

PRAYING LIKE JESUS (Part 4)
Matthew 25:31-46

I. THY WILL BE DONE

- A. Oops! I'm Not Sure About This One.
 - 1. When I say "the will of God," what does that bring to your mind?
 - 2. Do we really want to know the will of God for our lives?

- B. How Can We Know the Will of God?
 - 1. Many will never know!
 - 2. We must learn to listen.
 - a. When we talk to God we only say something we already know. When we listen, we learn what God knows.
 - b. We must believe that whatever God does or wants to do is good.

II. GIVE US BREAD

- A. Don't Spiritualize This Petition.
 - 1. Many of the early church leaders, such as Jerome, Origen, and Augustine taught that this petition was for the same bread Jesus refers to when he says, "I am the bread of life" (John 6:35).
 - 2. Bread means food. We often forget the deep poverty of the people to whom Jesus preached and taught.

- B. A Culture of Affluence.
 - 1. In John 21:15-17, what does Jesus tell Simon Peter to do to show his love?
 - 2. It's tempting to think it's all about us.
 - 3. In Matthew 25, how did Jesus describe those "blessed by my Father" and inheritors of the kingdom?

- C. The Proper Use of Prosperity.
 - 1. If we have food in the refrigerator, clothes on our back, and a roof over our head, we are richer than 75% of the world.
 - 2. "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much will be asked" (Luke 12:48).

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PASTORAL PRAYER
 (written by Oswald C.J. Hoffmann)

Our Father in heaven, you know how we have to live with all the things that are needed for everyday life. Take care of all that, we pray, as only you can.

You clothe the lilies of the field, and your Son has promised that you will take care of those who have faith in you. We put ourselves into your hands and ask you to take care of us from day to day.

Make us thankful for ordinary things and not just the extraordinary ones – for the cut that healed quite naturally; for the hurt that has healed with time; for the last paycheck, for health to work every day; for children who obey most of the time; for parents who understand most of the time; for government officials with a conscience and also a heart, recognizing their responsibility to you; for food on the table, and for people who produce it; for kind friends and loving families; and also for grace in keeping kindness and love from being in short supply.

Give us the bread of life, along with the ordinary bread of today, in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

THE LORD’S PRAYER (to be sung): **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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