

THY WILL BE DONE

St. Matthew 7:21, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

The importance that God's will is done in and through our life cannot be overemphasized. I believe, every child of God longs for that, as it is written: *"I delight to do thy will, o my God" (Psalm 40:8).*

And yet, it is not always so easy to find out God's will and to be found in it. Some excerpts from the prophet shall help us in that. Let us hear what God has spoken through his mouth:

All that I am, all that I ever could hope to be, I have derived from His grace and mercy. I was wretched, miserable, poor, blind; but by grace He has healed me, and I am strong and healthy, by the grace of God. I have good eyesight. I have to eat, drink, have whatever I have need of. **He never promised to supply my wants; but my needs.**

And if I am cast away at that day... I cannot see where I would be. But if I knew that I was wrong, and God has chosen me to be wrong, I would want to stay wrong, **because that I want to do His will. It's, I love Him till I want His will to be done.** Now, that's a big statement, but I hope you get it in the way, the spirit I said it in. See, I want to do His will. I ask Him for something some time, He shakes His head "no," I just rejoice so much about that as I can if He said "yes." Because, we always ought to ask, "Thy will be done." (*Matt. 6:10*). **His noes, that's just a whole lot better than His yesses, if it's His will to do it.** That's when you really love Him. Amen. ^[1]

Yes, how important is it, to correspond with His good and acceptable, perfect will. **Nothing good will come upon us, if we live in the permissive will of God** (*Numbers 22:15-22; Psalm 81:7-14; Psalm 78:12-31; Psalm 105:37-45; Psalm 106:8-15*).

Let us read the Word of Romans 12:2,

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

That's what we all want to do, is, "Be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of our mind, to do the perfect and acceptable will of God." Now that we have been saved, as we are; and that we have been filled with the Holy Spirit, as we have; **now we want the mind that was in Christ, to be in us, that we might be transformed from the natural things of life, and be brought in to do the perfect will of God, by transformation, of God's Spirit, by His Word** (*John 6:63*). [2]

Just stay right in the Word, these secret passages where we could find out just how to get in. And you just watch, **you follow God's direction** (*Rom. 8:14*), there's only one key to each door. That's right. And no other key, no matter how much it looks like it, God has no skeleton key; just got one key. And now, you've got to have that key, or the door won't unlock. No matter how sincere you are, you still can't unlock that door.

David was an anointed king (anointed of God), the greatest king Israel ever had, outside of the Lord Jesus, which is God, the Anointed One. Jesus was David's son according to the lineage, the flesh. And He's to set on David's throne, the prince always inherits the king's throne.

Notice, now, that David being anointed, yet with the anointing he did, he got out of the will of the Lord with that anointing; and all the people, not taking the run of the Scripture or the key to this revelation, all of them anointed too, they all, together, shouting and praising God for a thing **that looked exactly right: to bring the Word of God back to the house of God** (*I Chron. 13*). But David was king, not prophet. See? There was a prophet in the land to do it by, and God dishonored the whole move because they never used the right key. The door didn't unlock. **And now we must remember that, and keep that in mind. Everything of God, one certain way it's to be done, and that settles it.** Now, there, God had a one certain Church that He meets the people in, and He will receive you in that Church and no other church (*I Cor. 12:13*). [3]

So therefore, **God never changes His mind about anything, but He will permit you to go on.** God will permit you to do something **and even bless you in doing it, but still it isn't His perfect will.**

God permitted Israel to take a Law in Exodus the 19th chapter, when grace had already given them a prophet, Pillar of Fire, a sacrificed lamb, a delivering power, but they cried out for a Law. **It wasn't God's will, but it was injected because man wanted it.** And he was cursed by the very law

that he wanted. It's best to have God's will. That's what He taught us: "Thy will be done; Thy Kingdom come, Thine will be done."

We must submit ourselves to His will and His Word. Don't question It, believe It. Don't try to find a way around It, just take It the way It is. So many want to go around, get some other way. And when you do, you find yourself going on, **you find God blessing you, but you're working in His permissive will and not in His perfect Divine will.** He permits it, as I said, but He will not let it be His perfect will, **but He will make it work to honor and bless His perfect will.** And childbearing by sex is one of that. [4]

Now the next great thing, we find out that **He hates anything that'll put anything to rule over His Church besides Himself.** He is a jealous God. So He hated that Nicolaitane (*Rev. 2:6*).... How many can remember when the good prophet, Samuel, when all of Israel wanted to act like the rest of the world? Do you remember that? And the prophet told them, said, "You're wrong!" But they wanted to act like the Philistines, and like the rest of them (*1 Samuel 8*).

