

SESSION 9

THE CHURCH IN PRAYER

WHEN JESUS TAUGHT THE DISCIPLES
TO PRAY IN (MATTHEW & LUKE 11) --
HE SAID "PRAY THE FATHER'S WILL
BE DONE -- HIS KINGDOM COME ON
EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN" --

UNDERSTAND

EACH HUMAN BEING HAS A "FREE"
"WILL" -- AND GOD'S DESIRE IS THAT
-- MAN'S "FREE WILL" -- "WILLS" -- THE
"WILL" OF THE FATHER --

WHEN WE

PASS INTO ETERNITY -- WE WILL
STILL HAVE A "FREE WILL" -- BUT
IN GOD'S KINGDOM -- HEAVEN --
OUR "WILL", "WILLS", STAND -- ON GOD'S
~~WILL~~ SIDE --

SO

IN THE COMING ETERNAL KINGDOM
MANKIND -- THOSE WHO ARE SECURE
IN HEAVEN -- BY JESUS BLOOD --
STILL HAVE A WILL THAT IS FREE
-- NONE-THE-LESS --

THAT WILL -- THEN IS SUBJECT TO
"GOD'S AUTHORITY" --

IN TIME - WHILE THIS PRESENT
WORLD LASTS - GOD IS "RESTRICTED"
BY MAN - THAT IS - MAN WILL
NOT DO WHAT GOD WANTS TO DO -

"CAN WE UNDERSTAND"

GOD IS NOT FREE - WHILE TIME
LASTS - BECAUSE HE HAS CHOSEN
TO NOT WORK IF HIS CHILDREN -
HIS CHURCH - DOES NOT WORK
WITH HIM.

SO

GOD'S WORKING ON EARTH - IS -
GOVERNED BY - THE CHURCH -

WHILE

WE ARE ON THE EARTH - GOD'S
ACTIONS - DEPEND ON THE CHURCH
- FUNCTIONING WITH HIM - IN
HIS WILL -

THE CHURCH

IS ON EARTH - TO ACCOMPLISH
GOD'S WILL - ON EARTH -

"THY KINGDOM COME"

THY WILL BE DONE - ON EARTH -
- AS IN HEAVEN -

IF THE CHURCH IS NOT ABLE TO
MEET "GOD'S WILL" - "GOD WILL"
- BE RESTRICTED ON EARTH -

WHAT A SOBERING CHALLENGE TO
THE CHRISTIAN - TO THE CHURCH -
- TO "PRAY" GOD'S WILL IS TO -
"PERFORM" GOD'S WILL - IS TO -
"PRACTICE" GOD'S WILL -

"IN ETERNITY TO COME" - MAN'S
WILL - STANDS - ALTOGETHER
ON THE SIDE OF GOD'S ETERNAL
WILL -

TODAY

THE CHURCH STANDS ON THAT
FUTURE GROUND - WHEN PRAYING
GOD'S WILL ON EARTH - JUST LIKE -

GOD

SHALL IN ETERNITY - BE ABLE TO
MANIFEST HIMSELF - THROUGH
HIS BRIDE - THE WIFE OF THE
LAMB - HE NOW ON EARTH -

CAN MANIFEST HIMSELF THROUGH
THE CHURCH - THE BODY OF
CHRIST - ON EARTH -

- THE CHURCH POSSESSES A
FREE WILL - BUT SHE MUST
PLACE IT IN THE FULL AUTHORITY

IN ~~THE~~ TOTAL SUBJECTION
TO THE AUTHORITY OF GOD -

WHATEVER GOD WANTS TO DO -
IT SHALL BE DONE - - WHY -
BECAUSE

THE CHURCH TODAY PLACES HER
WILL - - COMPLETELY - UNDER
GOD'S WILL - ALL IN AGREEMENT
- GOD IS ABLE TO FUNCTION -
IN THIS WORLD - TO DO HIS WILL

SO IT IS IMPORTANT
THAT THE CHURCH - NOT BE -
"VIEWED"
AS MERELY A MEETING - A
GATHERING OF GOD'S CHILDREN -

NO

THE CHURCH IS A GROUP OF PEOPLE
WHO HAVE BEEN - "REDEEMED"
BY THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF THE
LAMB - CHRIST JEWS - AND HAVE
BEEN "REGENERATED" BY THE -
HOLY SPIRIT - AND HAVE - COMMITTED
THEMSELVES - INTO THE HANDS OF
GOD - THE FATHER - THE ~~SON~~
- SOVEREIGN GOD

FOR

GOD WILL - "WHAT HE WANTS TO DO
THROUGH THE CHURCH" - IF THE
CHURCH IS IN AGREEMENT WITH GOD
HE WILL NOT BE "RESTRICTED" -

SO

THE CHURCH - "GLADLY ACCEPTING"
GOD'S WILL AND DOING IT - ARE
ABLE TO STAND ON EARTH - FOR GOD
TO MAINTAIN - AND ACCOMPLISH -
HIS WILL AND TESTIMONY -

