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Introduction

This Mini-Book is Part 3 of a series of Mini-Books on the subject of doing the will of God the Father. It would be very helpful if you would get a copy of the other Parts of this series of Mini-Books. There is a lot revealed in the other Parts that is not in this part.

God the Father has a perfect will for everyone who has been born into this world. Yet, the Bible reveals that very few will do the will of God the Father. I believe it is important that everyone would do the will of God the Father in their lives.

In Matthew 7:21, Jesus said, **“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.”** Are Christians doing the will of God the Father? If not, why not?

How many Christians truly know what God’s will is? Being that Jesus said, “only those who do the will of God the Father will enter into the kingdom of heaven,” we should find out beyond all doubt, what the will of God the Father is?

There is a Devil in this world, who is doing all he can to keep people of knowing and understanding the will of God for their lives. The Devil is a devil, and he has never changed. He is still the same today as he was the day he was cast out of the third heavens for rebellion against God.

If we want to do the will of God the Father, we must not do what the Devil tries to get us to do. If we do what the Devil wants us to do, we will most likely end up in the same place the Devil will end up. That place is called Hell, a place of torment for all eternity. I would rather spend eternity with God in heaven than with the Devil in hell.

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The Father's Will

In Matthew 26:36-44 it tells us, **“Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder...And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy...Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me...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...And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?...Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak...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...And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy...And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.”** In this we see that Jesus (who was the Son of God), prayed that He would not need to be taken and judged, and crucified.

What is important for Christians to understand is that Jesus knew “the Father’s will.” Jesus made mention of the Father’s will to His disciples many times. In the Book of Matthew, there are recorded four different times that Jesus mentioned His death to His disciples. (Matt. 16:21, 17:22, 20:18, 26:2).

In Hebrews 2:17-18 it says, **“Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people...For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour (help) them that are tempted.”** As a man in the flesh, Jesus suffered the same temptations that others face.

In Matthew 26:38, Jesus said to His disciples, **“My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death...”** Man was created as “a living soul.” For man to be saved from the works of the Devil, “man’s soul must be saved.” All throughout the Bible it talks about saving souls. Jesus came to “save living souls” from the works of the Devil.

In the garden of Gethsemane, it was Jesus’ “soul” that was struggling with the thoughts of death. Jesus was a human being in the flesh, just as we are human beings in the flesh. Jesus had a physical body of flesh and bones. As a man in the flesh, Jesus suffered the same attacks against His mind as we do. Our mind is in “our soul,” which is always under attack by the spirits of this world. Thoughts come to our mind (which is in our soul), to try to get us to do what the Devil wants us to do.

Thoughts control the actions that people take in this life. What we do about our thoughts determines what we will do in this life.

From the beginning of the creation of man, it was the thoughts of man that determined what would happen in this life. The thought to obey the LORD was made clear to Adam in Genesis 2:16,17, where it says, **“And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat...But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt**

not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.” From that day forth, Adam knew what the will of God was concerning eating of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Evidently, Eve also knew what the will of God was concerning eating of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. For, it says in Genesis 3:2,3, **“And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden...But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.”**

It was the thoughts that Eve received by listening to the serpent that deceived her and she did eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 3:6). Then in Genesis 3:17, it says, **“And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life.”** Evidently, when Eve spoke to Adam, thoughts entered into his mind and he *“harkened unto the voice of his wife.”*

When Jesus was in the garden of Gethsemane, He was confronted with the thoughts in His mind, and the knowledge of the will of God the Father. When Jesus went to pray, He said to three of His disciples, **“...My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.”** (Matt. 26:38).

It was Jesus’ soul that Satan was attacking, trying to get Jesus to do His own will of the flesh, and not do the will of God the Father. This is the area where Satan attacks most Christians. Satan attacks their mind (which is a part of their living soul), Satan tries to get Christians to do their own will, and not the will of God the Father.

This attack against the minds of Christians is from the Devil. Therefore, Christians are told to **“bring every thought captive to the obedience of Christ”** (2 Cor. 10:5). Christ is in us. We are in Christ. Christ is the Anointed One. It is by the anointing within us that we can and should overcome the thoughts that the Devil puts in our minds.

Jesus knew the will of God the Father. Jesus also knew the thoughts that were coming to His mind from the Devil, concerning His death on the cross. The Devil was doing everything he could to stop Jesus from doing the will of God the Father. These thoughts were causing Jesus’ soul to be **“...exceeding sorrowful, even unto death.”**

Jesus was not praying that the Father do His will of the flesh contrary to what Jesus knew was the Father’s will. Jesus prayed, **“...O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me...”** Jesus was asking, if there was another way to do the Father’s will?

