

Title: Anticipation and the Will of God

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Jesus and I entitled this, "Anticipation and the Will of God." So, I know that we'll have ears to hear what the Spirit of the Lord is saying to us, and we honor the Word of God. The Word of God is truth, and Jesus is the Word of God made manifest. He is truth, and He has come to reveal Himself to us and the Father's will. How can we follow Him if we don't know the Father's will? How good He is to lead us into all truth. We know that when we were sinners, He brought truth to us, and it caused repentance. What a blessing. Never take for granted your salvation, amen. It's so vital, as we know this and the joys of this, that we are able to lead others into the same salvation. We know where we've been, and we know where others are. So, it's our charge, call, and blessing in the Body of Christ, to lead others to Jesus Christ. We always anticipate the will of God in our lives, because we have been born again from above. The Christian life is not boring, religion is. The Christian life is not boring, but religion is. We hammer that all the time, because we're called to life and life more abundantly in Jesus.

Romans 8:19 NKJV

Wow. "For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God."

Romans 8:18-19 TPT

"I am convinced that any suffering we endure is less than nothing compared to the magnitude of glory that is about to be unveiled within us. 19) The entire universe is standing on tiptoe, yearning to see the unveiling of God's glorious sons and daughters!"

"For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God." "We are convinced that any suffering we endure is less than nothing compared to the magnitude of glory that is about to be unveiled within us. The entire universe is standing on tiptoe, yearning to see the unveiling of God's glorious sons and daughters!" This is our today. This is our now, and it is our future. Hallelujah. The Scripture says, "We go from glory to glory. We go from faith to faith." So, the Father thinks really big. He thinks really big. He is not in a box, hallelujah! He thinks really big. We have the word of God, and we have a testimony of just how big He thinks. He thought so big, that He chose to come Himself to save us and redeem us, and shed His own blood. Truth, that is amazing, to know that He was eagerly anticipating and awaiting for the moment that He would appear on the planet to save humanity. It's astounding to me. It's astounding to me and all of Heaven. I mean, one day we we might get the full testimony, but we know that all of Heaven rejoiced when the Savior was born. Correct? Well, all of Heaven has eagerly been awaiting for the revealing of the sons of God from the beginning of time. That's truth. "If God is for you, who can be against you?" That's wonderful news. We want to apply this and live this lifestyle. Knowing who our God is, what He has done, and that He is eagerly longing to manifest Himself to us. He wants to reveal His kingdom to us and in us. He is eagerly anticipating, with anticipation, yes. The Lord wants to know, "What are we anticipating? What are we looking for? What are we expecting? What are we longing for?" I just want to long for what He wants. It starts with longing for Him. It starts with expecting Him. It starts with inviting Him, and giving oneself to Him. I'm going to read a testimony real quick. This is a wonderful testimony that we love.

Acts 3:1-10 AMP

"Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour, and a man who had been unable to walk from birth was being carried along, whom they used to set

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down every day at that gate of the temple, which is called Beautiful, so he could beg for alms from those entering the temple. 3) So when he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he began asking them for coins. 4) But Peter, along with John, stared at him intently and said, "Look at us!" 5) And the man began to pay attention to them, eagerly expecting to receive something from them. 6) But Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have; but what I do have, I give to you: In the name (authority and power) of Jesus Christ, the Nazarene—begin now to walk and go on walking!" 7) Then he seized the man's right hand with a firm grip and raised him up. And at once his feet and ankles became strong and steady, 8) And with a leap, he stood up and began to walk; and he went into the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. 9) All the people saw him walking and praising God; 10) and they recognized him as the very man who usually sat begging for coins at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with wonder and amazement and were mystified at what had happened to him."

