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GOD'S WILL BEING DONE: ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

Kingdom: Dominion, rule, government

God's kingdom is His rule, His dominion over all

Will: Pleasure; choice

God's will is not so much something we do as it is a mindset we have: pleasing the Father – yielding to His pleasure and choices through our lives.

First, we will consider how things are in this world:

Acts 4:24-26 ²⁴ So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them, ²⁵ "who by the mouth of Your servant David have said: 'Why did the nations rage, and the people plot vain things?' ²⁶ The kings of the earth took their stand, and the rulers were gathered together against the LORD and against His Christ.'

Simple Question: Why do the nations rage and the people plot in vain? (NIV)

Answer: Because the kings and rulers of the earth took their stand and gathered against Jehovah and His Christ/Messiah/Anointed One

The clear state of the world today:

The nations are in confusion because their leaders are in rebellion. It is impossible to be neutral.

Everyone is either submitted to God or they are on their own in rebellion against Him.

But before we were born, God brought the solution:

Isaiah 9:6, 7 ⁶ For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

The most astonishing thing about Isaiah's words:

Government and peace are used in the same sentence.

No human government has ever produced the peace God has ordered and that people desire.

"The Lord's Prayer" is very much about God's government/kingdom coming.

Did He intend it to be His prayer?

We have violated what he said in this prayer:

GOD really loves us

Matthew 6:5-8 ⁵ "And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. ⁶ "But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. ⁷ "And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ "Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. ⁹ "In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom (rule, dominion) come; your will (pleasure, choice) be done, on earth as it is (done) in heaven.

This, as with all Jesus' earthly service, has to be connected with his great purpose: the restoration of all things. What was he restoring?

The place Adam and the inhabited world had with Father God before Adam's rebellion.

It was a place of total order, harmony, and effectiveness; there was no resistance to God and his will (pleasure).

It was a day when God's rule and government were most effective on earth . For God to will and desire it, was for it to be acted upon.

Now, in heaven, there is no resistance at all to what God desires; there is a seamless flow from God's desire and pleasure to it being accomplished by those who attend to Him and His pleasure.

Jesus' prayer is for the same to be done here. We are the ones who attend to God and His pleasure here -

and it is to be the same seamless flow from knowing God's will to accomplishing it, at all costs, no matter the sacrifice that is required

Jesus was praying, "Father, rule here as you do in Heaven."

How does He rule in heaven?

Without resistance from the heavenly inhabitants.

There is no dutiful compliance as would be shown to the rules and regulations of an austere, aloof, and arbitrary potentate.

Neither is there neglect of or indifference to His Word as though He doesn't mean what He says.

From those over whom He has rule in Heaven, there is revelation-filled, joyful, whole-hearted:

agreement

submission

obedience to Him

In the same manner, His rule on earth should be:

- without resistance from us
- without dutiful compliance
- without neglect or indifference
- and with revelation-filled, joyful, whole-hearted agreement, submission, and obedience to Him.

Remember, God's will is not so much something we do as it is a mindset we have: pleasing the Father – yielding to His pleasure and choices through our lives.

There is a perspective, a posture, a position from which we please Father and see His kingdom come here:

It is seeing our eternal position –

Seated with Christ, Ephesians 2:6

Colossians 3:1-4 ¹ If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. ³ For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

How did we get to this position of being with Father?

John 13:31-14:6 ³¹ So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. ³² "If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately. ³³ "Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, 'Where I am going, you cannot come,' so now I say to you. ³⁴ "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵ "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." ³⁶ Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, where are You going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow Me now, but you shall follow Me afterward." ³⁷ Peter said to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow You now? I will lay down my life for Your sake." ³⁸ Jesus answered him, "Will you lay down your life for My sake? Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times.

14: ¹ "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ² "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ "And where I go you know, and the way you know." ⁵ Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

To gain the significance of what Jesus is saying here, we need to understand the time to which Jesus is referring and we must read the passage in context of what was happening in this history.

I guess King James, living in a palace or mansion, could not help himself when he translated John 14:2, "In my Father's house are many mansions."

But by writing mansions instead of rooms, abodes, or dwelling places, he unwittingly "helped us" project into the distant and heaven what Jesus is saying, rather than seeing the beauty of what Jesus meant –

that He was going to the cross to prepare a place for us with Father and that He would come again (be raised from the dead) 3 days later

The Greek word King James translated mansions is *mone* (mon-ay') and is only found in verse 2 and verse 23 of John 14; it is found in no other New Testament scripture.

It would be impossible to translate the word in verse 23 mansions: "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word; and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our mansion with him."

No! The word is translated in various translations, homes, abodes, dwelling places, rooms.

Father God's house is not heaven. It is not a church building. Father God's house is His family and it has many dwelling places, each individual believer! When Jesus said, "I am going to prepare a place for you...and I will come again and receive you to myself that where I am you may be also", the "come again" is not a reference to his second coming...

but to his resurrection when he "returned" and breathed on them to give them the Holy Spirit in the new birth and teach them for 40 days of things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

Then he ascended to the Father and poured out the Holy Spirit for their empowerment to serve God by serving people.

Paul's revelation is that we have been raised up together with Christ and have been seated with him in the heavenlies." This is what Jesus meant when he said, "that where I am there you may be also."

What specifically did Jesus mean when he said, "I am going to prepare a place for you"?

When Jesus went to the cross and his body was pierced and broken, the veil in the temple that separated God and His presence from His people was torn from top to bottom.

This gave every believer "a place" with Father God! This is why Jesus came: that we might have a face-to-face relationship with Father God!

If we study in context from John 13:33 through the 16th chapter, we see the phrase "a little while" 9 times and some of those are saying, "a little while you shall not see me and again a little while you shall see me."

2000+ years IS NOT a little while! 3 days is a little while. Add to this, Jesus said, "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you."

If this "I will come to you" is a reference to his second coming, then I guess we are orphans until his return. But this is not the case!

John 14:18-23 ¹⁸ "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ "A little while longer and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you will live also. ²⁰ "At that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ "He who has my commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." ²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?" ²³ Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word; and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him."

Jesus gives us the healthiest perspective of seeing His kingdom come and doing Father's pleasure in John 8.

John 8:29-32 ²⁹ "And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him." ³⁰ As He spoke these words, many believed in Him. ³¹ Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you live in/continue in/abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³² "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."