Well, that's exactly what happened in this very first church age. **It's strange that people don't want God to lead them (*John 16:13*).** They want to follow... **they want some man.** Israel, made the greatest mistake it ever made. **Grace had already provided them** a prophet, a leader, provided them a lamb as an atonement, and provided them food from the heavens, and all the good things that grace had provided them, and still, in Exodus 19, **they wanted a law.** They wanted to make doctors of divinity, and have some man, they wanted to have something to do into it, too. [5]

Now, in John 5:1-9, Jesus said, when He passed through the Bethesda pool there, and He saw, He know a man had an infirmity for thirty-eight years. Look, about two thousand people standing there, water-head babies, lame, blind, halt, withered, twisted up. Jesus passed through the pool, looked all around, full of love, full of compassion. **See, we don't know what love means.** We take it on a human side. Full of compassion, sure, you're talking human compassions. **Real compassion is doing the will of God.** See? There it is. [6]

And Jesus said unto the Jews then who sought to kill Him, because He had healed the impotent man on the sabbath day:

"My Father worketh hitherto, and I work... Verily, verily, I say unto you: The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise..." (St. John 5:10-20).

Notice the harmony of the Father and the Son: Jesus never did anything until it was first showed Him by the Father. **This harmony is now to exist between the Groom and His Bride. He shows her His Word of life. She receives it.** She never doubts it. Therefore, nothing can harm her, not even death. For if the seed be planted, the water will raise it up again. Here is the secret of this. **The Word is in the bride (as it was in Mary).** The bride has the mind of Christ for she knows what He wants done with the Word. She performs the command of the Word in His name for **she has 'THUS SAITH THE LORD'**. Then the Word is quickened by the Spirit and it comes to pass. Like a seed that is planted and watered, it comes to full harvest, serving its purpose.

Those in the bride do only His will. No one can make them do otherwise. They have 'THUS SAITH THE LORD' or they keep still. They know that it has to be God in them doing the works, fulfilling His own Word. He did not complete all His work while in His earthly ministry **so now He works in and through the bride.** She knows that, for it was not yet time for Him to do certain things that He must now do. **But He will now fulfill through the bride that work which He left for this specific time.** [7]

Now She, the true Bride, is so sold out to Him that She uses no mind of Her own. His mind, of course, is His will, and His will is His Word. [8]

But first, you see, your motives and objectives have to be right. You have to have reasons for this. God doesn't give you those things just because you ask. **And you cannot ask in faith unless there's a real objective to that, to be in the will of God.** See, if you want to be well, what do you want to be well for? See, if you want to be healed, what's the reason you want to be healed? What are you telling God? What do you want to do with your life when you get healed? **See, you've got to have a motive and objective, and they have to be right according to the will of God. And then's when the faith is revealed to you, and God by His sovereign grace places that faith in there, then it's over (Matt. 16:13-19).** [9]

Now, I think that if unless we know the Word of God, we don't know what to do. **We can't have faith until we know what is the will of God.**

And then if we know it is the will of God, the Word of God said something, then we can gladly follow that (*Heb. 11:1-2,6*). [10]

Let's take, for instance, Noah and his day (*Heb. 11:7*). It was becoming of Noah, **after he had met God and had known God's plan for the day.**

Now, **you cannot do anything unless you know what you are doing. You must know that it is the will of God. You must know that it is His plan and His desire, and it's revealed to you, then there is nothing going to stop it** (*Gal. 1:11-24*).

Now, **Noah** knew, because he had not got his ministry from some school of education, but he had **talked face to face with God.** And he knew that there was coming a flood. He knew that the rains would pour out of the skies, like rivers opening up, although it was firmly against scientific matters in that day. The scientists, no doubt, criticized Noah, and said, 'We can scientifically prove to you that there is no water up there.' (*Gen. 6:13-22 + chapter 7-8*).

For, they were a great age then, greater than we are today, more scientific than we are today. You know, Jesus referred to it, "As it was in the days of Noah." (*Matt. 24:37-39*). How they built the sphinxes and the pyramids, and things that we could not touch, building today. And they were great scientists. They had colors and things, and embalming fluid, in that day, that they could make a mummy. We could not do it today if we had to. They were farther advanced than we are. And they could prove that there was no water there.

But, just the same, it was becoming to **Noah, after he had known the plan of God, that he hammered away on the ark,** just the same, for he knew that only that ark would be the only thing that would float. No matter, if it was scientifically proven there was no water there; if the Word of God had said it would rain, it's going to rain. [11]

Now, persistent, trying to achieve something. All man through all ages have been that way. **Noah was very persistent after he had found the will of God.**

You've got to first find the will of God. Now, you've got to find the will of God, as you're coming to be prayed for, you've got to find the will of God, whether it's God's will to heal you or not. And the next thing you have to do, if you're coming to get salvation, you've got to find out whether it's God's will to save you or not. **The first thing you have to find out, what God's will is. And then, if you really have received the seed in your heart, then you can be persistent.** There's nothing going to move you.

