

PERSONAL DEVOTIONS—“Your Will Be Done”

Take three days this week to dig deeper into God's Word, applying the lessons from today's text.
(Quotations from J.I. Packer, *Praying the Lord's Prayer*, Crossway 2007)

Day 1 — Matthew 26:36-46— “Not as I will, but as You will”

Romans 12:1-2; Ephesians 5:9-10—the “good and acceptable and perfect” will of God

Psalms 16:4-6; 116:10-14—drinking of the cup the Lord has mixed for us

“Here more clearly than anywhere the purpose of prayer becomes plain: not to make God do my will (which is practicing magic), but to bring my will into line with his (which is what it means to practice true religion).

So understood, “thy will be done” takes some praying! I cannot sincerely ask for the doing of God's will without denying myself, for when we get down to the business of everyday living, we regularly find that

it is our will rather than His that we want to do, or see happening. Nor can I pray this prayer without dedicating myself to keep loyal to God in face of all the opposition that in this fallen world... I regularly meet.”

Day 2 — Acts 20:13—21:14—“Let the will of the Lord be done”

Proverbs 11:14; 15:22; 20:18; 27:9— the value of wise counsel

Proverbs 3:5-6; John 7:17; Isaiah 30:21—“this is the way; walk in it”

“But how shall we know what God wants of us? By paying attention to His Word and to our own consciences, by noting what circumstances allow, and by taking advice in order

to check out our own sense of the situation and the adequacy of our insight into what is right.

Problems about God's will regularly come clear as they are bounced off other Christian minds...

If you are open to God, God will get through to you with the guidance you need. That is a promise!”

Day 3 — Hebrews 12— Earth and Heaven

Matthew 8:11; Luke 22:28-30; Revelation 19:9—banquet fellowship

Psalms 89:5-7; Revelation 7:9-17 —before the throne of God

“...a community of created beings, intelligent like ourselves, living nearer to God... and serving Him with an ecstatic wholeheartedness that in this life we never attain. This is “heaven” in the usual sense of the word, the “heaven” to which Christians “go” when they die, the state of life for which our time here is all preparation and training. Heaven in this sense is infinitely more important than the present life, not only because it is endless while this life is temporary, but also because no relationships are perfectly enjoyed here in the way that they will be hereafter... Heaven will be an experience of togetherness, closer and more joyous than any we have known so far, whether with our God or with our fellow-believers.”

Summit Family Prayer Reminders

- Pray for **John Gouldin**, moved from Mercy Hospital in Sioux City to Hospice Care at BVRMC on Thursday. Pray also for **Scott Leininger, Crystal Cook, Robin Koster, John Irvan**, and others, for an outpouring of God's healing grace as they battle health concerns.
- Pray for our **Summer Kids For Christ High Seas Expedition**, which kicks off this evening! Pray for God's Word to bear eternal fruit in the lives of each of the children who attend.
- Pray for **Tim Steffen** and **Jina Vandervort** who are completing steps to membership at Summit. *Discovery Class is the first step—sign up today for 12:30-3:30 PM on Sun Aug 29.*

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YOUR WILL BE DONE

Matthew 6:10

