



It Shall Be Done

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There is a poem that rises from my spirit these days – a poem of comfort and advice. It begins, “Whenever I am troubled and lost and in despair, I bundle all my troubles up and go to God in prayer.”¹ What tremendous counsel and sound biblical advice! God will hear and answer our prayer!

I am always captured by the Scriptures on prayer because they are so reassuring. In John 15:7, we are promised that if we abide in Him, asking according to His will, IT SHALL BE DONE. In John 16, we read ASK AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE. In that same chapter, Jesus says, “Ask the Father In my name, and HE WILL GIVE IT TO YOU.”² In the epistle of First John, John repeats these glorious words of assurance declaring that if we ask anything according to God’s will, WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE THE PETITIONS THAT WE DESIRED.³

Can it be any bigger than IT SHALL BE DONE, HE WILL GIVE IT TO YOU, AND WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE? I think not!

These verses lead us to an important question. Why do we fall into such great despair when we are challenged by life’s difficulties? Where is our confidence in our great God who answers prayer? Where is the peace beyond understanding that is promised to the church?⁴ Why do we not live in perfect peace?⁵

I think the answer is very simple. Usually, our minds are fixed on our problems. Every detail of our dilemma is rehearsed continually until our head is bowed in grief. We know what our

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Our thoughts distract us, turning us in every direction, most of them away from God’s principles. He gave us a mind to make decisions, to create with, to organize things, and to learn. But though our spirit man is made new at salvation, our mind is not. We must work to change how we think. It is a continuous effort, daily, we spend time in the Word, and the power of its words is living water to our soul. 2 Corinthians 10:5 says, “Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.” Sometimes, what we are thinking is pushing against our knowledge of God and until we determine to set that thinking aside, we will not enter into all God has planned for us.

Our image of God’s desires for men is paltry and insufficient. The Spirit of God asked me to read Revelation recently, and being honest, much of it escapes me, but what I gathered and hold to is that God has prepared us for it. We have, in Christ, all we need to enter into a blessed eternity. Eternity is forever, this earth is not. But God has a plan to renew the earth and to recreate the human body so we’ll be like Jesus. Simply put, one day, He will consume it all in His presence. All flesh will be filled with Him, every mind will belong to Him, as every spirit man is in His image with salvation. Not that we will be automatons and unthinking, but that He will be everything and all death and sin gone because He fills the atmosphere.

What a beautiful picture that is! And so much

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difficulty might cost, how painful it might be, and how long we might suffer. We have all the "What ifs" in our thinking until every possibility of loss has kidnapped our mind.

What should we do when we are overwhelmed by difficulties? According to the prophet Isaiah, we must keep our minds focused on our great God. We must turn our thoughts to the promises of His Word so that our imagination will surrender to Him regardless of our fear.

The songwriter, Helen Howarth Lemmel, tells us that when we turn our eyes upon Jesus, the things of earth grow strangely dim. Isn't that our goal? Don't we want the light of God's Word to overpower our trauma? I do!

If we trust our God, we will be steadfast and unmovable. Our great God will be our strength. The prophet Isaiah declares that He is our everlasting strength. I love that. Everlasting! It means He is our continual, perpetual, and ongoing

strength. He is a very present help in times of trouble.⁶

One of my favorite lifetime verses says, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea; I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."⁷ Oh what a comfort this verse is to me. God is always with us. He never leaves us or forsakes us. He gives us strength and comfort, helping us through every trial. We are in His right hand, not at some distance, but in His grasp.

Therefore, we have no reason to worry. We simply need to mediate in God's Word, place all our trust in Him, and pray. When I think about worry, trust, and prayer, there is a song that really helps me. It says, "Why worry, when you can pray, trust in Jesus, He knows the way. Don't be a doubting Thomas, just lean upon His promise, why worry, worry, worry, worry, when you can pray." This is such great scriptural counsel! Let's trust God! Let's pray. Hallelujah! God will answer!

¹Harriet Steiner Rice ²Jn 16:23-24 ³1Jn 5:14-15 ⁴Php 4:7 ⁵Is 26:3 ⁶Ps 46:1 ⁷Is 41:10

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bigger than what we could dream. That the God who created the world in six days (and He could have done it in a moment), will make of what is withered and decayed something vibrant and green, and all that we are will be His.

He has not left us to struggle in the meantime, but cleanses our thoughts through the power of His words. No word He speaks is void of power but all go forth to do what He's said, and this includes what He says through us. **We are conduits of eternal life. This is not simply a length of time but a quality of life.** I once asked the Holy Spirit why He took six days at Creation. He replied, "I created time to end time." We are told in Isaiah 46:10 that He declares "the end from the beginning." From the start, before He said, "Light be," and Light was, He knew Revelation's story.

And He, who did that, knows our very frame, that we are dust. He knows us in our mother's womb and has planned our days. He knows our thoughts before we speak them (Psalm 139:1). Like a gentle Father, He guides us ahead, disciplining us when we take one of those alternate paths. But,

here's the thing, we must be listening. We must seek His voice and desire to know Him, and then the promises of the Scripture will come to light.

I trust God's goodness in Revelation, though the imagery is vast, because I know how gentle and loving He is. I know how patient and longsuffering. That even when I'm in a frazzle, He is there to smooth out the wrinkles, especially those strongholds I've clung to which keep His fullness from living in me. We can hold Him at arm's length or embrace Him fully and surrender our will, our pride, to Him. I have learned that what is uncomfortable is worth pushing myself through for the reward of better thinking and being a stronger person. For being closer to Him, and there lies the true glory of the present and the future. That God loves us and desires our perfection, something only attainable because He is involved in it, and He was willing to give His own life to recreate ours.

"I pray that out of the glorious riches that emanate from his being, and through the working of his Spirit in your minds, you will be fully transformed into Christlikeness and so settled into God's methods and principles that you cannot be shaken." (Eph 3:16, Remedy)