For God the Father to do His will in our lives, “we must be willing to do His will.” If we do not know His will, then Satan has an advantage over us. We must know the will of God the Father, in order for God to do His will in our lives. This is where many Christians are taken captive by the Devil, when they pray, “Thy will be done,” without knowing the will of God the Father for their lives personally. Unless we know the will of God for our lives personally, God cannot do His will in our lives.

There are many Christians who have died, because of sickness or disease praying, “thy will be done.” This is a work of the enemy. Not that Christians will not die of sickness or disease. But, they should remain here on earth doing the Father’s will until it is their time to leave. Knowing the will of God the Father is important. Then praying, and doing according to the will of God the Father will keep us here until our time is fulfilled.

Jesus’ time here on earth was fulfilled when He was taken and crucified for our sins, which

He bore in His body on the Cross for us. It was by Jesus' death in the flesh, by shedding His blood, that we have redemption.

Jesus knew His time had come that He should be crucified. What the Devil did not know was that through Jesus' death he would be defeated. In 1 Corinthians 2:8, it says, **“Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.”**

The Devil wanted Jesus dead, that He could not go about teaching the truth and setting people free. The Devil was trying to stop Jesus from doing the will of God the Father. The will of God the Father is made clear in Acts 10:38, where it says, **“How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.”**

It is still the same Devil, working in the minds of Christians to stop them from doing the will of God the Father. The Devil brings in many teachings that do not agree with the written Word of God. Teachings that cause many Christians to do their own will of the flesh. When the Devil can get Christians to do their own will of the flesh, he has them working for him, not against him.

God is love. Love never forces anyone to do anything against their will. We must be willing to submit to the will of God, before God can do His will in our lives.

The decision as to how much of God's will can be done in our lives is based upon how willing we are to submit to the will of God. We cannot submit to the will of God if we do not know the will of God. The will of God must first be known in our lives, before we can submit to the will of God.

Every time Christians pray “thy will be done” without knowledge of what God's will is, they are giving the Devil the authority to control their lives in that area. The Scriptures tell us that, **“...the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them”** (2 Cor. 4:4). When our minds are blinded by the Devil, we are without knowledge of the will of God. The will of God is made known to us in **“the glorious gospel of Christ.”**

The gospel is not the same as the Law of Moses. Therefore, the children of Israel could not be justified by the Law of Moses. To be saved, a person must be justified by God. In Acts 13:38,39 it says, **“Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins...And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.”**

Our justification does not come by our works. It comes by believing the glorious gospel of Christ. No one can believe unless they know what they believe. Believing comes by knowing. We believe what we know. We cannot believe something we do not know.

When we know the will of God, then we can pray “thy will be done.” If we do not know the will of God, we give a place for the Devil to work in our lives by praying without knowledge. The knowledge of God is made known to us in the written Word of God.

Therefore, God has given us His written Word, the witness of the Holy Spirit, and the Blood of Jesus so we can do the will of God the Father. By these three witnesses, we can know and do the will of God.

In 1 John 5:8 it says, **“And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water (Word), and the blood: and these three agree in one.”** The first witness is the Holy Spirit.

This is important, for the Holy Spirit has been given to us that we might know the Truth. He is called **“the Spirit of Truth”** in John 16:13. He is sent by the Father and the Son to help, guide, comfort, lead, and teach us all things pertaining to God and His will for us.

In Philippians 2:13 it says, **“For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.”** It is the Holy Spirit that is working in us to will and do His good pleasure. It is the Holy Spirit that draws us to Jesus, to receive eternal life in Christ (6:44). It is the Holy Spirit that causes our new birth (John 1:13).

From the time that Jesus went to be with the Father in Acts 1:9, the Holy Spirit was sent to continue all things here on earth, while Jesus is on the right hand of the Father making intercession for us.

Therefore, to do the will of God the Father, we must have the Holy Spirit working actively in our lives, doing the will of God the Father and the Son here on earth. The Holy Spirit cannot do anything without the Word of God. The Holy Spirit works through the Word of God in everything He does. Therefore, the Holy Spirit, Himself, inspired the writing of the written Word of God (2 Tim. 3:16, 2 Peter 1:20,21).

