

Bringing Heaven To Earth: Part 2

Accepting God's Will

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As we start with part 2, how have you prepared yourself for this message? If we could look at it like this: We just came through Christmas and we all enjoyed food...and probably more than normal. But when you got full you stopped and let that food digest. Once it begin digesting then you may have ate more some time later, right! This message is no different. As we have gone throughout this week, we should have been feasting upon the rightness of this word. The digesting of last week's message is the daily nuggets that I have been sending out each day through our app and Facebook post. This is purposed to bring a richer and deeper meditation so that every part of that message is absorb and that the Kingdom of God will be reveal to you and through you! If you have allowed the last message to digest then you are ready for today's message.

As I have been commissioned to bring a word from God's heart in the reference of what will take place if we heed to His word.

•What have you been looking for spiritually that you haven't seen taken place within your life yet? The Spirit of the Lord declares that He opens and closes doors that man cannot fathom. His timing is purposeful and because of your obedience, this seed will bring forth the more that He has placed within your Spirit. Because of the promise of more, His word is everlasting! Take this few moments remaining to prepare your heart for the seed. This preparation is your intentional actions that will produce the harvest to ready the multitude for His return. Harvest time is upon us.

Matthew 6:9–10 TPT

9 Pray like this: 'Our Father, dwelling in the heavenly realms, may the glory of your name be the center on which our lives turn. 10 Manifest your kingdom realm, and cause your every purpose to be fulfilled on earth, just as it is fulfilled in heaven.

The context of this scripture is simply that Jesus was teaching and proclaiming truth that was purposed to address the heart of man. For almost two thousands years man was commanded and judged by the letter of the law. The law addressed the actions of man. But Jesus came to fulfill the law. And in the fulfilling He addressed the heart of man within the action of man.

As we think about this statement I want to you to let this sink in deep. We have all said somewhere in life. "I love _____ with all my heart." What is the purpose of this statement? The alluding that our heart is central to our being. The reference that who we and what we are revolves around the very thing that our heart is centered on. So what does the word of God have to say about this statement?

Luke 6:45 NLT

45 A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart.

Mark 7:20–23 NLT

20 And then he added, "It is what comes from inside that defiles you. 21 For from within, out of a person's heart, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, 22 adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, lustful desires, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness. 23 All these vile things come from within; they are what defile you."

What is in our heart will surface by our actions. But if we look closely at verse 21, Jesus said out of a person's heart, comes evil thoughts. Then from the thoughts there is actions. But we will not be covering the actions today. The actions are the byproduct of our thoughts. The thoughts address what is really in the heart. So today we will be addressing the acceptance of God's will. When we accept God's will then we are embracing it as our own. Accepting God's will means we must have the mind of Christ. To accept God's will we must decline our will. We must have a change in the way we think.

In the 1960, Thomas Kuhn, a scientist, introduced the concept of the "paradigm shift" to explain that science progresses not linearly, but through revolutionary changes where an old framework (paradigm) is overthrown by a new one due to accumulated anomalies, leading to fundamental shifts in concepts, practices, and worldviews within a scientific community. A paradigm is a shared set of beliefs and methods, and a shift involves moving from "normal science" (puzzle-solving within a paradigm) to "revolutionary science," where the entire foundation is challenged and replaced.

To put this in layman's terms then it is simply to have a radical change from one way of thinking to a new way thinking. If we would adopt this change of thinking spiritually then our glimpse of Heaven would elevate to the next level. To view Heaven from the lens of God's heart. Paul stated:

Romans 12:2 NLT

2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Outward change begins when inward change happens. Out thinking but be just as Paul address in his first letter to the Corinthians. Having the mind of Christ. Outwardly will align with what is inwardly but inwardly must not copy the thinking process that the world possess. Notice that when our thinking changes then our knowledge changes. Paul continues to expound this truth in his second letter to Corinth.

2 Corinthians 10:3–6 TPT

3 For although we live in the natural realm, we don't wage a military campaign employing human weapons, using manipulation to achieve our aims. Instead, our spiritual weapons are energized with divine power to effectively dismantle the defenses behind which people hide. 5 We can demolish every deceptive fantasy that opposes God and break through every arrogant attitude that is raised up in defiance of the true knowledge of God. We capture, like prisoners of war, every thought and insist that it bow in obedience to the Anointed One. 6 Since we are armed with such dynamic weaponry, we stand ready to punish any trace of rebellion, as soon as you choose complete obedience.

Just as Jesus addresses the position of the heart, Paul preaches the same message. To bring into captivity every thought that is in defiance and disobedience to the knowledge of God. The defiance and disobedience to the knowledge of God is the same as defiance and disobedience to the will of God. When we fail to capture those thoughts that oppose the Kingdom of God we are allowing Satan's will to supersede what God's will is. We are then placed in the position to bring Hell to Earth. When you reject the knowledge of God, we simultaneously reject alignment with God's purpose. When you exalt your will over God's will, then you are like Satan, who is described as wicked. This comparison is significant—Satan's original sin was precisely this: refusing to acknowledge God's supreme authority and attempting to establish his own sovereignty instead.

