**R958 Rumination for June 4, 2023 (Pt. 1)**

The **T**heme:  **The Seven “I Will’s” of the Lord.**

The **T**ext: *Because he hath set his love upon Me,* *therefore* ***will I*** *deliver him:* ***I will…* Psa. 91:14-17**

The **T**hots:

Intro. Because the **P**salmist had set his love upon God, God **P**romised him **SEVEN** **P**rospects…

Note: The **C**ondition of the 7-fold Promise – *Because he hath set his love upon Me…*

 The **C**ontent of the 7-fold Promise – ***I Will****…*

1. **I Will** **Deliver** - ***therefore will I deliver him*** Psa. 91:14
2. The Lord will Deliver from **S**elf.

 *O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?* Cf. Rom. 7:14-25

*I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord.* 7:25

1. God will Deliver from **S**in –
2. *There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful,*

*Who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation*

*also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.* I Cor. 10:13

1. ***L****et no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God";*

*for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.* Jas. 1:13, 14

1. *But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.* Jas. 1:14, NKJV
* *When lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin…* Jas. 1:15
1. God will Deliver from **S**in and **S**ecure His Own **G**lory: Psa. 79:9b

*for the glory of Thy name…deliver us, and purge away our sins, for Thy name's sake.*

1. The **S**ource of our **S**alvation is from God above – *Help us, O God of our salvation…* Psa. 79a
2. Our **S**alvation is in the Name of Christ – Acts 4:12

*Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*

1. **I Will Answer** – ***He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him…*** **Psa. 91:15a**
2. Cf. The **C**onfession of the **P**rodigal **S**on. Lk. 15:21, 22

*And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him;*

*and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet*:

1. Cp. The **C**ry of the **P**enitent **S**inner – Lk. 23:42, 43

*And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.
And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with Me in paradise*.

1. Cf. The **C**hallenge in the **P**entecostal **S**ermon. Acts 2:21

*And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

1. ***I will be with Him in Trouble.*** **Psa. 91:15b**
2. The **S**ource of all Troubles. Gen. 3:16, 17

*Unto the woman He said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow…in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children …unto Adam he said…cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life*

1. The **S**pread of Troubles. Rom. 5:12, 18, 19
2. Every one has Them because all have **S**inned. Rom. 3:23

*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

1. God had a **S**on without **S**in, but He never had One without **S**orrows. Isa. 53:3

Cf. *He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief,*

1. The **S**olution to all Troubles.
2. The **A**wareness of the **P**resence of God. Psa. 91:15

*He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him…*

Cf. *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:*

*for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.* Psa. 23:4

1. The **A**cceptance of the **P**rinciple behind Troubles. Rom. 5:3-5

*We glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience;*

*and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.*

1. The **A**cknowledgment of **P**rotection through Troubles. Rom. 8:28

*We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*

1. **I will…honour him**. **Psa. 91:15 …To Continue in R.959**

*In sorrow He’s my comfort,*

*In trouble He’s my stay;*

 *He tells me every care on Him to roll.* Charles W. Fry

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK. R. 958**

1. The “*I Will’s*” of the Lord are Sure and Steadfast. The Lord needs no oath to swear that He will keep what He has Promised because He is God and He cannot lie. (Heb. 6:16-18)

Indeed, He will surely keep His promises to us without the necessity of an oath. It was enough when He said, “***I Will***” to the psalmist in Psa. 91-14, and it is enough for us too today. However, to ensure that He indeed will keep all that He has promised,

we are required to…

Walk in His **W**ays – T*each me* ***Thy way****, O LORD;* ***I will*** *walk in Thy truth:*

 *unite my heart to fear Thy name.* Psalm 86:11

Read His **W**ord – ***I will*** *delight myself in Thy statutes:* ***I will*** *not forget* ***thy Word****.* Psa. 119:16

Do His **W**ill – …*that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect,*

 ***Will of God***. Rom. 12:1, 2

 …*he that doeth the* ***will of God*** *abideth forever*. I Jn. 2:17

The Lord Jesus Himself as God’s Son on earth sought ever to do all these. When He faced the Challenge and Crisis of dying on the Cross for our salvation, His struggled with God, His Father, and prayed:

*And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed,*

*Saying, Father, if Thou be willing, remove this cup from Me: nevertheless not* ***My will,***

***but Thine, be done.*** (Luke 22:41-42)

And so, Jesus walked with God right to the end, choosing not to do His own will but His Father’s even if it meant that He needed to be *obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.* (Phil. 2:8)

He did His Father’s Will in order that He might execute His will for us even as He did for the leper and made him clean:

*And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped Him, saying,*

*Lord,* ***if Thou wilt****, Thou canst make me clean.*

*And Jesus put forth His hand, and touched him, saying,* ***I will****; be thou clean.*

*And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.* Matt. 8:2-3

Do you believe He will keep His “*I will’s*” to you as found in His Word and those He so expressed in your Walk with Him from time to time?

Do you believe in this promise of His “I Will” –

*And whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that* ***will I*** *do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.* *If ye shall ask any thing in My name,* ***I will*** *do it*. (Jn. 14:13, 14).

*Believest thou this?* (Jn. 11:26b) **REFLECT**

1. In doing God’s Will we need to consider two aspects:

God’s Prescribed Will as found written in His Word and

God’s Personal Will for the individual lives. And this varies from person to person.

Admitted and basically one must be prepared to do His Prescribed Will even before ever considering to know His Personal Will for our own individual lives.

His Prescribed Will has been laid out in very precise terms as follows:

I Thes. 4:3 **–** *For* ***this is the will of God****, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:*

 I Thes. 5:18 – *In everything give thanks: for* ***this is the will of God*** *in Christ Jesus*

 *concerning you.*

I Pet. 2:15 – ***For so is the will of God****, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men*:

I Pet. 3:17 – *For it is better, if* ***the will of God be so****, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.*

* I Jn. 2:17 *And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof:*

 ***but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever*.**

* Are you concerned with doing the Will of God in your life?See Rom. 12:2 **REFLECT**

**Points To Ponder:**  God will keep His “*I* ***W****ill’s*” if **W**e **W**alk in His **W**ill!