



#Online Bible Study From Imperfectly
Perfect Lives

Nathaniel Bassey's Message On The Will Of God

The Bible study you are about to read was preached on by my Pastor, Nathaniel Bassey.

I transcribed the message on my blog so others could get to read the wisdom contained therein and with his permission, I am also sharing it in this book.

This Bible Study was one that changed my life in amazing ways and I am certain that if you would let the words sink into your heart and not only hear but also apply what you hear, your life will also be transformed like mine was.

May God's word find a good soil to grow in your heart in Jesus name, amen.

The Lord's Prayer, focusing on "may your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven."

What is a will?

A will can be seen as a person's desire, intention or plan.

A will can be seen as someone's wish in a document containing how

his properties should be distributed when he is no longer living.

A will is a wish with a direction, one that you are doing something about and not just wishing it comes to be.

The word says “thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven.

As it is done in what?

In heaven.

So the standard for the will of God to be done on earth is as it is done in heaven.

For example, I went to get a visa for my son from the American embassy. And even though the embassy is in Nigeria, the laws of Nigeria don’t bind them.

So do you wonder why the Bible calls us ambassadors?

Just like the Americans who are here don’t live based on Nigerian economy, so also is the will of God on earth, the standard of the one in Heaven.

Now, a will is also a document.

It comes from the Greek word “thelema”, meaning “purpose”, “decree”, “desire”, “pleasure”

Revelations 4:11

“You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For you created all things, and they exist because you created what you pleased.”

Now, an important thing to note about the will is that it is a written document so if you don’t know the will already, you won’t know what you have a right over.

Now, how can we find the will of God?

In His word!

The word of God is the will of God.

The Bible is Jesus in print.

The first place to start enforcing the will of God on earth is to know the will, to get acquainted with the document.

Jesus says, that we must pray that the will of God be done.

Most times when you find the will of God, you find it in the context of prayer.

Now, you should first of all know the will of God.

So what are the things that we find in heaven that are in line with God's will?

Is there bomb blast in heaven?

NO!

Now, there's a scripture in Isaiah that says He has raised us up to build waste places, so one of God's will is for us to do what?

Rebuild the waste places.

Isaiah 58:12

“Some of you will rebuild the deserted ruins of your cities. Then you will be known as a rebuilders of walls and a restorer of homes.”

Another mighty example...

“I wish above all things that you prosper and be in health even as thy soul prospereth”- 3John 1:2

Now, we know that every word given in the Bible is given by the

inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

So, one of God's wish/will for us is that we do not just prosper in finances, we prosper also in soul.

Now how do we get this done?

Through prayer. (Matthew 6)

This is how it works, you know the scripture, eg, 3John 1:2, and so you come to God with the word.

God does not react to tears or lamentations.

No.

What does the document, the testament say?

You go to God in prayers.

“Lord your word says that you wish above all things that I prosper, but I don't look like I am prospering...”

You bring His word back to Him and pray the will of God upon the earth.

Another will of God is in Jeremiah 29:11.

“For I know the thoughts I think towards you, thoughts of Good and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.”

Now, let's narrow this down.

The will of God isn't just about the earth, THERE IS A WILL OF GOD FOR YOUR LIFE.

There is a will of God for your family.

There is a will of God for your career.

There is a will of God for your marriage....

As you get into the word and know the will, you begin to enforce them through prayer.

Remember, every time you see the will of God, you see it in line with prayer.

You don't say what will be will be, no, God has made us caretakers; He has given us keys, authority to bind things on earth that will be bound in heaven.

Some of us are crying, God loves us but we are suffering.

Yes, God loves us but we will suffer if we do not enforce the will through prayers.

Colossians 4:12

“Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.”

God has great plans for us, He loves us, He wants us to prosper, He wants us to excel but these things won't jump on us.

We have a duty to search these things out and enforce them through prayer.

Think about your life, what exists in heaven that you need to enforce through prayer in your life?

Before you take a decision, think, *Lord, what is your will concerning this? What is heaven's decision?*

Someone is calling you, and you tell your friends, “*he is a nice guy oh, he load well...*”

No, what is heaven saying about that? What is the will of God for

that decision?

