

Not My Will

LUKE 22:42

Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless **not my will, but thine, be done.**

INFORMATION

The first and only time the phrase “not my will” appears in the Bible is in Luke 22, and it is spoken by our Lord Jesus in reference to God the Father. Jesus was specifically referring to the suffering He was about to go through and the terrible death He would experience. Any ordinary man with knowledge like this would have fled or prayed for escape. Jesus, as a man, would indeed suffer in the flesh. The passion of Christ was horrendous, and He knew it would be. Nevertheless, He surrendered His will to the will of the Father. His Father’s will was for Jesus to die on the cross and fulfill the prophecies of scripture as well as establish the resurrection of the dead, ascend to the right hand of the throne of God and, then, ultimately return. The will of the Father was to establish his church, save a multitude of Gentiles (and Jews) and ultimately see Christ established with a kingdom on this earth.

To fully understand the depth of meaning to the phrase “not my will, but thine, be done”, we need to consider the alternative. In Isaiah 14 verses 13-14, we find that Satan said “**I will** ascend to heaven; above the stars of God **I will** set my throne on high; **I will** sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; **I will** ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I will** make myself like the Most High.” When we contrast Satan with Jesus we see a clear difference. Jesus did the will of the Father. Satan acted on his own will.

To further understand the depths of this statement, we need to compare it to man. In the Garden, the serpent beguiled Eve by enticing her with phrases like “**You will** not surely die,” And “**You will** be like God”. While the Bible does not put these words into Eve’s mouth, we can imagine that they might have been said: “**I will** eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, and **I will** be like God!” People have been practicing their own will ever since. We need to stop and consider this. Jesus did the will of God the Father, shouldn’t we?

WHAT IT MEANS TO OUR FAMILY

Are we stubbornly demanding that we get our way? How often do we seek God’s will in our lives? How often do we surrender our preferences to those of others? Consider that our loving Savior surrendered His will to that of God the Father. If He could do that, perhaps we can too. Search very long, and you will find something that is not surrendered to God. Surrender it!

God Says "I Will" To His People

defend rejoice
deliver thee
give rain heal
reveal truth gather thee
cleanse thee redeem
give peace and quietness
have mercy give sure mercies of david
save thee
come to you

lead thee
help thee
dwell with thee love thee
not leave thee
send my beloved son
call you my people strengthen thee
dwell with you forgive
nourish you
answer thee
visit you

BE WITH THEE

do thee good remember give thee a crown
bless thee comfort pour out my spirit
set thee in safety show kindness
give white raiment wipe away tears take away your sins
will not forsake you
give eternal life be thy god
preserve
hear thee
keep thee

Revelations 21:3-4

"And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."