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Sermons

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THEME: THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM

TITLE: f *That good and acceptable and perfect Will of God*

READ: Matthew 6:9-15

Theme text this morning is..... second part of verse 10

"Your kingdom come. Your will be done"

On earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean ?

**God's will in heaven
be done on the earth
just as it is in heaven**

Two week ago (26/6) I spoke of how 'in the Hebrew mind set', the 2'nd half of a verse often develops the thought of the first half, and through that understanding we could look at

A key of how Jesus defined the Kingdom of God

- In the Lord's Prayer there are two petitions side by side....
 - *Your Kingdom come / Your will be done.*
- The Jews had a characteristic way of saying things twice in the scriptures repeating their thought and bringing out their meaning "in other words"
 - **Example Psalm 46:1**

"God is our refuge and strength" / A very present help in trouble.

Psalm 46:7

"The LORD of hosts is with us / The God of Jacob is our refuge.

Matthew 10:24

"A disciple is not above his teacher /

nor a servant above his master.

We see how the 2nd half develops the thought of the 1st half

- We have this same idea in the Lord's Prayer

- Your Kingdom come / Your will be done.

The 2nd half develops the thought of the 1st half

Through this clue (key) in the Lord's Prayer can see how Jesus defines His father's Kingdom:

- *Your Kingdom come / Your will be done.*
- As His will is being done / His Kingdom will come
His Kingdom will come / as His will is being done
His Kingdom is come / As His will is done
- Your **WILL BE DONE** on earth **AS it is** in heaven
- Jesus taught us to pray.....
*"Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

A. Thus Jesus gives us a perfect definition of the Kingdom of Heaven (i.e. The Kingdom of God on earth):

"The Kingdom of God is society and state of things when God's will is as perfectly done on earth as it is in heaven.

- Jesus' idea of the Kingdom was of a time when all men would perfectly do the will of God..... **when all creation would be perfectly subject to God in all things.**

- Ephesians 1:9-10
“....having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth--in Him.
- 1 Corinthians 15:28
“Now when all things are made subject to Him (God-Father), then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him (God- Father), who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.
- **However this state has not yet come.....**
- **Right now Jesus tells us that the Kingdom comes into the midst of us** when we receive the Spirit and are Born Again**The Internal Kingdom** [Luke 17:21]
- **That is why** Jesus bids up to pray:
Your Kingdom come / Your will be done.....
- **That is why Jesus sent us** to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom and to “make disciples”
“And this Gospel of the Kingdom will be preached in all world as a witness to all nations, and then the end will come.” (Matthew 24:14)
- The day has not yet come when all men everywhere fully do the will of God and therefore the full and final Kingdom is yet to come.....
And so we Pray! And so we Preach!

B This makes the whole matter of the Kingdom of God a personal one..... My last message on the 26th included 7 personal applications

- **It means that Jesus is my King** and because His Kingdom is not of this world ... I consider that the kingdom that I am a part of is not of this world.
- **It means that I have surrendered my own will** to do the revealed will of My Heavenly Father. I am dead to my own will.....
 - Whatever my Father’s will is that will I do
- **It means that with my [free] will I choose to do the will of God** – whatever it is “I breathe after” The will of God
- **It means that I totally give my life to Jesus [body, soul & spirit]** – I have given my life away It no longer belongs to me!
- **It means that when we take up the mantel of**
 - a) **Praying your kingdom come,** and
 - b) **Effect the will of God upon the nations,**
 we bring nearer the day when all the world will be subjected to the rule of the Kingdom of God.
- **It means to me that Discipleship** is the process by which I daily to submit myself to find out what the will of God is and to DO IT!
I take up my cross daily and follow Jesus.
- It means that I pray the Lord’s Prayer in a personal and intimate way.

*“Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.
 Your kingdom come.
 Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”*

Forgive me for laboring the point.....

Once again we note how.....

the 2nd half of the verse develops the thought of the 1st half

On earth as it is in heaven.

Your will be done on the earth / just as it is done in heaven

As your will is done in heaven / may your will be done on earth

May I personalize it!

“As your will is done in heaven /

your will be done in my life on earth

C. “The Kingdom of God is a society and state of things when God’s will is as perfectly done on earth [in each one of our lives] as it is in heaven.”

- **When God’s will is perfectly done on the earth –
Then the earth will be like heaven.....**

- This is “*that good and acceptable and perfect will of God*” that we read of in **Romans 12:1-2**

READ: Romans 12:1-2 (turn to Romans 12:1-2)

*“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, **that you may prove what is that** good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”*

- ***I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God***

This is our starting point.....

It’s by the mercies of God!- His enabling Grace at work in us that enables us to present ourselves as a living sacrifice.....

- ***“Give us this day our daily bread”.... and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those***

- **The daily sustenance of grace & mercy** that we need to understand what the will is God’s and **His grace to do it**

- **The object of God’s mercy** is that we may know what His will is [through His word] **and to receive from him everything that we need** to be able to do His will every day –

- To live His will by having His power to do it –

- **It’s in the power of His might** that we are able to...
“present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is our reasonable service. [acceptable worship]

It’s because God does not want us to be like the world.....