You got an email for an interview, what is heaven saying?

There is a will of God for your family and they won't just jump on you.

Colossians 1:9

“For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;”

This is one of my greatest scriptures.

In those days, I would drive to University of Lagos, and pray in the Holy Ghost, “*Lord fill me with the knowledge of your will...*”

One way to pray the will of God is through praying in tongues.

1John 5:14

“And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:”

If you make a habit of praying in the Spirit and praying in the Holy Ghost, your life will play out the will of God.

Romans 8:26-28

“Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he

that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”

Here's an example.

A guy is praying “Oh Father, I need a range rover, the new jaguar”

He is praying amiss!

He switches to the spirit and the Spirit says to God “Lord don’t mind him oh, he doesn’t need a jaguar now, if you give him a range rover, he will back slide. Yes, bless him but in three years time, for now, give him a bicycle, bicycle...”

Guess what?

You get a bicycle.

You may have been praying for a range but because God is the alpha and omega, He knows the range will take you away, He knows riding the bicycle will let you meet helpers on your path of destiny so He lets it all play out that way and when you finally get a range you will understand why you didn’t get it before.

When I was a young musician, I wanted to make waves. I used to practice all the time and afterwards, of course you will want to travel.

But at a time I gave up all I was doing in the secular world and started taking God seriously.

Now, after a while, my pastor wanted me to travel abroad but no embassy gave me visa. I couldn’t understand why I would leave everything for God and still be denied visa but I still knew that “all things work together for the good of those who love God...”

I knew the Spirit was interceding for me so I knew all things were

working for my good.

I knew God was with me, so I still took decisions for God. Lagbaja would call me, “come and play for us”; I will say “no, I am serving in church.”

Requests were coming in from the secular world, and I would say no. But still I didn't get my visa.

But years later, today, there are too many invitations all over the world.

I realized years later that though I had given everything up for God then, yet, in God's will and plan, I wasn't yet mature enough for all that exposure. So God's will was to take me through a season where I will mature in Him.

Every time you pray in the Spirit, you are praying heaven's calendar over your life.

Right now, you have ample opportunity to lay down your life.

Who to marry, where to live, where to work...

People are filling everything “fillable” now, Canadian visa, American visa... but as you labor in the place of prayers, the Spirit begins to lead you.

A brother comes, and the first thing you do is to go to God...

“Lord he is a nice guy, he gives me gifts and all and it is your plan for me to marry but is he the right person? He is good but I need heaven's plan for my life and Lord, the truth is I am liking this guy oh, but is he heaven's plan for my life?”

And guess what? As you labor in prayers, the next time you see the guy, that thing that looks like love disappears and you see him like a brother.

So when he comes with “the Holy Ghost says...”

You smile and tell him “I like you but you are just my brother in Christ.”

I will wrap up with my wife’s story.

I knew that God had placed an anointing on my life and as I studied the document (the Word); I saw that what brought anointed men down was lust.

E.g., David, a man who loved God almost destroyed his destiny because of Bathsheba.

Lions and Goliath couldn’t kill him but lust almost killed him.

So I began to pray heaven’s will upon my marriage, that I won’t miss it.

I was so serious then, I sowed a hundred thousand naira as a seed when mummy Adeboye (G.O) came to City of David.

I said, “I wanted to sow a seed to show God how serious I was. God gave Daddy G.O mummy G.O and if she was a useless wife, Daddy G.O won’t be where he is today.”

Someone came and I thought she was the one.

I was forcing myself in there and God was just looking at me.

The person used to say “I am her light and salvation, her coach...”

But one day she called and said it was over.

And I felt like my world has crashed. I couldn’t place how a woman who worshiped me could break up with me but I also knew that a time would come when I would understand.

When Pharaoh released the Israelites, he didn't know what came over him. Afterwards, he was wondering about what he had done.

Same way, some of us are crying over things we have lost,

opportunities missed, not knowing that it's prayers of someone who's laboring for us that's working.

