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“Some people say Thy will be done not because they wish to say it but because they've accepted the fact that they can't possibly say anything else. They have accepted the fact that God is too strong for them, and that it is useless to batter their heads against the walls of the universe.”

- William Barclay



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2. Passive Resignation, not believing your prayers will make a difference, Luke 11:9, 10; 18:1;
Acts 12:12-17



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B. Will lead to an imbalance

between the sovereignty of God
and our responsibility to pray,

James 5:15, 16



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II. A Right Understanding of God's Will

A. God's will is to be “done on earth as it is in heaven”

1. God's will is to be done on earth the way it is done in heaven,
Psalm 103:20
2. Means standing against the Devil and his schemes, **Eph. 6:11-18**



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II. A Right Understanding of God's Will

B. Three ways to understand God's will:

1. The Decreed will of God,
Isaiah 14:24; Ephesians 1:9-11;
Jeremiah 51:29; Romans 8:28

Illustrations:

Israel wanting a king, 1 Samuel 8;
King Hezekiah, 2 Kings 20, 21
Joseph, Genesis 50:20

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2. The Desired will of God,

1 Peter 3:9; 1 Tim. 2:4; John 12:32

Jesus came to bring life,

John 10:10; Ezekiel 18:32;

Romans 5:12; 1 Corinthians 15:22

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3. The Declared will of God,
Mark 12:30, 31
Matthew 28:19
Romans 6:16-18

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“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” Romans 12:1, 2