"For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God!" The magnitude of glory that's being unveiled in us. For just a moment, in all testimonies and out of this testimony, Heaven manifested in the exact moment *with* anticipation and eagerness, where God was eager. You know, Jesus walked by this dude while He was here. We say that all the time. That was where He lived. But, He was waiting. He shared some things for the disciples to do, right? But, Heaven is longing, anticipating. God wants. He is eager. He is expectant. All of the entire universe is standing on tiptoe, yearning to see the unveiling of God's glorious sons and daughters, even in a healing, in repentance, in deliverance, in a transformation, in a time of where we return from sin to come to God. When we follow Him with all of our heart, soul, mind, will, and strength, and we don't let go, He never lets up. He never lets go of us. Yes, Heaven anticipates. I want to anticipate the glory. I want to expect God, right? I want to believe God. We want to believe His Word. Otherwise, we're not believers, but are doubters. Okay? We're called believers for a reason. We are eagerly anticipating what God will do, who He is, as He unveils the scripture to us. Wow, what an explosion you can have every day of the week to enter into God's word and see the glory of God, and how He has chosen to manifest Himself to us. The man there began to pay attention, but he was expecting to receive something from them in the form of a coin. But, God did abundantly above and beyond what he could hope, think or imagine, because he had probably grown weary of hoping he would be healed. Maybe he didn't even believe it. I don't know, but he was just looking for the coin. He got above and beyond anything he could hope, think or imagine. That needs to be our attitude in anticipating the glory of the Lord. Above and beyond anything we can hope, think or imagine. That's a scripture, truth? We need to expect and look out for, in a way of longing.

There's like this taste that you get. Most of us know if your grandma is going to make you a chocolate cream pie, you are longing and anticipating when you can get over there to eat some of her pie, right? There are certain things that you know. "Taste and see that the Lord is good." There are certain things you are familiar with. You know what to expect when you get to certain places. You know, "Oh, my God, it's the end of school, hallelujah, yes! Teachers, are like, "Oh, hallelujah! Longing, waiting, eagerly anticipating, but faithful in your job. When a mama's pregnant, she's getting ready to have a baby, and she's in labor, labor, labor. You bet she is eagerly anticipating for that child to come forth, correct? Then where is the sorrow, because that's how sweet it is in the Kingdom of Heaven.

We want God's will to be done. So today, as we anticipate the Word of God, and we anticipate the will of God, we're going to bring the Scripture together to strengthen us in His will, amen. We know that we would want to say, "God's will be done." Now, sometimes that sounds easier than it is, but we ultimately, as now born again believers, want to absolutely surrender. We want to anticipate and expect that God's will shall be done in us and in the missions that He gives us on the planet. Yes, all believers in Christ Jesus, should be devoted to God's will.

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All of us, all of us, *from* the youngest, to the eldest, all of us should be eagerly anticipating and totally devoted to God's will. "Thy word is truth." His word is truth, therefore He helps us and shows us the way and empowers us. Jesus revealed God's will to us. Thank you, Lord.

Let's look at this journey. You can read all these verses in context. Here He is talking about the Kingdom of Heaven and how to enter. There are those that are false, and He's showing us the way to truth.

Matthew 7:21 NKJV

He says, "Not everybody who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, but He who does the will of My Father in Heaven."

Lordship, okay, lordship. No one can call Jesus, Lord, except by the Spirit. No one can confess, unless you have believed in your heart. Confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord. Yes, we have to repent, believe, lay down our will, and take on His will. Many are going to be in shock one day when they come across, thinking that they were saved, and they were not. Jesus said in that day, many will say, "Did we not say, Lord, Lord?" Jesus, says, "Depart from Me. I never knew you." That's in Matthew seven. Therefore, we want to make all the more sure and certain, that we are truly born again from above. We want to make sure and all the more certain, as we lead others to Christ, that we give them the whole gospel. Yes, the whole gospel. The truth that you know, will set you free. Don't think you're being hard. You're just saying what Jesus said. Amen. That's what I want. I want true conversions. I want all people to go to Heaven that I lead to Christ. I don't want anybody in hell. You understand? It's very serious. We can't play games with Christianity. Truth. That's a good start. Because, "For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God." The sons and daughters of God, the family God, are about the Father's will, truth.

John 5:30 NKJV

Jesus said, "I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of the Father who sent Me."