THUS

BECAUSE EARTH DESIRES IT - GOD
THEN WILL DO IT - HE MUST HAVE MAN'S
WILL - IN HARMONY - WITH HIS -

THE CHURCH IN PRAY - PRACTICES — THREE PRINCIPLES —

- ① PRONOUNCING GOD'S WILL -
- ② BE IN HARMONY WITH GOD'S SPIRIT -
- ③ COMING TOGETHER -

WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT
GOD HAS HIS WILL - CONCERNING
"ALL THINGS"

YET

HE ACTS ONLY AFTER THE FREE
WILL OF HIS CHILDREN. OF HIS
CHURCH - AGREES AND RESPONDS
TO HIS WILL - THEN HE TAKES
ACTION - CORPORATELY WITH
HIS CHURCH - HE WILL NOT
ACT - ALONE AND INDEPENDENTLY

SO WE SEE

THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

WE NEED TO SEE

THAT - THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
DOES NOT CONSIST - ONLY FOR
THE PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL -
— THOUGH IT MOST CERTAINLY
— DOES EXIST —

FOR THE PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL

LET US BE CERTAIN OF THIS FACT -
BUT

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE
CHURCH REALIZE - THEIR MINISTRY
INCLUDES THE BRING DOWN TO EARTH
— THE WILL OF THE FATHER IN HEAVEN

THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED BY
THE PRAYING OF THE CHURCH ON EARTH

THUS - TO SEE FULFILLED - -

(MARK 16:17-18)

AND THESE SIGNS WILL "ACCOMPANY"
"ATTEST TO" - - THOSE (CHURCH) WHO
BELIEVE - (COME TO AGREEMENT) WITH
GOD -

PRAYER

IS NOT A SMALL - INSIGNIFICANT -
NON-ESSENTIAL - PRACTICE OF THE
CHURCH

PRAYER

IS THE "WORK" OF THE CHURCH -
WHEN THE CHURCH PRAYS - WE
WANT YOUR WILL TO BE DONE -

"THIS IS PRAYER OF FAITH"

THIS IS THE WORK OF PRAYER

"AFTER"

THE CHURCH KNOWS THE WILL OF GOD - THEN THE CHURCH ASK - DECLARES - THIS (GOD'S WILL) BE DONE - IT IS DONE - BY GOD -

IF

THIS MINISTRY DOES NOT FUNCTION IN THE CHURCH - SHE (CHURCH) A VERY VITAL PART OF HER - MINISTRY -

WE NEED TO SEE - THAT - DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS - AS WELL AS PRAYERS OF FELLOWSHIP - CANNOT REPLACE - OR FULFILL - THE "MINISTRY" OF PRAY - IN THE CHURCH -

PRAYER AS A WORK OR MINISTRY MEANS THAT WE STAND WITH GOD - AS HE REVEALS HIS WILL - WE THEN - DESIRE WHAT HE DESIRES - AND - DECLARE - HIS DESIRE - IN A PARTICULAR SITUATION -

HIS WILL BY VOICING IT - THIS IS A POWERFUL THING -

YOU SEE

THIS MINISTRY OF PRAYER - IS NOT ONLY ASKING GOD - IT IS ALSO - "MAKING A DECLARATION" (DECLARING)

= WHAT GOD WANTS =

IF THE CHURCH SO DECLARES - WHAT GOD HAS REVEALED TO THEM - THIS DECLARATION WILL AT ONCE - BE EFFECTUAL -

WE WILL CONSIDER THE THREE PRINCIPLES OF PRAYER FOUND IN (MAT 18: 18-20) AMP

(VS 18) TRULY, I TELL YOU, WHATEVER YOU BIND - FORBID - DECLARE - TO BE IMPROPER AND UNLAWFUL ON EARTH - MUST BE - WHAT IS ALREADY FORBIDDEN IN HEAVEN, AND WHATEVER YOU PERMIT - AND DECLARE PROPER AND LAWFUL ON EARTH - MUST BE ALREADY PERMITTED IN HEAVEN -

(vs 19) ¹⁴ AGAIN I TELL YOU, IF TWO OR THREE OF YOU ON EARTH AGREE (HARMONIZE TOGETHER ~ TOGETHER MAKE A SYMPHONY) ABOUT ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING ~ WHATEVER THEY SHALL ASK ~ IT WILL COME TO PASS AND BE DONE ~ FOR THEM ~ BY MY FATHER ~ IN HEAVEN"

(vs 20) FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED (DRAWN TOGETHER AS MY FOLLOWERS) IN (INTD) MY NAME, THERE I AM ~ IN THE MIDST ~ OF THEM ~

THIS IS THE CHURCH ~ MENTIONED IN (vs 17)

