

21 Days of Prayer and Fasting - Part 3

The Will of God in Prayer

Luke 22:42 (NIV)—“Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.”

John 11:41-44 (NKJV)—Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, “Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. 42 And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me.” 43 Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth!” 44 And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with grave-clothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Loose him, and let him go.”

When we know the will of God about the situation we are praying about, we don't pray like Jesus in the Garden, we pray like Jesus at Lazarus' tomb.

1 John 5:14-15—14 Now this is the confidence (boldness, frankness, courage) that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

QUESTION: How can I know God's will?

John 1 (NKJV) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us—Jesus

God's Word is His will.

John 14:8-9 (NLV)—8 Philip said to Jesus, “Lord, show us the Father. That is all we ask.” 9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time and you do not know Me yet? Whoever has seen Me, has seen the Father.

John 6:38 (NKJV)—38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

What Jesus did on the earth is God's will.

Hebrews 13:8 (NKJV)—Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Malachi 3:6 (KJV)—For I am the Lord, I change not

It is your responsibility to find out what God has said about what you are praying for in His Word—Because that is His will for what you are praying for.

Luke 5:12-13 (NKJV)—12 And it happened when He was in a certain city, that behold, a man who was full of leprosy saw Jesus; and he fell on his face and implored Him, saying, “Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.” 13 Then He put out His hand and touched him, saying, “I am willing; be cleansed.” Immediately the leprosy left him.

If God was willing for one then He is willing for all (Is it God's will to heal you of leprosy?)
FOREVER

Romans 2:11 (NKJV)—11 For there is no partiality with God.

Romans 2:11 (NLV)—11 God does not show favor to one man more than to another.

Romans 2:11 (NLT)—11 For God does not show favoritism.

Romans 2:11 (TLB)—11 For God treats everyone the same.

Acts 10:34 (MEV)—34 Then Peter began to speak, saying, “Truthfully, I perceive that God is no respecter of persons.

Acts 10:34 (NIV)—34 Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism

Acts 10:34 (NKJV)—34 Then Peter opened his mouth and said: “In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality.

Acts 10:34 (NLV)—34 Then Peter said, “I can see, for sure, that God does not respect one person more than another.

BUT...If He is willing, what's the hold up?

FAITH IS THE KEY

Matthew 21:22 (NIV)—22 If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.”

Mark 11:23-24—Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

It takes faith to receive from God (to receive what you are praying for).

James 1:6-8—...ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

God has provided a way for you to have the faith necessary

Romans 10:17—17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

John 15:7 (NKJV)—7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

Faith is like a muscle...it can grow—what keeps you from building muscle?

We want the results of prayer but don't want to put forth the effort to get the results.

We want the results of eating healthy/exercising but we don't want to put forth the effort

QUESTION: Why do some accept Christ and others don't?

It's not God; it's their choice.

Their thinking and believing keeps them from receiving what Jesus paid for.

The same goes for any other thing that Jesus paid for.

We can't ever be 100% sure of what others are thinking or believing.

Someone is lying...

Romans 3:4 (NKJV)—Let God be true but every man a liar.

Some things are harder to believe for because the visible evidence against them is so prominent.

QUESTION: What can we be 100% sure of?

We can never let experiences take preeminence over what the Word of God says.

We can never exchange what we know about God for what we don't know about our situation.

There will always be unknowns.

There will always be things we don't understand, but we can never let go of what we know for sure for what we don't know for certain.