

Thy Will or My Will

Thy Will Be Done - Week 2 (6-4-23)

Eph. 2:11-22

I. God's Availability

- A. God is approachable and desires to be with you!
- B. God has done everything necessary to make Himself available and had placed us close to Him.
 - 1. John 3:16 - He loved us so much that He couldn't bear the thought of being without us. Or for us to continue "living" without Him.
 - 2. Think about all that God has done throughout our world's history in order to make connection with mankind.
- C. God wants to communicate with you, and you CAN Hear Him!
 - 1. John 10:1-5, 16, and 25-29 - "My sheep hear my voice..."
 - 2. He speaks to us by His Spirit to our spirit. Spirit to Spirit.
 - a) 1 Corin. 2:9-16
 - 3. Don't forget that you have the very Spirit of God living inside of you, always ready and available.
 - a) Develop a constant awareness of God's loving presence with you!
 - (1) Psalm 16:8-11 - God is always here with us, but we must fix our gaze on Him
- D. "Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." - Matt. 4:4
 - 1. It's not so much knowing God's written word, but being able to hear the Holy Spirit guide you through the scriptures and plant them in your heart. As well as being able to hear Him speak directly to you.

II. Surrendering Your Heart

- A. DL - "To know God's will you have to know God, and to know God you have to seek God."
- B. Micah 6:6-8 and Isaiah 1:11-19
 - 1. It's a lot easier to just mark things off of our "to-do list" from God than to surrender our hearts to God and allow Him to change us.
 - a) Dealing with our own heart can be painful and messy
- C. Our will will reflect God's will when our hearts are surrendered and trusting in Who God is.
 - 1. Phil. 2:12-13
 - a) "Work out" = Manifestation or actualization of something one already possess.
 - b) God gives us the will and the power to accomplish His will.
 - c) Romans 12:1-2 - We are to be living proof of God's good, and acceptable, and perfect will.
 - (1) Eph. 5:9-17 - Proving what is acceptable to God.
 - (a) Circumspectly = akribos - carefully, exactly, strictly

D. When we fix our heart and soul (mind, will, and emotions) on God, the part of us that wants to rebel against God will be starved out.

1. Romans 8:5-13

III. Choose Your Hard - Counting the Cost

A. Matt. 16:24-25

1. A surrendered heart toward God means living with open hands toward Him.

2. DL - "Your best life is in God's will."

a) Not your easiest life, but certainly your best life.

b) No matter what God asks you to lay down or walk through, you can know that that process is the path to life.

(1) Romans 8:28-32

B. Difficulty in this life is not optional for anyone. No matter who you are, you're going to face hardship. What is optional is if you face that hardship with or without God.

1. We might as well choose the hard road that God will carry you through.