

## Praying According to God's Will

Main Text: 1 John 5:14–15 (NKJV) <sup>14</sup> Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. <sup>15</sup> And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

One of the fundamental purposes of prayer is that the will of God be done on earth as it is in heaven. Jesus was a man of prayer, and what characterized His life was His strong desire to please His Father and His will.

- Matthew 6:9–10 (NKJV) <sup>9</sup> In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. <sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as *it is* in heaven.
- Matthew 26:39,42 (NKJV) <sup>39</sup> He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You *will*.” <sup>42</sup> Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done.”
- John 4:34 (NKJV) <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.

God does not change in His ways or does He show partiality in answering people's prayers.

- Romans 2:10–11 (NKJV) <sup>10</sup> but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>11</sup> For there is no partiality with God.

When you pray according to God's will, he answers. We must remember that the rules on how prayers are answered are not set by the one who is asking, but by the one who has all the resources to answer each prayer according to His purposes.

For us to pray from Heaven to Earth, we have to be in unity and harmony with the Father. The objective of prayer is that our spirits be aligned with God's Holy Spirit who dwells in us so that the divine within us calls to the divine from heaven.

- John 14:23 (NKJV) <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.
- John 14:16–18 (NKJV) <sup>16</sup> And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—<sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor

knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup> I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

Scripture says, “Deep calls unto deep.” (Psalm 42:7) We must be aware there is always more to receive from God than what we have experienced from Him up to this moment.

Our prayers must seek to accomplish His will as revealed to us by the Holy Spirit through His Word.

Example: 2 Peter 3:9. It is the will of God for everyone to repent and not that anyone should perish

- 2 Peter 3:9 (NKJV) <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

The will of God proceeds from the mind of God, whose thoughts and instructions are made known to us in the now. The more intimate our communion with Him is the more clearly we will understand His plans and purposes.

### **Ignorance is a Spiritual Stronghold**

Ignorance is a powerful mental stronghold that prevents us from knowing God’s will and living in it. For this reason Apostle Paul prayed for the Colossians believers:

- Colossians 1:9 (NKJV)<sup>9</sup> For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

As we surrender our human wills to God, He will reveal His will to us, primarily through His Word and the ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

When we operate in ignorance, we can’t cry out to God in a way that will bring a breakthrough.

- Hosea 4:6 (NKJV) <sup>6</sup> My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being

priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.

If we want our prayer to be answered, we must know the will of God and then make sure our desires are aligned with it.

Jesus paid for our sin, according to the purpose of the Father to reconcile mankind to Himself. Jesus's work of redemption on our behalf is complete. That is why, before He died, our Lord declared, "it is finished!: (John 19:30) This indicates all has been fulfilled, ore Everything has been paid for. What did Jesus accomplish for us? He secured our salvation and set us from all condemnation. He paid for our healing prosperity and transformation. His death on the cross gave us back our identity as children of God and made us joint-heirs with Christ of all His riches in glory.

Knowing this, we can no longer say, "Lord, if it's Your will...No! The will of the Father has already been decreed ad must be put into effect. We must establish it in our life, in our calling, in our ministry, and in our work. This means, for example, that if we know Jesus carried all our sickness, we don't have to go to God asking, Lord, if it's your will, heal me." We can declare what He has already decreed in His Word: "Jesus carried our sickness !" and "by His stripes we are healed!" (Isaiah 53:4-5)

If you want to see God work in your life, you must know and establish His will, because that is the only way you will receive His blessing. Jesus said:

- John 16:24 (NKJV) <sup>24</sup> Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

### **The Acceleration Prayer in the End Times**

We know that certain prayers have not yet been answered = including Jesus's own prayer, on the night He was arrested, that all believers be one, as He and the Father are one. (John 17:11-26)

Why haven't these prayers been answered? The Bible teaches us that in heaven there are "golden bowls full of incense which are the prayers of the saints (believers) (Revelation 5:8) These bowls have not yet been poured out on the earth in a visible or tangible manifestation of the answers. The saints that the book of Revelation mentions are located on earth, as well as in heaven. Those bowls contain the prayers of the apostles, prophets, pastors, along with

the prayers of multitudes of believers over the centuries including your prayers. They also contain the prayers of Jesus who continues to pray for the unity of believers. As We enter the end times I believe there will be an acceleration in the spiritual realm so that all prayers will be answered because God doesn't leave any prayers unanswered.

However, we must be aligned with God's purposes in order to participate in this end-times fulfillment in prayer.

Matthew 6:10 = YOUR KINGDOM come, YOUR WILL be don't on earth as it is in heaven. We live in times when delay has ended; when what has been prophesied will be fulfilled and when prayers will be answered.

- Ezekiel 12:28 (NKJV) <sup>28</sup> Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "None of My words will be postponed any more, but the word which I speak will be done," says the Lord GOD.'

#### **Four Principles for Receiving Immediate Answers to Prayers**

1. Know the will of God.
2. Be in-and remain in- the Will of God.
3. Do the will of God.
4. Speak according to the Will of God.