The Holy Spirit knows what He inspired men to write in the Scriptures. What the Holy Spirit inspired to be written is what the Holy Spirit will bear a witness to.

When Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil, Jesus used the written Word of God (that the Holy Spirit had men write), to defeat the Devil. When Jesus quoted the written Word of God to the Devil, the Holy Spirit was in agreement with what Jesus said to the Devil. When the Holy Spirit and the written Word of God agree, Satan has no power or authority to do anything.

For Christians, we also have a third witness, which is the Blood of Jesus. If we do not have knowledge of the Blood of Jesus, it will not help us to defeat the Devil, or do the will of God the Father. The “glorious gospel of Christ” includes the blood of Jesus. Without the Blood of Jesus, we cannot be reconciled to God. Without the Blood of Jesus our sins cannot be forgiven. Without the Blood of Jesus, we cannot be sanctified (which means, be made holy). Only through the Blood of Jesus can we come to God, and receive what God has planned for us.

The three witnesses that have been given to us in 1 John 5:8 are all needed, and we cannot do the will of God the Father without knowledge of these three. Already in Hosea 4:6 it was said, **“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.”** The Law was given to the Children of Israel that they would know the will of God. It was a schoolmaster to teach them the will of God (Gal. 3:24). When the Children of Israel did not continue in the law, God could not help them. First they had to have knowledge of the Law of Moses. Then they had to continue in that knowledge which they received from the Law of Moses.

Christians are not under the Law of Moses. Christians have the Holy Spirit, the written Word, and the Blood of Jesus. It is in knowing these three witnesses that will help Christians to do the will of God the Father. If Christians forget these three, God cannot help them. God can only work in the lives of Christians when they agree with the three witnesses that God has given us.

It is very important that Christians know the will of God before they pray. Then, when they pray their prayer will be answered according to their faith. In Hebrews 10:38 it says, **“Now the just**

shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.” God must be pleased by our faith when we pray. Hebrews 11:6 says, **“But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”**

It takes faith to please God. Faith is given to all Christians as a fruit of the Spirit when they are born again into the family of God. From that time on, it is up to Christians to learn how to live by faith. We learn by knowing the will of God from the written Word. Then we become a doer of the Word by reason of much use (Heb 5:14).

Maturity does not come immediately. It is by much study, and prayer, and doing what we know, that brings us to maturity. It is like a little child who tries to learn to ride a bicycle. The first time is in knowing what to do. But knowing alone is not enough to ride the bicycle. They keep working at it until they can ride the bicycle without falling down. It is by continuing over and over until they master the bicycle. Once they master the bicycle, from then on it is easy for them to ride the bicycle.

With faith, it is similar. By reason of much use we develop our faith into a knowing. By reason of much use, we know our faith will work. When we know our faith will work, we overcome the spirit of doubt and unbelief that tries to steal our faith from us.

Doubt and unbelief are spirits sent by Satan to keep us from walking in faith. It was doubt and unbelief that Satan used to get Eve to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Through doubt and unbelief these spirits work to keep us from doing the will of God the Father.

By studying the Scriptures we can learn from what Jesus taught His disciples. Jesus told His disciples that the reason they could not cast out a deaf and dumb spirit from a child was because of their unbelief (Matt. 17:19,20). Jesus told His disciples the way to overcome unbelief is by prayer and fasting (Matt. 17:21). When we learn these things from the written Word, we can apply them in our lives. When we continue to apply them, and continue in prayer, we will, by reason of much use overcome the spirit of unbelief.

We know it is the will of God the Father that we live by faith. But, it cannot be done by simply praying, “thy will be done.” God’s will is that we know what His will is and what to do. We should do His will according to what is written in the Word of God. Not according to just asking that His will be done, expecting to receive according to His will. Ignorance of the written Word of God will keep us from doing the will of God.

Doing the will of God is a continual doing, day after day, without every changing. We do it and do it, and continue to do it. Then we get results. The results comes if we do not faint in doing the will of God.

In the Book of James it says, **“My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations...Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience...But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing”** (James 1:2-4). From this, we know that our faith will be tried. But, we also know that if we keep on doing what we know to do, we will obtain that which is ours according to the written Word of God.

The Word of God works, if we will do according to what it says. In Luke 18:1 it says, **“And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint.”** Prayer includes speaking the Word of God against the Devil when he attacks us. What we speak must agree with the written Word of God. We must speak the Word of God, not the thoughts that

come to our minds.

