

Thy Will Be Done

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Lu 22:41 And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed,
42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine,
be done.

Our Beloved Savior was crossing the brook Kidron. David crossed this brook bare-foot and weeping, when fleeing from Absalom (2 Sam. 15:23, 30) All the impurities were dumped here and in the time of King Josiah this valley was the common cemetery of the city. Now the Holy One of God going to take all our impurities, the filth of the sins upon him as he is crossing the valley and on his way to mount of Olives. Here he kneels down to pray. He was totally man and totally God in human flesh, from a human perspective he feels the pressure of going to the cross.

The Justice of God was violated by man sinning against God. The Son of God came to satisfy the justice of God as he represented his people. Is there any way that God can take this fierce punishment that is going to come upon him as a man our Savior was brought to the knees and he prayed. The greatest words that he ever uttered was nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

There is a great intimacy of love between the Father and the Son. How if the Father felt sorry for his Son and changed his mind and said, "Yes, my Son, I will remove the cup from you." But Jesus said, "Not my will but thine be done." Oh beloved see the love of God to the believing sinner! Aren't you glad we have a God that never compromise his word, never change his word. We earthly parents discipline our children also we break our promises, we change our minds but it is impossible for God to contradict and to compromise. If God felt sorry for his Son and changed his mind you and are racing towards hell. Our Lord was obedient to God's will.

What a lesson we can learn my beloved. When your spirit is entirely resigned to God's will, he will bless you. Probably not with the worlds riches but make you rich inside with maturity and holiness.

Selfishness is the root of "my will." Therefore put to death selfishness.

Ps 119:36 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.

37 Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way.

Lu 12:15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

The happiest and most blessed thing is to be in God's hands. Our self needs to be crucified daily at the cross. Then our inner man will be delighted and say, "God's will be done." Adam in the garden of paradise did his will. But Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane did God's will. Our flesh still loves the luscious fruits of sin, pleasures and the beauty as our flesh always wants to go back to the sins

of paradise. But in the garden of Gethsemane there are bitter herbs which the flesh doesn't like but these bitter herbs will produce godly fruits.

How many love the Lord in good times but in persecution and hard times they have no love for the Lord at all. Yes, bad times are painful to the flesh, many will pray and say, and "Lord get me out of this." They forget to say, "Not my will Lord but your will be done."

How about Abraham when God told him to sacrifice his son Isaac whom he loved. Joseph in Egypt when he was falsely accused and put in prison, living in a foreign country separated from his parents. What about Daniel when he was falsely accused and put in the Lions Den. How about Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego when they refused to worship the statue of Nebuchadnezzar and put them to be burned in the fiery furnace. How about Stephen when he was stoned to death, and how about Apostle Paul when he was in hunger, shipwrecked and stoned. Did they murmur and complain? No these godly men set an example for us to follow. They did not have the full Bible and they were looking for Christ but we have the whole Bible and the full revelation of the cross and how much more we should be strong. Murmuring and complaining is out of place for God's children. God plants his footsteps in the sea, trust in Him and next time when you go through hardship, kneel down and pray to the Lord and don't ever forget to say, "Not my will Lord but thy will be done."

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