People that broke up with us almost at the altar and we are crying.

Later, the same people will come back to us and say "I don't know what happened, please forgive me."

That's because the will of God prevailed, that's the power of praying for the will of God in our lives.

And as I was crying about my failed relationship, heaven was saying "how can you settle for brass when I have gold for you"?

When I met my wife, I understood what happened.

I began to say, "Father bless the day that lady said that relationship is over."

Now, I used my marriage as an example here because we can relate to it but the will of God applies to every area of our lives.

Some of us have suffered losses, not knowing that it is the will of God prevailing in our lives.

Or some of us are about to make mistakes because we are not praying.

We are about to take jobs that have nothing to do with God's plans for our lives...

Now that we understand just how important this is, let's pray...

Remember Jesus before you pray, some of us are struggling.

Before Jesus could say, "nevertheless not my will but yours be done", he had gone to the garden to pray.

Some of you are struggling with some things, decisions that you need to make, some of you are at a cross road, you are not sure of what to do...

If you love yourselves, open your mouth and pray like never before...

Say, Lord, in my life let your will be done.

Know that this prayer might make some things come to a close in your life, some doors maybe closed, you may lose some opportunities, but let God's will be done.

The Bible says there are many plans in the heart of a man but nevertheless, only the counsel of the Lord shall stand.

So pray...

Father, let your will be done in my life. Your plan is better than mine; let your will be done in my life.

Before Jesus did the will of God, He prayed till drops of sweat became like drops of blood. Meaning he prayed with intensity.

Do you know what the will of God means?

Let your will be done means that you may have gotten a job from an interview you just had, the salary is large but it may not be the will of God.

After this prayer, that job may not be God's will for your life, and you may get another call and they will say "I'm sorry, no job."

But you lift your hands and say "Father thank you."

Some relationships may break after this prayer; the guy may call you

and say I can't do this anymore.

It may be painful but glorious in the long run. The will of God is better in the long run.

Open your mouth and pray violently.

Say "Father, at all cost, let your will be done in my life."

If you want to manage your own course of life, then don't pray.

Say Father "in this area of my life, in my ministry, in my career, in my marriage, let your will be done"

Lord I want your will.

Let your will be done in my life in the name of Jesus.

Pray in the Holy Ghost.

Say "Father I surrender my will, I surrender my requirements, I walk in your will for my life".

Now it just occurred to me that, to receive something, you must let go of something.

One of the things I had to let go in my career was my jazz music. I was a jazz fanatic; I almost lost myself in it.

And when I knew God was calling me into ministry, I had to let go of all that jazz aspirations to take up God's will.

Some of us have specifications, "the guy I want to marry must be this, the place I want to work must be this" and God is just looking at you and He's saying, "When you finish, you will come."

Now, say "Father I surrender my will and I take up your will. Every plan I lay down at your altar. Your word says there are many plans in a man's heart, nevertheless only the counsel of the Lord shall stand.

In this my life, only your counsel shall stand.”

Pray these prayers, pray in the Holy Ghost.

Say, I surrender my specifications, I lay them down, I let them go.
Only your will, for your will is best.

Lord I give you a clean slate, write on it.

I lay down every requirement, and I take hold of your plans for me.

Lord, make me perfect and complete in all spiritual wisdom and understanding.

Pray Colossians 1:9 and Colossians 4:12, write them down, pray them all the time.

Pray them fervently, labor in prayers.

Pray for the perfect will of God for your life, not the permissive will.

That you will stand perfect and complete in all the will of God for your life, not that you are perfect in career but not perfect in marriage.

Pray today that Lord, I pray over my life, over Nigeria, that I (we) will stand perfect and complete in all the will of God for my (our) life. In all the 100 percent will of God for my life.

I will stand perfect and complete in God’s will regarding career, finance, accommodation... in the name of Jesus.

Begin to confess as a statement of faith “I stand perfect and complete in all the will of God for me.

Every step I take, in my career, ministry, marriage, accommodation, finances... I take them into the will of God for my life.”

Thank you Jesus!

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