Now, this is the Christ. This is the Messiah. This is our Lord and Savior, the One who came and became a man. He knows our flesh, and He knows that He is eagerly anticipating the magnitude of glory, that's about to be revealed in us. Okay, "the magnitude of glory." I love that, "the magnitude of glory." He says, "I can do nothing of Myself. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is righteous," right with God, righteous. "Because I don't seek My own will." *The* key that will unlock your heart. As He is, so are we in this world. "I do not seek My own will, but the will of My Father, who sent Me." He's our Lord and Master. We're following. We're obeying His teachings. Therefore, that's the call on every saint, not just ministers, correct? If you've been born again from above, this is our charge. He is my model and example, because He lives in me. Because of His resurrection, I am able to do this. Thank you, Jesus. Thank you, Jesus. Don't take it for granted that you've been saved, amen. But, it will cause us to walk more uprightly in the fear of the Lord. I'm so thankful to Jesus that He said, "Yes."

John 6:38 NKJV

Jesus said, "For I have come down from Heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me."

"I can do nothing of Myself. I don't seek My own will, but the will of Father." He says, "I have come down from Heaven." Wow, "I have come down from Heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me." Hear His heart. I want to know that.

Luke 22:41 NKJV

Obviously this is in the garden before the cross. It says, "And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed, saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me. Nevertheless, not My will, but Yours be done."

Even in that place, He knew His call. He knew His assignment. Even that place, He was there in intimacy, trusting the Father, and still there was the absolute surrender. "Not My will, but Yours be done." 'I'm going to drink the whole cup. I'm going to drink the whole cup of God's wrath.' There's the absolute surrender. This same Christ is in us, and empowers us to do the exact same. We don't have to pay for the sins of the world nor our own. He already did it.

Mark 3:35 NKJV

"For whoever does the will of God is My brother and My sister and mother."

Whoever does the will of God. Whoever does the will of God. He says, "You're my family." "Whoever does the will of God is My brother, and My sister, and mother." You understand? "This is My family. Whoever does the will of God." You see, there is so much emphasis, anticipation, and eager longing. Versus, "Well, you need to obey God, or you're going to get in trouble." It shifts from a religious mindset to an eager anticipation for the glory of the Lord to be revealed in our lives when we yield to the will of God. When we obey Jesus, the One who went all the way for us and said, "Not My will, but Your will be done." He demonstrated that and now calls us family, mother, brother, sister. What a delight to know. Say, "I'm so in the family." Yet, we have still been given a will to choose, and that's something else. "To obey or not to obey." Holy Spirit will reveal the mind of Christ and His will to the children of God. This should strengthen you, and it strengthens in our resolve.

Romans 8:26-27 NKJV

"Likewise, the Spirit also helps us in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God."

Somebody's on the same page here. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, as one, had chosen to dwell within us, and all are working together to see the will of God perfected in us. "The Holy Ghost ever lives to make intercession for the saints according to the will of God." That's above and beyond you just praying in tongues, because you're praying in the Spirit. It's perfect prayer. Yes, and the Holy Ghost is praying and interceding with you and through you. "But, He ever lives to make intercession for the saints." We are not alone, amen. He helps us in our weaknesses. He knows how we should pray. We don't always know. But, He lives to make intercessions with groanings that cannot be uttered." It is spiritual. Yes, Spirit to spirit. Yet the same truth is that, "All of creation is longing and eagerly anticipating for the revealing of the sons of God." Yes, for the family of God. He says, "You are My mother, brother, and sister." Yes, there is an ability to do this. Thank you, Lord. Otherwise, it would not be written. It would just be something that we would encounter when we go to Heaven. I want to know the mind and the will of God, and therefore I'm a student, a disciple of Jesus Christ. Abiding in and remaining in His Word, and He will lead me into all truth. Yes!

Ephesians 6:5-9 NKJV

"Bond servants, be obedient to those who are your masters, according to the flesh, with fear and trembling in sincerity of heart as to Christ. Verse six, "Not with eye service as men pleasers, but as bond servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, with good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men. Knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free. Verse nine, "And you,

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masters, do the same things to them, giving up, threatening, knowing that your own Master also is in Heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.”

Here He's addressing those masters and servants in this time and era. He's encouraging the bond servants of Christ to do the will of God from the heart, in your service, always unto the Lord, the Master. Then He addresses the masters, and says, “You better pay attention and treat the servants as you would Me. Yes, all, every rank and order, in jobs, careers, positions, and whatever we do. However God has called us, we are all subservient to the Head, Christ. What a declaration of teaching those in His time, how to surrender to the Lord as bond servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. He just wants all our heart. Yes, that's why, “Believe in your heart, and confess with your mouth, that Jesus is Master and Lord.” Wow. Doing good service as unto the Lord. Everything we do should be done unto the Lord. Thank you, Holy Ghost. Every veil is removed in His presence, yes? All blindness is removed in His presence, yes? Everything that hinders is removed in His presence, yes? As the Word of the Lord goes, I see, I hear, I know, and I understand, because all things are laid open and laid bare before Him. Isn't that glorious, truth?

