

Do We Really Want His Will?

PSALM 40:4-8

4. *Blessed is that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.* 5. *Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.* 6. *Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.* 7. *Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me,* 8. ***I delight to do thy will**, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.*

PSALM 143:10

10. ***Teach me to do thy will**; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.*

CHRIST IS REVEALED IN HIS OWN WORD [65-0822M]

I was riding with a man not long ago. He said, "Think of it. We here on this earth, the way we are, and we only know or can only say that we're saved by some Jewish fable called the Bible."

I said, "Sir, I don't know how you say that, but I don't believe it's a Jewish fable," I said.

He said, "Well, you pray, what do you pray to? I asked for so-and-so and certain things; I didn't get it."

I said, "**You pray wrong. We should never pray to change God's mind; we should pray to change our mind.** God's mind don't need any changing. See? See, it's right." I said, "Not what you prayed for..."

I know a young Catholic boy, one time, was had a prayer book, saying prayers, and for his mother to live. And she died, and he threwed the prayer book in the fire. Well, see, I don't go for the prayer book; but, anyhow, see, **you take the wrong attitude.**

You're trying to tell God what to do.

Prayer should be, "Lord, change me to fit Your Word." Not, "Change," not, "let me change Your mind. You change my mind." See? "**You change my mind to Your will.** And Your will is written here in the Book. And, Lord, don't—don't let me go till You got my—my mind set just like Your mind. And then when my mind is set like Your mind, then I'll believe every Word You wrote. And You said, in there, You'd make '*everything work together for good*' to them that loves You. And I love You, Lord. It's all working together for the good."

I JOHN 5:14

14. *And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:*

THE WORLD IS AGAIN FALLING APART [63-1127]

We're always wanting God to run errands for us, or do something for us. But when we're willing to say, "*Thy will be done*," commit ourselves to Him, commit our ways to Him. All that we are, commit it to Him. That's when God will move, when you're willing to let Him work on you, not you work on Him.

PARDON [63-1028]

...our prayers has become a tradition. We kneel down at night and say, "Lord, bless So-and-so, and bless So-and-so, and do this. And help John do all this" You make God a mascot, or you make Him some kind of an errand boy. "God, You do this. And You do this. And You do this." That's not the way Jesus told us to pray.

MATTHEW 6:9-10

9. *After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.*
10. *Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.*

PARDON [63-1028]

But we try to order God, what to do for us.

THE UNCHANGEABLE GOD [60-0326]

Many times we want to make an idol out of God. We ask God to do something, and then He must do it just the way that we ask it, or we'll say He never answered. When we do that, we weaken our faith in God. And we weaken our testimony when we do not take Him at His Word. God always answers.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS [61-1015M]

Q163. *How do you feel is the best way to find the Lord's will in some important matters?*

I tell you, dear friend: the best way to find the will of God in some important matters is prayer. See?

Now, let me... Here's a wonderful little thing here. If you--if--if you have a matter that's very important... Now, here's the way I do it. I take it before the Lord. And it's always been my strength; I wait upon the Lord and see what He says. And **I just let myself neutral to it, don't take either side...**

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS [61-1015M]

I would just wait upon the Lord and say, "Lord, now You show me what's the decision to make." And then, way you feel led to do it, **then wait just a little bit, then wait a little while longer**, and see which way, which side you lean towards, which way the Spirit... Say, "Now, Father, in my heart You know it doesn't matter; but I--I want to know what You want to do about it."

That's the way I do about meetings sometime. I feel kinda led to go this way or that way, then I follow that way. That's the way to do it, 'cause it's in prayer then; you're doing the best you can.

And I believe this, my friends, as Paul was in the--in the New Testament in days gone by. He was between two straits, which way he should go. And he started on the wrong road, and he got a Macedonian call. And I believe if you are making a decision for God and do it the best that you can, I believe God will correct you and don't--see that you don't go wrong. I believe God will do it.

DOES GOD CHANGE HIS MIND? [65-0427]

When you find the will of God, don't let nobody talk you out of it.

MATTHEW 26:39

39. *And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless **not as I will, but as thou wilt**.*

MATTHEW 26:42

42. *He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, **thy will be done**.*

MATTHEW 26:44

44. *And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.*

II CORINTHIANS 12:7-9

7. *And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.*

8. *For this thing **I besought the Lord thrice**, that it might depart from me.*

9. *And he said unto me, **My grace is sufficient for thee**: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*

ROMANS 12:1-2

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

THE SPOKEN WORD IS THE ORIGINAL SEED [62-0318]

The Word is in the Bride, and the mind of Christ, to know what He wants done with the Word. And She does it in His Name. She has **THUS SAITH THE LORD**. Then It is germitized, so the Holy Spirit waters It until It is grown and serves Its purpose.

They do only His will. (Amen. I'll believe that.) No one can persuade them different. They have **THUS SAITH THE LORD** or they keep still. Then they will do the works of God, for It is Himself in them continuing His Word...

THE LAMB AND THE DOVE [56-0917]

God, how can we have a return to Azusa Street when we will not listen to the Dove of God. God, it'll may take hard judgment; it may take death in the family; it make take something, but I'm sure, God, **if we'll ask you whatever it takes**, bring us back God. Bring back the old fashion meetings. Bring back the humility amongst the saints. Bring back the power of God into our churches. Grant it, Lord.

Shave us tonight. Take the world away from us. Take everything that's unlike You away, God. Fill us with the Holy Spirit, and O Dove of God, fly down from these banisters, fly down from the pinnacle of this temple here, Lord, and dwell in these hearts, as they are waiting just now for the baptism of the Holy Ghost, to--the sharp two-edged Word to cut away the things of the world and to give them Christ Jesus rich and royal in their hearts, in Jesus' Name, we pray, Amen.