

Mt. Lebanon Church

Sermon

3.29.2020

Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the study of Gods word.

Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.

Luke 11: 1 – 4

Prayer is how we align our expectations to Gods eternal purpose.

We have our will, God has his will, when they are not the same, we must pray for Gods will to over rule our own.

God reveals to us by the Holy Spirit our dependence upon him, working through his believers to see his will done upon earth.

Mankind is beginning to look to God. It is our job as Christians, who understand, (because not all Christians understand do to the lack of spiritual wisdom, they are not mature in the word) to explain the need for Christ to both the immature Christian and the sinner.

As we walk with God, he works in our hearts and we begin to think the way he would have us to think and love according to his love.

Despite our doubts, we surrender to Gods will, we trust in the satisfaction of knowing that his will is best for our lives and the lives of those around us.

Luke 11: 1 – 4 – The Lords Prayer.

As we look at this passage of scripture this morning, there are two parts I would like to focus on. Not that they are more important than the rest, but as things to focus on in our Christian life.

#1 – Lord, Teach us to pray.

#2 – Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.

To pray this prayer means committing not only to obeying it, but knowing his will for our life, so we can obey it.

When the disciples ask Christ to teach them to pray, it was because they saw something in him (Christ) that they were lacking.

They realized they were lacking quality in their spiritual life, so when they Christ to teach them to pray, they were asking him to teach them to strengthen their spiritual relationship with God the Father.

God wants us to recognize his nature and focus on his plan of salvation. His desire is that we would only concern ourselves with his will in our lives. He shows us the need for forgiveness, our responsibility to resist temptation and teaches us that he is the only one that can save us.

So, for our spiritual development, God teaches us to pray: fervently, persistently, and frequently.

James 5:16 – Confess your faults one to another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Our prayers are precious to God, because we are precious to God. Praying fervently means we are no longer trying to control the situation ourselves, but asking and allowing God to move on our behalf to work in his power and might, this gives our prayer the power of the almighty God.

Now, If we back up a moment to **V.15** it says: The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sin, he will be forgiven. When we think of sickness, we think of a physical condition in the body that needs healing. Physical sickness is due to sin. It was not until mankind sinned and was removed from the garden that physical sickness became something that mankind had to endure. The most important healing we can accept in our life is spiritual. The prayer of faith that will save the sick, Paul states very well in his letter to the church at Rome.

Romans 10:9, that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Christ, during his time of ministry upon this earth healed many people. The healing

was always spiritual. Starting with salvation and the healing of the soul. Then simultaneously as the spiritual healing took place, restoration of the physical body took place as well.

God often allows circumstances to take place in our lives just for this very reason, so that we will not be afraid to pour our hearts out to the one who made it, he already knows the content of it. To share with the one who loves us, we must learn to listen with our mind, our spirit, and our heart to what he has to say.

Colossians 4:2 – Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant (persistent) in it with thanksgiving.

We bring our request to God, we reveal the desires of our heart to him, knowing, only God can meet them. Our persistence in prayer is in our willingness to submit to his will, submission and obedience. When we learn to submit to his will and obedience we will gain a new perspective in our prayer life. God hears and answers every prayer, in his own way and in his own time frame.

One of the things we overlook a lot of times as Christians in our prayer life is to be vigilant in it with thanksgiving. We pray and pray and pray for the Lord to take care of and allow things to happen in our lives, but only are we thankful when those things come to pass. We glorify God, when in our faith we mature to the place in our spiritual life, that we ask in faith believing and then begin to be thankful for that which we have ask that is being taken care of. While we patiently wait with thanksgiving, God will open us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ. Everything that takes place in our life is to glorify God and to show the love of salvation to those that he brings us in contact with each and everyday.

1 Thessalonians 5: 16 – 18 – Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks, for this is the will of God, In Christ Jesus for you.

Pray without ceasing, means, that due to the amount of activity in our lives, both of the natural man and the spiritual being – daily, we have need of Gods grace, his strength, his assistance and therefore we should be communicating with him for it. This means that there are times that we should stop and pray, focusing only on God – Then there are times that mentally (meaning those things that are on our mind that comes from the heart) we are constantly talking to the Lord about. Everyday, every moment of every day, we are presented with, trials, tribulations, temptations of one kind or another and the need to continually go to the throne of Gods grace and mercy for help in those times of need.

We do not know exactly why the disciples ask the Lord to teach them to pray, whatever it was they witnessed, we do know, it became a defining moment in their spiritual life.

Like the disciples, Christ would like to see defining moments in our spiritual lives as well. Our hope of a meaningful prayer life is our obedience to the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:26, We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the spirit himself intercedes for us....

The book of John tells us, **9:35**, now we know that God does not hear sinners. Our first, humble, selfless act of faithful prayer is that of confession. **Romans 10:10**, For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. This is by and through the direction of the Holy Spirit that surrounds us and convicts us. A fulfillment of Christ prophecy of the promise of the comforter. Through salvation, now the indwelling Holy Spirit makes intercession for us, through his leadership and guidance we gain wisdom and knowledge in our prayer life so that we gain the quality needed to strengthen our spiritual relationship with God.

These five words can help us to mature in our prayer life and the quality of our spiritual life with Christ.