THIS IS THE CHURCH "PRONOUNCING" ~ THE WILL OF GOD ~

THIS IS A PRINCIPLE ~ THE CHURCH MUST DESIRE ~ AND ALSO HEED ~ PRAY ATTENTION

TO ~ TAKE NOTICE OF ~ THAT TODAY ~ BECAUSE THERE EXIST ANOTHER ~ FREE WILL ~ GOD WILL NOT ~ THEREFORE ~ CANNOT DO THINGS BY HIS OWN SELF ~ ALONE ~

HE
MUST HAVE THE COOPERATION OF THE CHURCH IN AGREEMENT WITH HIM ~

ONE WRITER SAYS:
- THE MEASURE OF THE POWER OF THE CHURCH TODAY DETERMINES THE MEASURE OF THE MANIFESTATION OF THE POWER OF GOD ~

THIS DOES NOT IMPLY THAT GOD IS NOT ALL-MIGHTY ~ FOR INDEED GOD IS ALL-MIGHTY ~

YET

THE ALMIGHTY GOD HAS LIMITED HIMSELF ~ TO MANIFEST HIS POWER ON EARTH ~ THRU A CHANNEL ~
- HIS CHURCH -

THE CHURCH CANNOT INCREASE
GOD'S POWER -- BUT -- WE CAN --
-- HINDER IT --

THE THINGS WHICH GOD DOES ON
EARTH -- TODAY -- HE FIRST GETS
THE CHURCH -- TO COME IN
AGREEMENT WITH HIM -- AND
PRONOUNCE

HIS WILL OVER THE SITUATION
-- THEN -- HE WILL WORK THRU
THE CHURCH

WHATEVER GOD DOES TODAY -- HE
DOES IT -- WITH THE COOPERATION
OF THE CHURCH --

-- WHAT A REVELATION --
WHAT A WORK FOR THE CHURCH
-- THE FATHER IN HEAVEN
DOES HIS WORK THROUGH -- AND
ALONG WITH -- HIS PEOPLE --

-- THE QUESTION --
WILL THERE BE A PEOPLE ON EARTH
-- TO WORK WITH GOD (PRONOUNCING)
-- HIS WILL --

WE CANNOT ASK GOD TO DO -- WHAT
HE DOES NOT WANT TO DO --
YET

WE CAN RESTRICT HIM -- WE CAN STAND
IN THE WAY OF HIM DOING WHAT HE
DESIRES TO DO IN AND THROUGH OUR
LOCAL GATHERING -- CHURCH --

SO WE COULD SAY -- --
-- THE CHURCH HAS A POWER IN WHICH
TO MANAGE THE POWER OF GOD --

HOW
BECAUSE THEY REFUSE TO PRAY -- --
THEY REFUSE TO SURRENDER THEIR
SELF-LIFE -- THEIR DESIRE -- AND
TO SEEK GOD -- UNTIL THEY FIND HIS
WILL -- AND TO --
-- PRONOUNCE HIS WILL --

GOD WILL NOT START FIRST -- HE IN
HIS WORKING THROUGH THE CHURCH ON
EARTH -- "ONLY FOLLOWS THE CHURCH"

-- WHAT A TREMENDOUS RESPONSIBILITY --
-- THE CHURCH HAS --

~~THE CHURCH~~
THE CHURCH IS GOD'S CHOSEN
VESSEL — GOD PLACES HIS WILL INTO

THE CHURCH FOR THE CHURCH TO
PRONOUNCE ON EARTH — HIS WILL —

SO

IF EARTH WILLS — HEAVEN WILLS
ALSO —

FOR THIS REASON — WHAT
GOD DESIRES TO ACCOMPLISH IN
HEAVEN — WILL NOT BE REALIZED
ON EARTH — IF HE ENCOUNTERS
"DIFFICULTY"

IN THE CHURCH —

WHENEVER

GOD WISHES TO DO A THING — HE
PLACES A BURDEN ON A BROTHER
OR SISTER — OR THE WHOLE
CHURCH —

IF

THE CHURCH PRAYS AND FULFILLS
HER MINISTRY — GOD WORKS —
THE MORE THE CHURCH PRAYS
THE LIGHTER THE BURDEN COMES
— AS MORE GOD'S WILL IS DONE
— AS THE CHURCH —

BINDS AND LOOSES GOD'S WILL —

THE PRAYER MINISTRY
OF THE CHURCH IS — GOD TELLING
THE CHURCH WHAT HE DESIRES
TO DO — SO THE CHURCH ON EARTH
CAN THEN — PRAY IT OUT — BY
AGREEING WITH GOD ON — WITH —
WHAT HE WANTS TO DO —

THUS

THE CHURCH IS TO PRONOUNCE¹¹
THE WILL OF GOD — ON EARTH

THE

HIGHEST USE OF THE CHURCH TO GOD
IS TO — ALLOW HIS WILL TO BE DONE
— ON EARTH —

PRINCIPLE ONE — PRONOUNCE —
— GOD'S WILL

NEXT

BE IN HARMONY WITH — GOD'S SPIRIT —