



# Thy Will Be Done!

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Just before His passion, Jesus prayed and surrendered His will to God's. The surrender of our personal wills to God's is the hallmark of Christ-like living (Matthew 10:24-25).

"Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. 37 And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. 38 Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. 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. 40 And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? 41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. 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. 43 And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. 44 And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. 45 Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46 Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me" (Matthew 26:36-46).

Just imagine what Jesus Christ went through for our salvation and consider His word - "whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:27). Jesus the very son of God "humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Philippians 2:8). Peter points out the nature of the Christian calling - "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an exam-

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ple, that ye should follow his steps" (I Peter 2:21). To fulfil this calling requires constantly "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the **cross**, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2).

"For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: 23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; 24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God" (I Corinthians 1:22-24). Many today are like these Jews and Greeks - frantically running after miracles and earthly wisdom to the neglect of the divine requirement for a surrendered life to Christ. Often they see the cross as an offence to their lifestyles.

God's requirements never changes. It is important we come back to the message of the cross, and practically apply these scriptures:

- 1) "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his **cross**, and follow me" (Matthew 16:24).
- 2) "And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his **cross** daily, and follow me" (Luke 9:23)
- 3) "The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord. 25 It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?" (Matthew 10:24-25).