

THY WILL BE DONE

A Lord's Flock Praise & Worship Topic

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“The Lord’s Prayer” also known as the “Our Father” is more than just a prayer. This prayer is considered a model prayer because it encompasses the essential components of a heartfelt conversation with God:

- Adoration - praising God for His greatness.
- Contrition- repentance and forgiveness.
- Thanksgiving- expressing gratitude to God.
- Supplication - lifting our petitions/requests.

At the heart of the Lord’s Prayer is the phrase, **“Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”** This serves as a powerful reminder of Jesus’ life and ministry, where He perfectly embodied obedience to God’s will. This made the disciples realize that God our Father wants all men to be saved and to come unto the knowledge of truth (1 Tim.2:4). Moreover, Jesus emphasized the importance of loving one another just as He loves us, reflecting the depth of God’s love and the call to live in harmony and compassion.

1. Jesus’ teachings on how to follow the will of God:

- 1.1 Love those who hate us (Luke 6:27-28).
- 1.2 Love those who are poor (Prov. 28:27).
- 1.3 Love those who do not believe in love.

2. Simple things to follow the will of God:

- 2.1 Console / heal the sick.
- 2.2 Counsel the widows, non-Jews, the Samaritan woman, and everybody we meet.
- 2.3 Be humble in our daily lives.
- 2.4 Have unwavering faith.
- 2.5 Speak modestly.
- 2.6 Have justice in acts.
- 2.7 Be merciful in deeds.
- 2.8 Have the discipline not to harm others.
- 2.9 Be ready to suffer.
- 2.10 Live peacefully with others.

3. Things to ponder:

- 3.1. **God’s will be done.** The salvation of humanity is God’s desire. Hence, He chose the name “Jesus” which means God saves. He came to live among us – “Immanuel, God with us. Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever (Heb. 13:8).

3.2 When we petition God to let “His will be done,” we ask for the grace of obedience, the grace of listening to His word and entrusting ourselves to the Father as we experience living according to the example of His Son, Jesus.

3.3 When we pray together that “His will be done,” we pray that all may come to know Him, who continues to gather us and make us His dwelling place.

3.4 When we ask, “God’s will be done,” we pray that we may live according to His desire, that we love one another as He has loved us.

Conclusion: Therefore, The Lord’s Prayer’s **“thy will be done”** is not just a set of words to recite, but a blueprint for our relationship with the Father and others. It guides us in recognizing God’s holiness, seeking His forgiveness, expressing our gratitude, and humbly presenting our needs, while aligning ourselves with His divine will. Further, the Lord’s Prayer is a profound example of how we should approach God – to encompass the essential aspects of a relationship with Him: adoration, contrition, thanksgiving, and supplication. By reciting this prayer and understanding its deeper meaning, we can align ourselves with the teachings of Jesus, who exemplified perfect obedience to God’s will. Hence, Jesus is the key to the will of the Father; we must love one another just as He loved us. (John 13: 34-35).

Reflection:

1. Reflect on the phrase “thy will be done.” What does this mean to you in particular? How will you seek and accept God’s will in your life even if it differs from your own desires?
2. How can you embrace this commandment and live it in your daily life?

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