First Thessalonians 4:1-8 NKJV

The apostle Paul is addressing the Church here, and he's showing the humans in the midst, that this is God's will to sanctify us. He is making us holy. He's addressing sin and sexual immorality, lust, and those things that are not of God. In order that all might be clean, healed and walk after God's way. Do the will of God. Yes, He heals, He saves, He delivers, and He grants repentance. Paul says, “Don't you know, this is the will of God, your sanctification.” He is eagerly anticipating and awaiting and longing for us to follow after Christ. “Be holy as I'm holy.” That's our standard. “Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.” That's our model. Yes, that's what the Spirit of God is doing. “Whoever lives to make intercession for us according to the will of God.” He knows where we're at. He knows our faults, He knows our weaknesses, He knows our strengths. He knows everything about us, yes? Yet still, He labors and groans for our sanctification versus a set of rules of do and don't. There are a lot of rules in the Bible which we must obey. But if you miss the heart, you miss the will of God. Jesus died for each and every one of these things, which we call weaknesses, so that we can become perfected. Glory to God. Yes! “Today is the day of salvation,” amen. I love this.

Colossians 3:4 NKJV

“When Christ, who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.”

That's the goal, yes? “When Christ who is our life appears, you will appear with Him in glory.” Yet, right now, the Lord is eagerly anticipating and longing for the will of God to be revealed in us. We go from glory to glory to glory. Don't wait to dwell when you get to Heaven. God is saying, “Heaven is here. Heaven is now. Today, encounter Me, follow Me, and anticipate the glory of God.” When anything in our soul is not right, He will come and offer repentance. That's who He is. Thank you, Jesus. Yes. Then we come and say, “Well, Father, not my will, but Your will be done.” We repent. Thank you, Jesus. I do not want to ever have or feel, and neither do you, the ability to have no repentance. That is frightening. Honor the gift while we have it. Yes, if He points to anything, say, “Yes, sir.” Get on your face and repent, right? Better now than later. You have to feel the weight of the fear of the Lord. He's still sanctifying us. Isn't that amazing? Because, He loves us, “He's eagerly anticipating for the will of God to be manifested in us.” “When He appears, we will appear with Him in glory, oh hallelujah! He strengthens us in the will of God. Thank You, Jesus.

Hebrews 10:36 NKJV

He said saints, “For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise.”

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“You have need of endurance.” Don't we all just love that word? Whoo, but thank God. We have endurance, because Jesus gave us His Spirit, an enduring Spirit. “You have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise.” Because, that's the promise. The promise is the promise. If you do the will of God, the promise manifests. If you do the will of God, the promise manifests, wow. “My God shall supply all of your needs, according to His riches in glory,” amen. To know the will of God. This is it, your sanctification. Yes, Lord.

First Peter 2:15 NKJV

“For this is the will of God that by doing good, you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men.”

“This is the will of God that by doing good,” say, “doing good,” you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men.” By doing the will of God, and by doing good, because God is good, amen. As we go around doing good, healing all who are oppressed by the devil, God is with us, truth? Because, that's Christ in us. We are eagerly anticipating the will of God, and the goodness of God, to manifest to us, in us and through us. We're confident of this. We're confident in the will of God. We are so confident. “I'm in the will of God.” Yes, “I'm confident. I am in the will of God.” You know when you're off, alright, because the Holy Ghost is convicting. But, you know when we're confident of the will of God. That strengthens us. Correct?

First Peter 3:17 NKJV

“For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.”