No matter what wisdom man tries to say, "It's not so, and it's not this and that and the other," it doesn't move you one iota, **because you know what the will of God is. He spoke it into your heart, your faith sets there** and it'll hold right on no matter if there's no more than like a grain of mustard seed (*Matt. 17:20*). It'll bring you right out to the place. **The will of God.**

Noah, after he heard the Voice of God telling him that there's going to be a flood come, that was going to destroy the world, nature was going to cut up. Didn't Jesus say, "As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be at the coming of the Son of man"? (*Luke 17:26-30*). Nature would take a rampage, and we see it today. [6]

God's Word tells us in St. John 7:17,

"If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine...."

Someone come the other day and said, "Brother Branham, do you think it's wrong to do a certain thing?" I said, "What are you questioning it about?" See, **if there's a question in your mind, leave it alone. Don't do it at all.** Just stay with that. When you start to do anything, and if it's a question, whether it's right or wrong, stay away from it. Don't go into it at all. **Then you know you're right.**

Now all things ought to be considered prayerfully first. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these other things will be added..." (*Matt. 6:33*). [12]

Lot got in trouble. Why? - **He was out of the will of God** (*Gen. 14:1-12*). And if you get in trouble when you're in the will of God, God will help you out. But if you're in trouble out of the will of God, there's only one thing to do, **get back in the will of God again!** [13]

Brother Branham was asked following question: *How do you feel is the best way to find the Lord's will in some important matters?*

I tell you, dear friend, the best way to find the will of God in some important matters **is prayer.** See?

Here's a wonderful little thing here. If you have a matter that's very important... Now, here's the way I do it. I take it before the Lord. And it's always been my strength (*Isaiah 40:31*); I wait upon the Lord and see what He says. **And I just let myself neutral to it, don't take either side, and say, 'Now, heavenly Father, it can...'**

Course now, in my case most of the time, if it's very important, I wait on a vision. But many people, God doesn't deal with in visions. So therefore, I wouldn't advise you to do that. See? Because it's just some people that has visions and some does something else. Where you do something else that I couldn't do, maybe--in your way of serving the Lord--I do something that you couldn't do. See? God deals with us different.

And so I would if I was in your place and didn't have visions from before the Lord, **I would just wait upon the Lord and say, 'Lord, now You show me what's the decision to make.'** (*Psalms 62:1-8*). **And then, way you feel led to do it**, then wait just a little bit, then wait a little while longer, and see which way, **which side you lean towards**, which way the Spirit... Say, 'Now, Father, in my heart You know it doesn't matter; but I want to know what You want to do about it.'

That's the way I do about meetings sometime. I feel kind of led to go this way or that way, then I'll follow that way. That's the way to do it, 'cause it's in prayer then; you're doing the best you can.

And I believe this, my friends, as Paul was in the New Testament in days gone by. He was between two straits, which way he should go. And he started on the wrong road, and he got a Macedonian call (*Acts 16:6-9*). **And I believe if you are making a decision for God and do it the best that you can, I believe God will correct you and see that you don't go wrong.** I believe God will do it. [14]

I pray for you. You pray for me. Just don't say, 'Brother Branham, I will.' You do it! See? I'm depending on that. I'm the one that needs prayer, **if He can shove me somewhere.** Remember, I'm a human being, I'm not God. I'm just a human being like you are, **trying to find the will of God so I can walk in it.** "*And he that lacks wisdom let him ask of God*" (*James 1:5*). And that's what I'm doing, **asking of God.** And I'm just putting that to you as my church, a heart-to-heart talk. What, where are we at? Where we standing? What hour are we living in? We're at the end time, I believe. I believe we're right here at the end. [15]

There is only one way to serve God, that's by doing His will at His command. And God, being sovereign, there is no one to tell Him what to do or how to do it. He does it the way, He knows the right way to do it. And that makes me feel good. And it ought to make all of us feel good, and I'm sure it does. For, one would have It coming this way, and one have It going that way, and one the other way.

But one great thing, again, about God, **He has not left us, now, without knowing what's the Truth and how to do it.** He wouldn't be just, to punish us for doing something that we didn't know how it was going to be done, and then let us stumble into something. He is not that kind of a God. **He's a God that speaks the Word and expects His children to believe It.** And, therefore, He knows what's best, and when to do it, and how to do it. We have our ideas of it, but He knows. [16]

"Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is." (Eph. 5:17).

Even our Lord Jesus said in St. John 5:30,

"I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me."

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[Bro. Branham in „Conduct-Order-Doctrine“, page 724]*