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Series: Your Kingdom Come

Week #5 - "YOUR Will Be Done!"

Ephesians 1:9 (NIV84) ⁹And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ,



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TWO VIEWS OF PRAYER & GOD'S WILL:

- God is sovereign and because of that, His will is inevitable, so our prayers are _____.
- God is sovereign and not only allows, but commands that we pray. In fact, God's actions toward us are _____ by our prayers.
- Which is correct? _____

WHAT IS GOD'S WILL?

- To describe God's will is to describe what God wants or _____ for us to have or experience.

1. God's _____ Will

Isaiah 46:10 (GW) ¹⁰From the beginning I revealed the end. From long ago I told you things that had not yet happened, saying, "My plan will stand, and I'll do everything I intended to do."

A. The all-encompassing plan of God beginning before creation that involves all of the universe, heaven, hell, and the earth. This will of God allows sin to run its course and Satan to have his way for a season. But at God's appointed time, sin's course and Satan's way will end exactly according to God's plan.

B. The comprehensive will of God will be _____ because God spoke it and cannot contradict Himself.

Isaiah 14:24 (ESV) ²⁴The LORD of hosts has sworn: "As I have planned, so shall it be, and as I have purposed, so shall it stand . . ."

2. God's _____ Will

Luke 13:34 (NLT) ³⁴"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God's messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn't let me."

A. The compassionate will of God encompasses everything that God desires for His people to have or _____.

B. Examples of the compassionate will of God:

- God's compassionate will is for us to experience _____.

1 Timothy 2:3-4 (ESV) ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

- God's compassionate will is for us to live _____ lives and be filled with the _____.

1 Thessalonians 4:3 (NLT) ³God's will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin.

Ephesians 5:17-18 (NIV84) ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

- God's compassionate will is that Christians share their _____ with others.

Matthew 28:19–20 (NIV) ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you....

- God's compassionate will is that His people be _____ and content with His provision.
1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV84) ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

- C. The compassionate will of God is often _____ due to free will, sin, and Satan's opposition.
John 5:40 (The Message) ⁴⁰And here I am, standing right before you, and you aren't willing to receive from me the life you say you want.

3. God's _____ Will

- A. The commanding will of God is the desire of God that His children _____ His commands completely and immediately with willing hearts. This is how it is done in Heaven!

Romans 12:1–2 (NIV84) ¹Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. ²Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 6:16 (GW) ¹⁶Don't you know that if you offer to be someone's slave, you must obey that master? Either your master is sin, or your master is obedience. Letting sin be your master leads to death. Letting obedience be your master leads to God's approval.

- B. All of God's commands come from a heart of _____.

- All of God's commands always _____ or _____ for us and others.

JESUS COMMANDED US TO PRAY FOR HIS WILL TO BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.

1. Jesus' prayer illuminates the fact that God's will is _____ always fulfilled on earth as it is in Heaven.

- A. God's Comprehensive will is going to happen.

- B. God's Compassionate will and Commanding will are _____ by our prayers.

- Jesus _____ us to pray for God's will.
- Jesus taught many examples of the power of prayer in accomplishing God's will.

2. God has arranged the Kingdom so that He works in _____ with our prayers.

- A. God is at work building His Kingdom; our role is to join _____, not ask God to join _____!

John 5:17 (NIV) Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working."

John 6:38 (GW) ³⁸I haven't come from heaven to do what I want to do. I've come to do what the one who sent me wants me to do.

Matthew 6:33 (NIV) ³³But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

- B. When we cooperate with God, our prayers will be _____.

1 John 5:14–15 (NIV84) ¹⁴This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

APPLICATION:

- Have I joined God's Family?
- Am I living in alignment with God's Compassionate Will as revealed in Scripture?
- Am I living in obedience to God's commandments?
- Am I praying with expectancy?