“It is better, if it is the will of God, that you suffer for doing good than for doing evil.” Good or evil? Yes, wow, okay, it's better. It sounds good. It's better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good. When you stood up for righteousness. When you stood for the truth. When you did it God's way, then there's suffering against you, because you did good and you overcame. “We overcome Satan by the blood of the Lamb,” yes, “and the word of our testimony. Loving not our own lives, even unto death.” There is the will of God manifesting. He continues to strengthen us, even if you're suffering for doing good. Oh, it's worth it. It's better. That's the will of God. Jesus demonstrated this for us, correct? We've all suffered at one point in our journey when we just were wrong. You know, when you're a kid and you stole the candy at the store? You know your mom's going to get on to you when you get home, right? I mean, it's just the truth. It's the truth. But, these sufferings lead for our good, so that we will do good. Now go and steal no more. Nothing's changed. Don't be so religious, that you can't catch hold of the heart of God.

First Peter 4:1-2 NKJV

“Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.”

Wow. Christ suffered once and for all. He understood the flesh. As we learn and we suffer with Him, we understand that we are overcoming the flesh and the lusts of men, to obey the will of God. Every temptation of the flesh, right? Every temptation and the weakness of the flesh of being human, from the oldest to the youngest, whatever that might be. Not just sin, but just the frailty and the weakness of humans, right? Wow, we are focused on living and doing the will of God in the midst of those sufferings and changes and perfecting and uprooting, yes. He's like, “My yes is yes, and My no is no.” Sometimes you're like, “That's not what I wanted to hear. I wanted that in between thing.” No, no, no, there isn't one. There's something He talks about in Revelation that is about the lukewarm church. He says, “I would rather you be hot or cold, but if you're lukewarm, I will vomit you out of my mouth.” That mess, right? So, better to line up,

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get in order, get on our face, and repent. Yes, change the way we're thinking. "Oh yes, Lord." Line up with His word in the will of God. "Though you suffer for a little while, there is eternal glory. Enter in into the joy of the Lord. Enter into the inheritance I have for you." Truth. We live for the will of God with anticipation and eager expectation.

First Peter 4:19 NKJV

"Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator."

Wow. "Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God, commit their souls to Him in doing good as to a faithful Creator." Our God, our Creator, oh, my God, always living to make intercession with eager anticipation for the revealing of the sons and daughters of God. That as He overcomes, we overcome. All of Heaven rejoices when we overcome, because they are eagerly anticipating the glory of God to manifest in us." Truth. You have an angel that follows you around. You have heard you have your own personal angels. I bet we have a whole bunch. I think they rejoice when we overcome. They're like, "Thank God." Yes, we'll talk to Him about that later, but it's the truth. He is a faithful Creator. He has nothing but good planned for us. Say, Glory!

First John 2:17 NKJV

"The world is passing away, and the lust of it, but he who does the will of God abides forever."

The world is passing away. That's why we don't live for the world. Okay, the world is passing away, and the lust of it, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life. Yes, all of that. "But, he who does the will of God will abide forever." That's eternal life. "He who does the will of God abides forever. He who does God's will will abide forever." It was the will of God to save us. It was the will of God to sanctify us. It's the will of God to heal us. It's the will of God to deliver us. It's the will of God to grant us repentance. We have to remember He's eagerly waiting for the revealing of the sons of God. All the creation and our Creator, God, is longing for this. I want to be in line with what He's longing for, yes and wow! It just takes you out of going to church to an encounter in a real life relationship with God. I want God's will to be done every day. You can pray that. "Father, not my will, but Your will be done." He wants our heart. He wants our life. When that happens, we're going to follow Him and walk obedient to Him. His yes is yes. His no is no. He didn't make it hard. But, He's not going to make us. Shift the way we're thinking to the eager, earnest expectation. All creation is longing for that revealing.

Let's stand up and honor what He's encouraging us in today. Start to finish, it's so glorious. He is with us.

"Wow, Lord, we receive Your encouragement and Your word. We are strengthened in Jesus. We thank You that You were able to love Your Father. We thank You, Holy Spirit for how You strengthened and interceded for Him to obey and do the will of God, to go and take all of humanity's sin and become a worm on that cross. To heal, save and deliver to the uttermost those who are being saved. Thank You, Jesus for eternal life. Thank You for today's present glory. Thank You for empowering us every day to overcome our own selfish wills. For changing us and transforming us to true, humble servants of the Lord Most High. Thank You for eradicating evil, and destroying the works of the devil against us. We thank You that we've overcome. We've overcome through our Precious Savior, Jesus. Amen.