

Sermon Notes – 08.17.2025

The Holy Spirit & The Will of God

Matthew 6:9-10 "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. **10** 'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

We Pray this Prayer Asking God to Do This – Bring Your Kingdom, and Accomplish Your Will on Earth Like it is in Heaven.

Think About this Prayer a Little Differently –

Ephesians 5:14-17 For this reason it says, "Awake, sleeper, And arise from the dead, And Christ will shine on you." **15** Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, **16** making the most of your time, because the days are evil. **17** So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Matthew 12:50 "For whoever does the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother."

Hebrews 10:23-24 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; **24** and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,

"Hallowed be Thy Name"

“...the meaning of this petition is, “Let thy name be celebrated, venerated, and esteemed as holy everywhere, and receive from all people proper honor.” It is thus the expression of a wish or desire, on the part of the worshipper, that the name of God, or that God himself, should be held everywhere in proper veneration.

Albert Barnes Notes on the N.T.

There is a bit of worship in this: Let Everyone revere your name as holy!

“The concept of God's concern for His name is a recurring theme throughout the Bible, reflecting His desire for His character and reputation

to be honored and revered among all peoples. God's name is not merely a label but represents His essence, attributes, and the manifestation of His divine nature. The importance of God's name is evident in His actions, commands, and the way He interacts with humanity.”

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It Begins with Us – We say that God’s name is Holy & We live to show that it is.

'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.'

We Evidence the Kingdom of God by Living According to His Will

By the Holy Spirit, We are Empowered to Live as Witnesses

Acts 1:6-9 So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" **7** He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; 8 but **you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.**" **9** And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

When the Holy Spirit Comes – Our Witness / Our Lives Show the World

John 16:7-11 "But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. **8** "And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; **9** concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; **10** and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; **11** and **concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.**

The Helper, The Holy Spirit is Sent to Us

Our Wicked Acts Give God's Enemies a Cause to Blaspheme

When David Sinned with Bathsheba, God Said of the Consequences:

2 Samuel 12:14 "... by this deed you have given occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme,

2Co 5:17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

2Co 5:18 Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,

2Co 5:19 namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

2Co 5:20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

2Co 5:21 He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.