There was a time when I was visiting some Christian friends in their home. When I arrived there, the wife was in pain. The pain was in her hip. I noticed as I talked to her, she was saying, "Jesus is going to heal me."

I explained to her that Jesus was not "going to heal her," but "He already did His part," by taking her sins, iniquities, infirmities, sicknesses, diseases and pains upon Himself when He went to the Cross for her. Then I told her, "Instead of saying, Jesus is going to heal me," say "By Jesus' stripes I am healed." "Get it in your mind and heart that you are already healed by the stripes that Jesus bore for you."

All of this time, she was sitting on a chair, listening to what I told her. Then we had another brother in the LORD pray for her over the telephone. After the prayer, I told her that she should get up, and walk around the room, confessing that by Jesus' stripes she was healed.

That day, she changed her confession and went about the room saying, "Devil, you cannot put this upon me, by Jesus' stripes I am already healed." "I rebuke all pain in my body and command it to leave in the Name of Jesus."

As she did this continually, She did not stop confessing "by Jesus' stripes I am already healed." She did not stop telling the Devil he could not put that pain upon her.

Within less than an hour all pain was gone. She was free of pain by speaking the Word of God over the condition. The Words that she spoke were quickened by the Holy Spirit and the pain was gone. It is the Holy Spirit that quickens the Word of God, and when He does the symptoms must leave.

Some hours later, she was alone in the house, and the pain came again. Right away, she began to rebuke the pain, and tell the Devil, "you cannot put this pain upon me." "By Jesus' stripes I am healed." She did this continually, for a short time. All pain left, and she was free of pain in her hip.

It is the words that we speak that cause the spirits of this world to obey. In the name of Jesus, they must leave. They do not have a choice whether to remain or leave. They must leave when we speak the Word of God from our heart.

Christians are in Christ Jesus. They are one Spirit with the LORD. Christ is the head of the Body, and Christians are His body here on earth. Being, we are one with Him, we have been given the authority to use His name against all the works of the Devil. When we use the name of Jesus against the Devil (believing in our heart), the Devil must leave. It is doing the will of God the Father, using the name of Jesus against all the works of the Devil that gives us victory in this life.

God is a personal GOD. God desires to dwell in each individual person Himself. God wants to be in control of everything we do in this life and in eternity to come. God is for us, not against us.

Just as God was in Jesus, reconciling the world unto Himself, He wants to be in every individual person who will receive Jesus as their LORD and Savior. Because that God is Love and does not force anyone to do anything, each person individually must receive the LORD themselves.

The Bible says, "**But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God...**" Do what the Bible says. "Believe in your heart" and pray:

"LORD Jesus, I know that You are the Son of God. I know that You died on the cross for me. I know that God raised You from the dead.

Jesus, forgive me of all my sins, wash me clean in Your blood; that I may be the righteousness of God in You. Thank You, Jesus!

Jesus, I ask You to come into my life? Live Your life in me! Let Your will be done in me! Let the will of God be done in my life as it was in Your life. I surrender my life to You, Jesus!

You lead me by Your Spirit and I will follow to the best of my ability. I will live for You all the days of my life, as You lead me by Your Spirit.

I receive You now, as my LORD, and SAVIOR for all eternity. I will be with You here on earth, and I will be with You in heaven, forever and ever. I will give You all the Glory. It is for You that I will live forever. Amen."

From this day forward, study the Bible daily, and become a doer of the Word of God, not just a hearer only.

In Mark 16:16,17, Jesus said, **"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned...And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues..."** If you have not been baptized with the Holy Spirit, with the evidence of speaking in tongues, pray a prayer while believing in your heart on what God has promised you in His Word.

"LORD Jesus, You said in Mark 16:17, that in Your name I can cast out devils.

Satan, in the name of Jesus' I cast you out of my mind. You have no authority over my mind. My mind is clear of all demonic oppression in Jesus' name.

Father, according to Your Word in Luke 11:13, You promised me the Holy Spirit if I ask. Father, I am now asking You to give me the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in Your heavenly language. I receive Him from You now, in Jesus' name."

Continue to pray in the Spirit every day. Place God first in your life and live for God every day. Always remember what it says in Colossians 3:1,2, **"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God...Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."**

It is our desire to see God manifest in your life by His love working in you and through you. We love the LORD our God, for He is love and He will manifest His love in the lives of those who love Him.

This is the third of a series of Mini-books on **"Doing HIS WILL."** These Mini-books will help you to receive from God all that God has promised us in His Word.

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