine will, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil represents Satan with his satanic will, and Adam represents man with his human will; we have lost many spiritual blessings because we have not expressed God's will, according to the principle of the tree of life, through our prayers	
	B. 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.	
	C. Prayers that originate from our needs to satisfy our own lust may be answered by God, but they have no spiritual value, and we will become weak before His eyes and displeasing to Him.	
	D. Only the prayers that are initiated by God and echo what He has initiated have any spiritual value; we must learn to pray this kind of prayer.	
	E. 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.	
	F. The real meaning of prayer and of all spiritual work is that they consist of four steps:	1. God intends to do something according to His will.
		2. He reveals His will to us through the Spirit for us to know His will.
		3. We return and echo His will back to Him through prayer.
4. God accomplishes His work according to His will.		
G. God needs man to exercise his spirit with his resurrected will to pray according to God's 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.		
H. We have to pray according to God's desire and His will for the fulfillment of His economy; then we have the assurance that we have received what we have prayed for.		
II. Hannah's prayer was an echo, a speaking out, of the heart's desire of God; it was a human cooperation with the divine move for the carrying out of God's eternal economy:	A. God could motivate Hannah as a person who was one with Him on the line of life; the line of life is a line that brings forth Christ for the enjoyment of God's people, that on earth God may have His kingdom, which is the church as the Body of Christ, the very organism of the Triune God.	
	B. As long as God can gain a person who is one with Him on the line of life, He has a way on earth; Hannah's prayer indicates that God's move with His answer to Hannah's prayer was to produce a Nazarite, an overcomer, who was absolute for the fulfilling of God's desire.	
III. Elijah, "a man of like feeling with us,...prayed in prayer":	A. A prayer from the Lord was given to Elijah, in which he prayed; he prayed in the prayer given to him by the Lord for the accomplishing of His will.	
	B. Elijah did not pray in his feeling, thought, intention, or mood, or in any kind of motivation, arising from circumstances or situations, to fulfill his own purpose.	
IV. Daniel was a man of prayer who was joined to God's desire through God's word; only those who join themselves to God's word to pray prayers of God's economy can be of real use to God:	A. The highest expression of a man who cooperates with God is in prayer; such a man is a man of preciousness to God, even preciousness itself.	
	B. Daniel depended on prayer to do what man could not do, and he depended on prayer to understand what man could not understand.	
V. Abraham lived in intimate fellowship with God and became God's friend; even before the	A. The glorious intercession that Abraham made before God was a human, intimate conversation between two friends, an intimate talk according to the unveiling of God's heart's desire.	
	B. As Abraham was enjoying sweet fellowship with God, he received a revelation from Him regarding the birth of Isaac and the destruction of	1. This shows that God's intention is to work Christ into us, to bring Christ forth through us, and to destroy the "Sodom" in our home life, our work life, and our Christian and church life.
		2. In our intimate fellowship with God, we receive the revelation that all the impossibilities become possibilities with Christ. Sodom (Gen. 18:9-22):