- ***Do not be conformed to this world /
but be transformed by the renewing of your mind,***
 - Fashioned into the same pattern as the world

Once again we see how the 2nd half

Develops the thought of the 1st half

i.e.....

- By the renewing our minds we are transformed into the likeness of Jesus and are no longer conformed to the pattern of this world.
- **Philippians 2:5....**
“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus
Read: Philippians 4:4-9
“Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are

of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy--meditate on these things."

- Read: Colossians 3:1-3

"If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.....for you have died and your life is hid...."

- **It is God's good and acceptable and perfect will** that
We be transformed [changed into His likeness]

- **Why not be conformed to this world?**

What is wrong with this world that God does not want us to be like it / or to like it.....?

- The whole world & it's systems **is fallen** (Rom. 3:23)
- The whole world is under the sway & **influence of the evil-one devil.** (1 John 5:19)
- **Creation is Fallen** - subject to futility (uselessness) and needs to be delivered from it's bondage to decay Romans 8:19-23 tells us that the whole creation groans & labors....
- Man is fallen - **You & I are fallen – slaves to sin!**
 - **BUT** by the blood of the 'eternal covenant' has **Redeemed / Ransomed / Reconciled** back to God

Ephesians 2:1-

"And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

- were dead
- trespasses and sins
- once walked according to the course of this world
- according to the prince of the power of the air
- the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience
- we all once conducted ourselves
- the lusts of our flesh,
- fulfilling the desires of the flesh
- fulfilling the desires of the mind,
- By nature..... children of wrath, just as the others.

- **Do we realize just how fallen the world really is?**

- *Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.... James 4:4*
- Lots of Scriptures we could reference right now.....
 - 1 John 2:15
"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.
 - 1 John 5:4-5 / John 17:6 / John 17:14-19 / John 15:18

That is why we pray.....

"Your kingdom come. Your will be done"

On earth as it is in heaven.

- **Because He who does the will of God will abide forever**
- **Therefore subject yourself to the will of God**
Romans 12:1-2

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

- **You present your bodies a living sacrifice**, / holy,
acceptable to God.

1. When we are truly living as “a living sacrifice” we are:

- Dead in Christ – yet alive ! [Romans 6:8]
- Crucified with Christ –yet raised with Jesus ! [Gal. 2:20]
- I am living – yet I have died, & my life is hidden with Christ in God. [Colossians 3:3]
- I am living – Yet it’s not I who lives / Jesus living in me
- I am living – Yet I reckon myself to be dead to sin but alive to God ! [Romans 6:11]
- I am living in the sinful body of death – yet I put to death my sinful nature (fallen fleshly nature)
- [Colossians 3:5 / Galatians 5:19-21]
 - “.....of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.”
- I am living in the sinful body of death yet – yet I have been raised with Jesus and I now seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.
- **I have now to** “Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For **I have** died, and **my** life is **now** hidden with Christ in God.

“Your kingdom come. Your will be done”

On earth as it is in heaven.

“in my life on this earth just as it is in heaven”

2. you may prove what is that ‘good’ will of God.”

That you may prove what is.....

“.....that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

- The conjunction **“and”** joins all of them all together (x 3)
 - That **good will of God** [what is]
 - That **acceptable will of God** [what is]
 - That **perfect will of God** [what is]
- **That good will of God**
 - **Barns commentary** says that the word ‘good’ here is not not an adjective agreeing with the "will," but a noun. "That ye may **find the will of God**, that which is good and acceptable..... God’s will is “the good” to be sort after
 - It implies that **that thing which is good is his will**; or
 - That we may find his will **by finding that which is good and perfect.**
 - That is good which promotes the honour of God, and the interests of his universe.
 - **When God’s will is perfectly done on the earth –
Then the earth will be like heaven.....**
- **That acceptable will of God**
 - Is that which is fully pleasing to God, or of which He fully approves.....
 - As Barns says:
 - **“It involves the main duty of religion to be separated from the world;**
 - To summaries....It is the acceptable will of God that every Christian truly renewed their minds, separate them-

selves from the world, (worldly lusts and pleasures) and to live only to know God's will (find it out) and to do it.

- ***That perfect will of God***
 - The will of God perfectly fulfilled (gr. teleion) finished and complete. (i.e “telelestai” as with the debt fully paid)
 - As His will is in heaven – so it is on earth
- **Jesus taught us to pray the perfect will of God..(Matt. 6:10)**

*“Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

***ABBA! My Father in heaven;
Holy! Holy! Holy! is your name - Y H W H
Hallow your name in me....
Bring the fullness of your in Your Kingdom!
Into the midst of me!
As I yield myself to you! My will is to do your will!
Give me everything that I would need, just for today,
To live my life totally surrendered,
To renew my mind and
Be transformed into your likeness
Yielded! to do your perfect will.***