

Stand Still & Go Forward, Pt. 7

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Exodus 14:15 (NKJV Strong's)

“And the LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward.”

Psalms 139:16 (NKJV Strong's)

“Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them.”

I. The Written Will of God. (Review)

A. The Bible.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NKJV)

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

1. Our responsibility is to be taught, read, and study, the Word of God.

Romans 12:2 (NKJV)

“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. We must pray His Word, which is His known will.

1 John 5:14-15 (NKJV)

“Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

II. How do I know the written will of God for my life, in my book of days, that is unknown to me at the present?

A. Daily Prayer: Praying the known will and praying for that which is unknown.

1. For Example, Jesus said in:

John 5:30 (NKJV) - “I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek (to enquire into) My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.”

a. Jesus praying and seeking the unknown will of God.

Luke 6:12-13 (NKJV)

“Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. 13 And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles...”

b. Taught His disciples to pray for the will of the Father.

Matthew 6:5-13 (NKJV)

“And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. 6 But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. 7 And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. 8 “Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. 9 In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. 13 And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”

c. Apostle Paul seeking the unknown will of God.

Romans 1:9-10 (NKJV Strong's)

“For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers, 10 making request if, by some means, now at last I may find a way in the will of God to come to you.”

2. The will of God can be hard and emotionally tough, you must pray through it until it is settled in your heart to do it.

Luke 22:41-46 (NKJV)

“And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed, 42 saying, “Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.” 43 Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. 44 And being in agony (a struggle and wrestling for victory), He prayed more earnestly (more fervently, without ceasing: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22). Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. 45 When He rose up from prayer, and had come to His disciples, He found them sleeping from sorrow (Grief; pain; emotional distress; and affliction. Psalm 34:17-19 NKJV) 46 Then He said to them, “Why do you sleep? Rise (To cause to be born that which is not appeared as of yet; bring forward into the present; to stand up) and pray, lest you enter into temptation.” (Jesus had a life of prayer therefore, He could handle everything life presented to Him.)

1 Thessalonians 5:16-22 (NKJV)

“Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 19 Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not despise prophecies. 21 Test all things; hold fast what is good. 22 Abstain from every form of evil.”

Psalm 34:17-19 (NKJV)

“The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. 18 The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit. 19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.”

III. The Holy Spirit, in you, knows what has been written for you by God, He knows the written and unwritten will of God.

John 14:26 (NKJV Strong's)

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”

Romans 8:26-28 (NKJV)

“Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. 28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.”

1 Corinthians 14:2, 14-15 (NKJV)

“2 For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries....14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. 15 What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.”

Altar Call:

Revelation 20:11-15 (NKJV)

“Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. 13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. 14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”