incarnation, Jehovah as Christ appeared to Abraham in human form, with a human body, and communed with him on a human level:	C. God revealed to Abraham His intention to destroy Sodom, because He was seeking an intercessor.			
	D. Genesis 18 presents a clear revelation of the basic principles of intercession:	1. The proper intercession is not initiated by man but by God's revelation; thus, it expresses God's desire and carries out God's will.		
		2. Apparently, Abraham was interceding for Sodom; actually, he was interceding for Lot by implication, showing that we should intercede for God's people who have drifted into the world.		
		3. Intercession is an intimate conversation with God according to the inward intention of His heart; for this we must learn to linger in the presence of God (18:22-33).		
		4. Intercession is according to God's righteous way; in Abraham's intercession for Lot, he did not beg God according to His love and grace; he challenged God according to His righteous way.		
	5. Abraham's intercession did not terminate with his speaking but with God's, showing that genuine intercession is God's speaking in our speaking (Gen. 18:33; Rom. 8:26-27).			
VI. The pattern of prayer that the Lord taught the disciples in Matthew 6 is the prayer that expresses God's will:	A. The principle of prayer is to pray in secret to be seen by our Father who sees in secret; we need to pray to the Lord, worship the Lord, contact the Lord, and fellowship with the Lord in a secret way:		1. The thing that frustrates us the most from growing in life is the self, and the self enjoys doing things in public display for the glory of men.	
			2. If we live by the Father's hidden life, we may pray much, but others will not know how much we have prayed.	
	B. Matthew 6:9-13 is the Lord's instruction to us to "pray in this way" to "our Father who is in the heavens" (v. 9a); this pattern of prayer can be divided into three sections:	1. The three basic prayers concerning God are related to the Divine Trinity: "Your name be sanctified" is related mainly to the Father; "Your kingdom come," to the Son; and "Your will be done," to the Spirit:		a. This is being fulfilled in this age, and it will be ultimately fulfilled in the kingdom age, when the name of God will be excellent in all the earth, the kingdom of the world will become the kingdom of Christ, and the will of God will be accomplished.
		2. The three requests concerning our need are protective prayers: "Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one":		b. After the rebellion of Satan and the fall of man, Christ came to bring the heavenly rule to earth so that the earth could be recovered for God's interest, so that the will of God could be done on earth as in heaven (Matt. 6:10b); the kingdom people must pray for this until the earth is fully recovered for God's will in the coming kingdom age.
				a. Daily bread indicates a living that is by faith; we should live by faith, on the Father's daily supply.
				b. The kingdom people should ask the Father to forgive their debts, their failures, their trespasses, as they forgive their debtors to maintain peace (by the arbitrating peace of Christ); we have to clear up any separating factors between us and God and between us and others.
		3. The prayer to the Father concludes with three reverent praises as extolling prayers: "For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen"; the kingdom is of the Son, which is the realm in which God exercises His power, and the power is of the Spirit, which carries out God's intention so that the Father may have His corporate expression in glory:		c. Because we know our weakness, we should ask the Father not to bring us into temptation but to deliver us from the evil one, the devil, and from the evil that is out of him (by our being filled with the Spirit).
		a. Thus, the pattern of the Lord's prayer begins with the Divine Trinity and ends with the Divine Trinity.		
		b. It also begins with God the Father and ends with God the Father; God the Father is the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega.		
C. Such a critical prayer increases our seeking of the kingdom of the heavens as the Father's heart's desire and affords us our need of the divine supply of grace to fulfill all the supreme and strict requirements of the kingdom of the heavens for God's good pleasure.				

Experience

- ① **Although we are childish and weak, we must still come into His presence and allow His Spirit to mingle our desires with His desires and to lead our thoughts into His thoughts so that we can touch and participate in His desires and thoughts. If we do this, we will understand something of God's way and demands on man...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...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. The greatest wisdom comes from this kind of waiting. 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.

Marriage life model: When you get married, not only you gain a spouse but also a great help as well. However, in order to obtain help from your spouse, you have to overcome many differences, such as the differences in personality, living backgrounds, and thoughts on economic things. You may forget about or ignore the normal marriage relationship due to the birth of your child and the diversified environmental busyness. In this situation (even when the spouse is an unbeliever), you may forget the purpose and how the marriage was guided by the Lord, and the marriage life will become greatly confused. In such circumstances, you need to go before the Lord, you recall that there is a close relationship between the will of God and your marriage, that marriage life exists for a positive purpose, that it is to fulfill God's heart's desire, so there is a need for you to pray. Unlike the people of this world, even if it does not lead to a divorce due to the mismatch of personality, you should not lose sight of the aggressive purpose because of the mismatched personality. Spouse is arranged so that you can be an overcomer, in order to carry out His heart's desire, you need to look up to the Lord, longing for the Lord, and let the Spirit of the Lord speak to you. By doing this, you may gain the highest wisdom in connection with the marriage life by the spirit of the Lord. No matter what situation you are in, build your marriage life for the Lord according to His heart's desire.

- ② **God could motivate Hannah as a person who was one with Him in the line of life. As long as He can gain such a person, He has a way on earth. I hope that at least some of us will be today's Hannahs and say, "Lord, if You have anything on Your heart to accomplish for Your purpose, I am here. I am remaining in the line of life for the carrying out of Your economy." If you do this, I have the full assurance that you will be the ones whom God will move. He will come to you and motivate you.**

God needs many Hannahs, persons who can bring forth some Samuels to turn the age.

The origin of Samuel was especially his God-seeking mother with her prayer. Her prayer was an echo of the heart's desire of God. Her prayer was a human cooperation with the divine move for the carrying out of God's eternal economy.