Lord, Teach us to Pray.

Now that we see why the disciples ask Christ to teach them to pray, lets look at, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.

Luke 11:2

What makes heaven, heaven. It is because Gods will is done there, perfectly, always, and in everything. Gods will is what makes heaven, and it can make heaven anywhere and everywhere and bring it into the hearts of man. According to the will of God being done in the hearts of man, explains the difference between that which is good and that which is evil.

Gods will is above our own will. Faith in God alone can bring us to this. Our prayer is that Gods will would be supreme everywhere. This takes place through the submission and obedience to him, and will bring about his heavenly purpose here on earth, so we pray that God will use us to do his will.

Luke 11: 2 – Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.

What is Gods will – Gods will is his perfect plan of salvation and eternal life.

God has a plan for every one of us. Many people will go through life without ever thinking about it, but that does not change the fact that God put us here for a purpose.

To understand thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven, we must see what Gods will is in heaven.

Revelation 4: 2 – 5, 8 – 11

Chapter 4 starts out showing us a heavenly perspective, looking down on the earth.

We must remember that the reality of heaven is much greater than the description that John gives us of it.

John sees a throne and a place of worship and identifies with it as the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. The scene unfolding before John's eyes was one of active worship and proclaiming glory, honor and power to the one who created all things and provided eternal life to all who excepts.

All believers have this same opportunity here on earth, all believers have the opportunity to be in the spirit just as John was, the opportunity to recognize God on the throne with Christ at his right hand and the opportunity to glorify God day and night. The one who is eternal. His will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.

It is so important in our Christian life to be thankful and glorify God. God loves us and only wants the best for us, so he is a continually giving God. For this we give him: Praise and honor and glory. Praying without ceasing is just that. Our mind set should be that of one of continually worshipping God. Just as John in his vision saw, they do not rest day or night saying: Holy, Holy, Holy. Lord God Almighty.... This is the will of God in heaven, it is not a commanded will, but a voluntary response for his mercy and grace that gave us salvation and eternal life. John also tells us they cast their crowns before the throne, saying: you are worthy o Lord, to receive glory, and honor, and power, for you created all things, and by your will they exist and were created. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. We must lay it all at the foot of the cross.

Matthew 16: 24, 25 - Jesus said.... If anyone desires.... Deny himself.... Take up thy cross.... Follow me. This is what it takes to mature, to grow, to continually glorify God.

Romans 12: 1 – 3 – Gods will for us here on earth.

...present your bodies a living sacrifice,.... Prove what is good and acceptable and perfect will of God.... God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

Paul teaches us here about (spiritual worship) worshiping God is using our minds, our hearts, and our bodies to express the Glory of God for us in Christ.

So, we must be transformed to turn everything in our life and all of our life into worshiping God. (Just as John saw in heaven)

That you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. In the book of **Matthew chapter 5**, Christ himself tells us it is the love of God. The love of God that saves and as believers has saved us and brought us into his family through the continual hope of eternal life. The love, that in return, we show to others, and by our example and actions help them to see the pathway that leads to salvation. Christ said: Therefore you shall be perfect just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

Colossians 3: 10 - Have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of him who created him.

How do we discern the will of God. Through the new man, and in the image of God who created him, we are able to see and take part in the sovereign plan of God.

The plan of God is that all might except salvation. We must continually be renewed in this knowledge. Our creation or physical birth we have no knowledge or recollection of except which is recorded by man and presented to us. Our spiritual birth on the other hand, God has recorded and continually renews in us this knowledge of our day of great faith, when worldly pridefulness became of no value to us and Christlike humbleness became our everything. Our joy fulfilled, our cup overflowing. At times we allow satan, through temptation and deception to deplete our joy and evaporate (so to speak) the living water from our cup. Through renewed knowledge according to the image of the one who created us, Paul tells us in **Acts 14:17** -gave us rain from heaven.... Filling our hearts.... What evaporates does not go away, it goes up. As we are renewed, Gods blessings rain down upon his people so that our joy may remain full and our cup overflowing.

1 Peter 3: 15 – 17, But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts....

We sanctify God in our hearts by declaring and proclaiming his holiness, by glorifying him, praising him and all his perfections, giving thanks for his power displayed in the works of creation. We sanctify him before others when we are obedient to him and obey his commands, call upon his name and praise him. (Just as was happening around the throne in heaven)

Salvation given, the foundation of who we are, the love, grace and mercy of God, through Christ and the cross, shed blood, righteousness, sacrifice and redemption, the doctrine of faith, the hope of eternal life.

Hebrews 10:23 – 25..... hold fast the confession of our hope.... Glorifying God is the profession of our hope of eternal life.

Not all people will abide forever with the Lord. Some will, some won't, the difference is some do the will of God, some don't. The will of God does not always take place.

We need understanding of the will of God. This enables us to be obedient to and hold fast to the word of God. We must immerse ourselves in the written word of God, saturate our minds, and pray that the Holy Spirit would make us anew, to be that which is the good, acceptable, and perfect will of God.

Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.

Let us pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

Tim Hughes

304.376.3177 – Text or talk.

Tim.hughes1962@gmail.com

