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THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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DOING THE WILL OF GOD

Text: Mat. 7, 21.

“Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he that doeth the Will of My Father which is in Heaven.”

Our text is one of the startling statements of our Lord from the sermon on the Mount. If we were to put it in our everyday speech we would say — “Not everyone that professes Christianity shall be saved but he that doeth the will of God.” Those who feel that some ministers they have listened to were rather straight in their preaching would do well to carefully and prayerfully read the sermon on the Mount. To say the least it is a straight and strict sermon as well as a plain one. The one reading would probably come to the conclusion that our Captain and example was a straight, practical and plain preacher. We do well to follow His example. There are those who claim that the “sermon on the Mount” raises a standard impossible of attainment, but this cannot be because—any man who preaches a standard impossible of attainment is an unscriptural and unreasonable man and does injury to the cause of God, it would discourage hearts and bring reproach to the cause. Now surely we would not lay such a charge to our Lord, no, definitely not! He not only preaches a high standard but He died on a cruel cross to provide us a salvation from sin sufficient to enable us to live that standard. Too many are endeavoring to live the Bible standard in their own strength but it cannot be accomplished, we must have the “grace of God” in our hearts. Our text tells us that, “Not everyone that saith Lord, Lord, shall enter the Kingdom of God, but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in Heaven.” The question naturally arises, what is the “Will of God?” Shall we endeavour to find the answer in the scriptures.

I. It is the “Will of God” that we be “born again.” There is only one way out of sin and into the family of God and that is the “New Birth.” Jesus said to Nicodemus, “Ye must be born again and except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God.” But sad to say there are many to-day who are professing to be followers of Jesus Christ who have never been born again, these are not doing the “Will of God” and are a hindrance rather than a help to the cause of God. There are those who accept Jesus as example and admit His being a great teacher who do not accept Him as Lord and

Master of their heart and life. Jesus said, “I am the door, by Me if any man enter he shall find pasture—he that climeth up some other way is a thief and a robber.” To enter the door is to be “born again”, accepting Jesus Christ as our Saviour from sin. When one is “born again” he is a “new creature in Christ, old things are passed away, all things are become new.” One cannot continue in sin and yet be a Christian because “He that is born of God doth not commit sin.” Let us be clear in regards sin, if we are saved at all we are saved from sin. If we cannot be saved from sin then Jesus died in vain, but we can “praise the Lord”, in 1st John we read, “If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” If the sinner would do the “Will of God” then he must be “born again.”

II. It is the “Will of God” that after we have been “born again” we advance. Heb. 6, 1 exhorts us thus—“Let us go on—not laying again the foundation.” Many seem to settle down and utterly fail to “go on.” When they do anything spiritually they are still laying foundation. We need to “walk by the same rule and mind the same things” thus to advance. Jesus said “If ye continue in my word then are ye My disciples indeed.” Failing to continue results in a loss of spiritual life and a consciousness of guilt. Let all who have been “born again” “go on” because everything worthwhile is ahead.

III. It is the “Will of God” that we as Christians be sanctified. In I Thes. 4, 3, we read, “This is the “Will of God” even your sanctification.” The person who after being “born again” advances will become aware that God has more for them in definite Christian experience. They realize the presence of an inward foe, interfering with their advancement and service. They also see that the scriptures offer a remedy for their condition. Heb. 13, 12. “Wherefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered without the gate.” The natural hunger of every genuine “born again” Christian is for the “fulness of the blessing”, namely “holiness of heart” and regardless of all the opposition it is possible of attainment in this life. The greatest reason more people do not receive and enjoy this experience is not because they cannot see it taught in scripture, nor is it that they do not feel their need of it but it is their unwillingness to surrender their all to God and take the reproach that goes with “wholly following the Lord.” Lk. 14:15 tells us that the purpose of Jesus’ coming was “that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness be-

fore Him, all the days of our life.” Shall we seek and obtain this gracious experience thus following the “Will of God” for us.

IV. It is the “Will of God” that we keep “God’s blessing” in our hearts. Since there is no place in Christian experience where we are beyond the possibility of failing and falling we need to be diligent lest we grieve the Spirit or through carelessness lose the “blessing of God.” In Rev. we read “I would thou wert cold or hot, so then, because thou are lukewarm I will spue thee out of my mouth.” The lukewarmness of the Christian church is appalling, many that were enjoying the “blessing of the Lord” a few years ago are settled down and are dry and dead, their joy has departed and they are now useless in helping to reach the lost with the good news of salvation. These must do their first works over to again enjoy the favour and blessing of God. Jesus said “Ye are the salt of the earth, but if the salt have lost his savour it is thenceforth good for nothing but to be cast out—may God help us to realize the importance of the Spirit’s presence in our lives and the fact that it is by continual obedience that we maintain our relationship. “If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.”

VI. It is the “Will of God” that we enter into Christian service. The command is, “Go ye”—we ought to either be going in person or going with our means, prayers and our moral support. We can only keep the blessing of God upon us, as we ought to, by taking an active part in seeking the salvation of the lost. We may not be able to do as much as some others but we can do something, and if we really have the “go” in us and a willingness to be used we shall find our place in the service of our King. We fear that many have lost the “grace of God” from their hearts and lives because they failed to do that which they could for the salvation of souls and the cause of God. There are sincere hearts who have met every condition they know in seeking the blessing of full salvation who are still lacking in their assurance and inward victory who need to arise and enter into consecrated service for the Lord. God has work to be done, which you and I can do if we will undertake things in Jesus’ Name and for His sake, but it is so much easier to just let the other fellow do it, he or she can do it so much better. Too many are waiting until they can do it as it ought to be done, which time may never come. Some people do not make any mistakes in their service to God because they do nothing for God. Let us do our

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