Business life model: A normal business person should have the spirit of a full-time priest. Outwardly, your work is to financially self-sustain and to support your family. From a spiritual point of view, however, you should work for Christ and the church. If you do not have such a vision clearly, sooner or later you will lose heart of the church life and disengage yourself from it. Hannah responded to God's heart's desire and prayed for it. Likewise, pray that you can experience and express Christ, in order to dedicate your business life to the Lord, and to build the body of Christ in the business life. May the Lord raise your business life high according to His heart's desire. Amen!

- ③ **Daniel was a man who was always praying. His prayers were not at all common. His prayers were prayers that turn the age. Every time he encountered some crucial matter, he prayed before God. He believed absolutely in prayer. He believed in prayer because he believed in God and not in himself.**

Daniel's prayer reached the highest peak. He asked God to do something for Himself. He prayed, "Cause Your face to shine upon Your sanctuary that has been desolated, for the Lord's sake". I hope that we would circle the words, "for the Lord's sake." We can see that his prayer was totally for God and not for himself. It seems as if he was saying to God, "My supplication here today is not for myself but for You. Even though I am asking You to do something, it is not for myself but for You." This was a very special prayer; it was also the highest prayer. Our prayers are ninety-nine and nine tenths percent for ourselves. Very few of them are for God. Only a person like Daniel, who prayed to God single-heartedly, can be used by Him to turn the age.

Business life model: Daniel was a person who switched from the era of captivity of God's people and the destruction of God's temple to the era of the rebuilding of the temple. Today is the end time (even the people of this world say like this). The Lord is about to switch from the church age to the kingdom era. Under these circumstances, people like Daniel who cooperate with the Lord are needed for the change of age. Especially the working youth should have this vision and pray. Daniel was an incumbent, a man of a rank next to the king, so he was a diligent person who worked diligently. When you see this, you must pray to the Lord as follows, "Lord Jesus, I am here now, You are about to switch over the times, help me, so my business Life can carry out Your heart's desire, and to cooperate with You in the switching over of times."

568 祈り—主と交わる

1. 主とまじわるため、れいもちいて、
主の御かおたずね、臨ざいもとめる。
(復)かおおいなしに、主を見つめつつ
かくれたところで、ひたすらいのる。
2. 主とまじわるため、うちをひらいて、
真じつとまことで、単いつにいのる。
3. 主とまじわるため、れいにていのる；
信こうもてもとめ、主を待ちのぞむ。
4. 霊としんじつもて、主とまじわりし、
れいのかんかくに したがひ、いのる。
5. 主のかたりかけを せつにもとめる；
主のころを知って、御むねをいのる。
6. 御かおのがやき、われを照らして、
われにしんとうし、えい光かがやく。

#568 祷告—与主交通

1. 祷告与主来往交通，衿面灵里来寻求；
衿前求问并且静听，隐密之处来等候。
(副)祷告与主来往交通，衿面灵里来寻求；
衿前求问并且静听，隐密之处来等候。
2. 祷告与主来往交通，从你里面全敞开；
敞着脸面将衿瞻仰，单一、纯洁又实在。
3. 祷告与主来往交通，凭信将衿来寻求；
学习来摸衿这活灵，恭敬、仰望并等候。
4. 祷告与主来往交通，以灵、以真为秘诀；
总要凭灵祷告、求问，照着里面的感觉。
5. 祷告与主来往交通，诚恳静听衿所言；
让衿心意印刻于你，使你成全衿心愿。
6. 祷告与主来往交通，沐浴在衿面光中；
让衿荣美将你浸透，使你返照衿面容。

#784 Prayer - Fellowship With The Lord

1. Pray to fellowship with Jesus,
In the spirit seek His face;
Ask and listen in His presence,
Waiting in the secret place.
(Chorus)
Pray to fellowship with Jesus,
In the spirit seek His face;
Ask and listen in His presence,
Waiting in the secret place.
2. Pray to fellowship with Jesus,
Fully opened from within,
With thy face unveiled, beholding,
Single, pure, and genuine.
3. Pray to fellowship with Jesus,
Seeking Him in confidence;
Learn to touch Him as the Spirit,
Looking up in reverence.
4. Pray to fellowship with Jesus,
Speaking nothing in pretense;
Ask according to the spirit,
Praying by the inner sense.
5. Pray to fellowship with Jesus,
List'ning earnestly to Him;
Be impressed with His intentions,
Yielding to Him from within.
6. Pray to fellowship with Jesus,
Bathing in His countenance;
Saturated with His beauty,
Radiate His excellence.