**767\_Rumination for 20 Oct. 2019**

The **T**heme: **The Will of God** [[berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com/)](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com/)

The **T**ext: *Thy kingdom come.* ***Thy will be done*** *in earth, as it is in heaven.* Mt. 6:10

The **T**hots:

1. **The Subject of the Model Prayer** **for His Disciples** – *After this manner… pray ye* **Mt. 6:9-15**

This is the **P**attern of **P**rayer set by the Lord for His Disciples. It is not the Lord’s **P**rayer!

1. The “**F**ather” is our **P**riority in **P**rayer – *Our Father which art in heaven.* 6:9a
2. Our **F**irst duty is to **W**orship and **P**raise Him – *Hallowed be Thy Name.* 6:9b
3. The **F**ocus from **C**ommencement to **C**onclusion is on the Father’s **W**ill –

*Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.* 6:10

*For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.* 6:13

1. **The Subject of the Lord’s Personal Mission.** **Heb. 10:7**
2. What God took no **P**leasure in – Heb. 10:8

*Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin Thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure*

1. What Jesus did to **P**lease His Father:

*Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of Me,) to do Thy will, O God.*

1. The Lord’s **P**urpose in life –

 *I seek not Mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent Me.* Jn. 5:30

 *For I came down from heaven, not to do Mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me.* Jn. 6:38

1. The Lord’s **F**inal **P**lea: Lk. 22:42

*Father, if Thou be willing, remove this cup from Me: nevertheless not My will, but Thine, be done.*

1. And He **F**inally **F**inished doing the Will of His **F**ather – Jn. 19:30

*Jesus…said, It is finished: and He bowed His head, and gave up the ghost.*

1. **The Subject of the Lord’s Mind for His own People** – that they too will do the Father’s Will.

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

And what is the Father’s Will?

1. **R**each out to the **L**ittle children for the **L**ord. Matt. 18:14

*Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.*

So **R**eaffirmed the Lord: *Jesus said, "****L****et the* ***L****ittle children come to Me, and do not forbid them;*

*for of such is the kingdom of heaven.".* Mt. 19:14, NKJV

1. **R**elate to the **L**ord and do God’s Will. Mk. 3:34-35

*And He looked round about on them which sat about Him, and said, Behold My mother and My brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is My brother, and My sister, and mother.*

1. Note: the **M**ention of His “***M****other*” – the one who does the Will of the Father, can be regarded

as His *mother*, *brother* or *sister*. Mary was not His mother, as God is His *Father*!

1. Note the **M**issing out of “*Father*” – because only God is His Father! The Lord has no human father!
2. **R**esist fornication and **L**ive holy lives: I Thes.4:3, 4 **,** HCSB

*For this is God’s will, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality,*

*so that each of you knows how to control his own body in sanctification and honour.*

 Cf. A*s He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,*

 *because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."* I Pet. 1:15, 16, NKJV

1. **R**eject the World and **L**ove not its **L**usts: I Jn. 2:15-17

*Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world.*

*If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him…*

*And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.*

1. **S**atan Tempted the Lord with the **L**usts of the **W**orld: Mt. 4:1-11

*Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.* 4:1

1. The Lust of the Flesh: ***If*** *Thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.* 4:2b, 3
2. The Pride of Life: ***If*** *Thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down:*

 *for it is written, He shall give His angels charge concerning Thee:* 4:5, 6

1. The Lust of the Eyes: *All these things will I give thee,* ***if*** *Thou wilt fall down and worship me.* 4:8, 9
2. The **S**aviour Replied **S**atan with quotes from the **L**iving **W**ord in every instance. Mt. 4:1-11

*It is written…* (x3)4:4, 7, 10

1. The **S**upreme need to Know the **W**ill of the Father through the **W**ord of God. Mic. 4:2

*And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,*

*and to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His* ***W****ays, and we will* ***W****alk in His paths:*

*for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the* ***W****ord of the LORD from Jerusalem.*

*Doing the will of God, Doing the will of God;*

*I’m happy and free, And the sweet thing to me*

 *Is doing the will of God.* Ethelwyn R. Taylor

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 767**

1. Most Christians will profess and confess the need to know God’s Will in and for their lives. But how will they know God’s will? Only from what is Written in God’s Word –
* But some do not even go to church! Is not going to church part of God’s Will?

The Bible says: (Heb. 10:24, 25, NKJV) –

* *And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,
not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some,*

*but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching*.

* *And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart…* Acts 2:46

Perhaps in church, the Lord may convey His Will to you through His servant’s message

or when he refers to a particular text in the Word and your attention drawn to what the Lord has to say to you in it.

* Some do not even read the Word of God! The Word claims that… (II Timothy 3:16-17)

*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine,*

*for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:*

*That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*

* Some do not have daily devotions with the Lord; they do not read God’s Word at all!

So how would they know God’s Will from His Word?

Contrastthe child of God whose *delight is in the law of the LORD; and in His law doth he meditate day and night.* (Psa. 1:2).

* Some do not study and search the Word of God to see and to confirm what they hear or read is true or what the Lord is speaking to them! (Acts 17:11)

*These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.*

* Some read the Word of God in their younger days but do not do so now! (Acts 2:42)

Ct. *And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship…*

How then does one know the Will of God if one does not make efforts to read the Word of God, hear it or even to research it? Do you read the Bible every day to know God’s Will?

One just cannot know God’s Will without knowing God’s Word! **REFLECT.**

1. God’s Will can be known in three ways:
2. God’s **P**rescribed Will as found in His Word – these are the clear-cut commands of the Lord without any ambiguity. Those things which we can do and those things we cannot.
3. The Don’ts (Exo. 20:3-4) – *Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.*

 *Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image…*

1. The Do’s (Mt. 22:37-40) –
* *Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.*
* *And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.*
1. God’s **P**ersonal Will for the Individual.

For Paul: (Acts 9:15) *– The Lord said… “for he is a chosen vessel unto Me, to bear My name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel…”*

1. God’s **P**ermissive Will – not His best for you; but if it is what you insist to have, as… (Psa. 106:15) – *He gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul.*

They received what they requested, but it was not the best from God.

Are you enjoying the Best Blessings in God’s Direct Personal Will for you? **REFLECT**

**Points To Ponder:** *God’s Best Will always take care of the Rest.*