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Scripture Matthew 6:10b.

Title: Thy Will Be Done

Introduction: How would you pray in a critical situation? “Thy will be done” is always a good prayer. In our sermon series, so far, we have been looking together at the Model Prayer Jesus gave us in Matthew 6:9-13. And again, I say this is an outline of the things God wants us to speak with Him about whenever we pray. We talked about two requests: “Hallowed be your name” and “Thy Kingdom come”. This morning we come to the 3rd request of the Lord’s prayer, “Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” The following are to be taken into consideration:

I. THE MEANING OF “THY WILL BE DONE.” If we want to know what “Thy will be done” means, we can look to see where we find these words elsewhere in the Bible. These exact words are found again, later in this Book of Matthew chapter 26:36-39:

Then Jesus went with them to the olive grove called Gethsemane, and he said, “Sit here while I go over there to pray.” He took Peter and Zebedee’s two sons, James and John, and he became anguished and distressed. He told them, “My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.” He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying, “My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.” NLT.

Jesus didn’t only “teach” us these words; He used them Himself, in His own, real-life situation. What can we learn from Jesus’ use of these words in Matthew 26?

Matthew 26:42 Jesus prayed again, and this time He said those same words that we find here in Matthew 6:10b, “Thy will be done.” Then Matthew 26:44 prays “For the 3rd time, “Thy will be done, not mine”

II. Knowing God’s Will. Is it possible to know God’s will?

“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.” Romans 12:2

1. Bible is the guide in knowing God’s will.
2. The community of faith is the guide in knowing God’s will.

Conclusion: To pray “**Thy Will be done**” will do nothing unless you pray it sincerely. The will of God will never take you, where the grace of God cannot keep you, and where the arms of God cannot support you.