##### 1. Know the Will of God

a. If our prayers are prompted by the fleshly nature, God will not answer them, whereas, the more our prayers are guided by the Spirit, the closer we will be to he answers. God doesn't meet our whims or give us things that will harm us, His will for us is for good and not for evil, although we may not recognize our acknowledge this all the time. (Jeremiah 29:11)

b. He will give us the things that are in accordance with the purpose He has placed in our lives, and that will bring the greatest blessings to us.

1) 1 John 5:14 (NKJV) <sup>14</sup> Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

2) According to His will. Then the key to making a precise prayer obtaining immediate answers is to know His will. In other words, faith is "now", but whoever doesn't know the will of God will usually position their faith in the future and not in the present meaning this person will never receive their prayers answered in the now

c. Jesus knew the will of the Father, but for a moment in Gethsemane, He struggled to surrender His will to the Father because He knew what He would have to go through to sacrifice His life for us. But at that moment, The Father sent help

1) Luke 22:42-43(NKJV) <sup>42</sup> saying, “Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not My will, but Yours, be done.” <sup>43</sup> Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him.

d. Many believers find it difficult to surrender their wills to God. If that is the case for you, know that in the moment you surrender your personal will, help will come.

e. We will never be able to know God’s will if our mind has not been transformed and renewed. To know the will of God, we must have experienced the renewing of the mind.

1) Romans 12:1–2 (NKJV) I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your reasonable service.* <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

## 2. Be in-and Remain in- the Will of God.

a. Knowing the Will of God is one thing, but remaining firm in it is another.

b. John 15:7 (NKJV) <sup>7</sup> If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

c. To remain in the Lord is to walk in His will. To do this, it is necessary to abandon ourselves completely to Him, allowing Him to work in all His fullness. When we get to that point, we no longer assert our own will over His will; rather, we freely surrender to His purposes and desires.

d. As we die to ourselves, we become one with God.

1) John 17:20–21 (NKJV) <sup>20</sup> “I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; <sup>21</sup> that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

2) Galatians 2:20–21 (NKJV)<sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. <sup>21</sup> I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness *comes* through the law, then Christ died in vain.”

e. To know God’s will, we must surrender completely to Him, just as Christ gave Himself completely to the Father. One of the keys of the success of the life of Jesus is that he continually stayed God’s will. His obedience was a natural part of His life because He was always with the Father.

f. The more we know God, we know ourselves. If we know our identity in Him, as Jesus knew His, and if we remain in His will, as Jesus did, then we will receive power and authority to act on God’s behalf.

### 3. Do the Will of God

a. James 1:22 (NKJV) <sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

b. It is not enough to know the will of God, it is necessary to do it. If we don’t act on it, we will become merely “religious” and our faith will fade, no matter how much knowledge we have. When we do His will, we are synchronized with the rhythm of faith.

1) Romans 10:17 (NKJV) <sup>17</sup> So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

2) We see the manifestation of our faith by acting on the Word of God.

c. Jesus preserved in doing the will of the Father; in fact, the Father’s will was His daily food, as He himself said: “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.” (John 4:34)

d. Many times Satan tried to kill Jesus but he couldn’t do it. Jesus died on the cross only at the direction of the Father and only in the fullness of time.

e. He (Jesus) laid down His own life for the purposes of saving the world through Him. Remaining in the Father’s will is therefore equivalent to being surrounded by the best shield of protection one could imagine.

1) John 10:17–18 (NKJV) <sup>17</sup> “Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from Me, but I lay

it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.”

#### 4. Speak According to the Will of God.

a. This refers to declaring and decreeing His will which is the same as giving spiritual commands.

1) 2 Corinthians 4:13 (NKJV) <sup>13</sup> And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, “*I believed and therefore I spoke,*” we also believe and therefore speak,

b. If we know God, His will has been revealed to us, and if we remain in His will and act on it, then when we speak, His answer will be immediate.

c. These 4 principals are Supernatural Transformation that aligns Heaven and Earth and gives you access to the power and authority of God. You now have the same power that Jesus had when He walked upon the earth.

1) John 5:30 (NKJV) <sup>30</sup> I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.

2) If Jesus knew the will of God, then you too must know the will of God. If Jesus was in the will of God, then you too must be in the will of God. If Jesus’ actions were led by the will of God, then your actions must also be led by that will. If Jesus spoke according to the will of God, then you too must do the same.

3) Do you know the will of God for your personal life, your marriage, and your finances? Are you in the will of God? Are you doing the will of God: Are you praying according to the will of God? Whoever is aligned with the will of ‘god prays and receives answers from Him. Today is the day that your prayer life goes to another dimension, it accelerates and moves “from faith to faith” and from answer to answer! (Romans 1:17) Don’t expect delays anymore. Acceleration comes because what you declare is God’s eternal will.

4) If there are still unanswered prayers, it is because you have not applied one of the four principles, or have not fully aligned yourself with the will of God in relation to one or more of them.

Declare and decree your healing, your deliverance, and your transformation. Don’t pray, “Father if it is Your will..” because Jesus has already established

His will for you. It is done; it is already finished. Now is the time for breakthrough!