James 4:13–17 NLT

13 Look here, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town and will stay there a year. We will do business there and make a profit." 14 How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it's here a little while, then it's gone. 15 What you ought to say is, "If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that." 16 Otherwise you are boasting about your own pretentious plans,

and all such boasting is evil. 17 Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.

This scripture is neither familiar or very popular among today's church. Although this is the trend within scripture of God's will to be done over our own. When we fail to not only recognize but also to allow God's will to be harmonized in and upon our life it is what James called to be evil. And this evil must be known as sin.

As we continue to look at the life of Paul, he withheld nothing and committed to giving God his all. No matter the circumstance whether it was in his favor or not.

Acts 20:22–24 NLT

22 “And now I am bound by the Spirit to go to Jerusalem. I don’t know what awaits me, 23 except that the Holy Spirit tells me in city after city that jail and suffering lie ahead. 24 But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.

Acts 21:10–14 NLT

10 Several days later a man named Agabus, who also had the gift of prophecy, arrived from Judea. 11 He came over, took Paul’s belt, and bound his own feet and hands with it. Then he said, “The Holy Spirit declares, ‘So shall the owner of this belt be bound by the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem and turned over to the Gentiles.’ ” 12 When we heard this, we and the local believers all begged Paul not to go on to Jerusalem. 13 But he said, “Why all this weeping? You are breaking my heart! I am ready not only to be jailed at Jerusalem but even to die for the sake of the Lord Jesus.” 14 When it was clear that we couldn’t persuade him, we gave up and said, “The Lord’s will be done.”

Accepting God’s will is submitting to His Lordship.

Paul’s leading was not his own. It was not even if Paul could impose his own will, would he had chosen differently. This is what accepting God’s will must look like in our own lives. Regardless of the opposition and outcome, we accept God’s will to be divine. (Romans 8:28 “28 And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.”)

Galatians 2:20 NLT

20 My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

So many others within scripture knew this to be true as they faced these same decisions within their lives. Even when they were wrong they imposed God's will to be His sovereignty.

Adam & Eve although they were deceived, they were still disobedient. Their choice not to obey God's command not to eat from the tree of knowledge brought sin into the world. They chose disobedience and neglected God's will for mankind. But I want us to notice that because of their choice, we will always have to choose God's will over ours in every situation.

The Israelites were freed from slavery and given the opportunity to meet God in the same reverence that Moses met Him. Exodus tells us that they refused because they were afraid. They were afraid because they didn't understand what God was saying. Just like Paul was uncertain of what was awaiting him in Jerusalem, he committed himself to whatever God deemed to be fitting. Just because we don't always understand God's will doesn't mean that we are to oppose it.

King Saul, who was appointed by God but because he failed to fulfill all that God had instructed him to do to the Amalekites was now rejected by God. Although Saul remained King after being rejected, the anointing for the appointment had been removed. When we fail to accept God's will in its entirety we may still operate in the position but lose the anointing for the position. This is why obedience is key to Bringing Heaven to Earth.

King David, anointed to take the place of Saul had his ups and downs. But if we look at the beginning, he was secretly anointed by Samuel the Prophet and the will of God began to come into fruition as he remained humble. His honor for the very man that he looked to as a father figure even upon every attempt that Saul strived to kill him. And Saul even acknowledged the will of God for David to be King. It was when David didn't follow the plan that things began to go contrary to what God wanted to establish.

Towards the end of David's rule, his son Absalom declared himself to be King and David fled from Jerusalem. In his fleeing, Zadok had brought the Ark of the Covenant of God and David ordered that he would return back to Jerusalem with the Ark. David said that if the Lord sees fit then He will bring me back to see the Ark and the Tabernacle again. But if He is through with me then let Him do what seems best to

him. David was King by position and anointed by God and knew that his fate was in the hands of God and not his own.

King Uzziah was a well established King of Southern Israel was known for his great accomplishments but provoked the wrath of God because he imposed his will over what God had already established. King Uzziah entered into the sanctuary of the Lord's temple and burned incense on the incense altar. God's will had already been in place for centuries but because Uzziah had become powerful, he became prideful. Pride comes before the fall. But James reminds us that God gives grace to the humble. Pride will get in the way of accepting God's will. This is a reason why Proverbs 14:12 forewarns us to be persuaded within our hearts that God's will is the right path to follow.

Proverbs 14:12 TPT

12 You can rationalize it all you want and justify the path of error you have chosen, but you'll find out in the end that you took the road to destruction.

In closing today we will resort back to our opening and main scripture:

Matthew 6:10 TPT

10 Manifest your kingdom realm, and cause your every purpose to be fulfilled on earth, just as it is fulfilled in heaven.

As we looked throughout God's word to see the this reality of Bringing Heaven to Earth from the prospective of Accepting of God's will. God's will for each of us may look differently but the purpose of His will is to bring Him glory. The question that we will part ways with today is, "Have you accepted His will?". This will be you next step in Bringing Heaven to Earth.

Let me pray with you today!