

“Your Will Be Done”

Intro:

1.What “Your Will Be Done” means:

A. “Thy”

B. “Thy Will”

-Decreed will:

-Directive will:

C. “Thy will be done”

-Petition of _____

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D. "Thy will be done on earth as it is heaven"

-Visible and _____

- _____ and eternal

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2. Two key words to consider:

A. Active:

God's will in general:

God's will specifically:

-Sexual purity: 1Thess.4

-Christ focused vocation: Eph.6:5-6

-Spirit filled living: Eph.5:15-18

-Habitual _____ 1Thess.5:16

-Habitual _____ 1Thess.5:17

-Habitual _____ 1Thess.5:18

*** When we do the known will of God usually the unknown will become known.

B.Passive: _____, _____, _____

>>Jesus Matt.26:36-46

>>Paul 2Cor.12:7-10

>>Mary Luke 1:28-38

***This is the place as it were when we are at the end of the fighting, the striving, the wrestling, the praying and the pleading....."Thy will be done"

**Questions to ponder from Paul Tripp in his book
"Lost in the Middle" that are fitting in view of the
statement "Your Will Be Done...."**

"Will I rest or complain?

Will I believe or doubt?

Will He (God) be my greatest joy, or will my heart be ruled by the joys the earth offers?

Will I let pain and disappointment put a wedge between me and my Lord?

Will I continue to hold on to my dreams with clenched fists long after they have slipped through my fingers?

Will I enviously compare my life to those around me?

Will I allow myself to rehearse to myself again and again how my life could have been different?

Will I try to drug my disappointed heart with temporary joys of the surrounding world?

Will I let devotion to God give way to questions that can never be answered?

Will I begin to walk away from the one place of hope to which I once constantly ran?

Will I let my joy ebb away, or will I, in the middle of my disappointment, battle for my heart with all the fight that I can muster?

Will I worship...God whom I cannot fully understand?

Will I find joy in Him and His love even though I struggle with the difficulty He has brought my way?

Go in your mind right now to the thing in your life that is the most difficult for you to accept. Are you able to stare that thing in the face and at the same time celebrate the Lord and His wisdom, power, goodness, and love? Do you struggle to look honestly at your pain and still hold firmly onto the childlike faith in God? If you cannot hold real life in one hand and a firm rest in God's rule in the other, then perhaps the war of control is raging in your heart.

Do you question God's administration of your story?

Do you wish that you had been able to write your own plot?

Do you fall into thinking that if you had been in charge, you would have made better and wiser choices?

Do you worship God as sovereign on Sunday and curse His sovereignty on Tuesday?

As you look back on your life, is it more a picture of resting in His control or of a quest for control?

God is sovereign. You and I are not. This is not just theology; it is our identity. God is in absolute control, and He is infinitely good."