

**YOUR KINGDOM COME**

**MATTHEW 6:10**

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**TONIGHT WE ARE CONTINUING OUR SERIES ON THE “LORD’S PRAYER” WITH MATTHEW 6:10, “YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.”**

**LET’S PRAY!**

**HOW WOULD YOU ANSWER THE QUESTIONS, “WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF LIFE?” “WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR LIFE?” “WHAT IS THE MEANING OF LIFE?” “WHAT IS THE MEANING OF YOUR LIFE?”**

**I’M CONVINCED THAT MOST PROBLEMS COME FROM NOT HAVING A CLEAR PURPOSE AND MEANING FOR OUR LIVES. WHEN WE DON’T HAVE A CLEAR PURPOSE AND MEANING FOR OUR LIFE, WE JUST DRIFT AIMLESSLY AROUND LIKE A SHIP BOUNCING AROUND ON THE SEA. WE GET BORED, FILLING OUR LIFE’S WITH THRILLS, PILLS, AND DRINK —— ANYTHING TO RELIEVE THE BOREDOM. WE OFTEN BECOME DEPRESSED AND DISILLUSIONED.**

**WITHOUT PURPOSE, WE ARE FILLED WITH INDECISION ABOUT WHERE WE SHOULD NEXT GO OR HOW TO GET THERE. SOMEONE ONCE SAID THAT “IF YOU DON’T KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING, ANYTHING YOU DO WILL GET YOU THERE!” BEFORE WE CAN CHOOSE WHICH WAY TO GO, WE MUST KNOW WHERE WE ARE GOING.**

**IF WE DON’T KNOW WHERE WE ARE HEADED IN LIFE, ANY INTERSECTION WE COME TO WILL CAUSE A LOT OF CONFUSION, WHICH LEADS TO INSECURITY. PEOPLE WHO ARE INSECURE, HAVE NOT FIGURED OUT THE PURPOSE AND MEANING FOR THEIR LIFE.**

**UNDERSTANDING YOUR PURPOSE IN LIFE PRODUCES GREAT BENEFITS. THE KEY TO HAPPINESS IS FINDING YOUR PURPOSE IN LIFE. THE KEY TO INNER PEACE IS FOCUSING ON YOUR PURPOSE IN LIFE AND THE KEY TO SUCCESS IS FULFILLING YOUR PURPOSE IN LIFE.**

**WHY DID GOD PUT ME ON THIS PLANET ANYWAY? WHAT IS GOD'S GREAT PURPOSE?**

**IT'S SUMMED UP IN ONE SENTENCE, WITH TWO PHRASES FROM MATTHEW 6:10, "YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN." THE FIRST PHRASE SUMMARIZES GOD'S PURPOSE FOR THE WORLD -- "YOUR KINGDOM COME" AND THE SECOND PHRASE SUMMARIZES GOD'S PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE -- "YOUR WILL BE DONE" -- GOD HAS A WILL, A PLAN, AND A PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE.**

**GOD'S KINGDOM IS A MAJOR THEME OF THE BIBLE. JESUS TALKED ABOUT IT CONSTANTLY. IN ALL OF THE PARABLES HE TALKED ABOUT "THE KINGDOM" AND HISTORY IS MOVING TOWARD A CLIMAX. EPHESIANS 1:10 SAYS, "GOD'S PURPOSE, WHICH HE WILL COMPLETE WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT, IS TO BRING ALL CREATION TOGETHER WITH CHRIST AS HEAD."**

**THE GREAT THEOLOGIAN YOGI BERRA, THE YANKEE CATCHER ONCE SAID, "IT AIN'T OVER, TIL IT'S OVER." I SAY, "ALL THINGS WILL WORK OUT IN THE END! IF THINGS HAVEN'T BEEN WORKED OUT, IT'S NOT THE END!" THERE IS A PURPOSE IN LIFE AND GOD'S GOING TO BRING IT ALL TOGETHER IN THE "KINGDOM OF GOD" – HE WILL BRING HEAVEN AND EARTH TOGETHER. BUT WHAT ABOUT NOW? WHAT ABOUT ME? WHAT ABOUT MY LIFE? DOES GOD HAVE A PURPOSE FOR MY LIFE? YES, HE DOES. IN FACT, GOD HAS FOUR PURPOSES FOR YOUR LIFE. THE FIRST IS THAT;**

**GOD MADE YOU AND ME TO KNOW HIM!**

**HAVE YOU EVER HEARD ANYBODY SAY, "I DIDN'T ASK TO BE BORN?" YES, YOU DID NOT CHOOSE TO BE BORN.**

**YOUR BIRTH WAS BEYOND YOUR CONTROL. YOU DID NOT CHOOSE TO BE BORN, GOD PLANNED IT. GOD HAD A PURPOSE IN IT. EPHESIANS 1:4 SAYS, "BEFORE THE WORLD WAS MADE GOD HAD ALREADY DECIDED THAT THROUGH JESUS CHRIST HE WOULD BRING US TO HIMSELF AS HIS CHILDREN." LONG BEFORE ANY OF US WERE EVEN BORN, GOD DECIDED WHEN WE WERE GOING TO BE BORN, WHERE WE WERE TO BE BORN AND WHO ARE PARENTS WERE GOING TO BE. THE FACT THAT YOU ARE ALIVE TODAY, SITTING HERE BREATHING AND**

**TAKING UP SPACE, MEANS THAT GOD HAS A PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE. THE FACT THAT YOU ARE ALIVE MEANS GOD HAS A PURPOSE FOR YOU!**

**EPHESIANS 1:5 CONTINUES AND STATES THAT *"THIS WAS HIS PLEASURE AND PURPOSE."* GOD TAKES PLEASURE IN YOU. GOD MADE YOU TO LOVE YOU. YOU WERE MADE AS AN OBJECT OF GOD'S LOVE. YOU WERE MADE TO BE LOVED BY GOD. THE BIBLE SAYS, *"GOD IS LOVE"*. IT DOESN'T SAY HE HAS LOVE, IT SAYS HE IS LOVE. LOVE IS WORTHLESS UNLESS IT IS BESTOWED ON SOMEONE. YOU WERE MADE TO BE LOVED BY GOD. YOU WERE MADE HAVE TO HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.**

**A MAN CAME TO JESUS AND ASKED HIM TO SUMMARIZE THE WHOLE BIBLE. JESUS SAID THAT THE, "GREATEST COMMANDMENT IS THIS — LOVE GOD." WHY? BECAUSE WE WERE MADE TO LOVE GOD AND WE WERE MADE TO BE LOVED BY GOD.**

**THE IMPLICATION IS THAT IF YOU ARE NOT SPENDING TIME ON DAILY REGULAR BASIS GETTING TO KNOW GOD, THEN YOU ARE MISSING OUT ON THE VERY REASON YOU WERE CREATED. YOU WERE MADE TO KNOW AND LOVE GOD.**

**IF YOU'RE TOO BUSY KNOW HIM, THEN YOU ARE MISSING OUT ON THE VERY PURPOSE YOU WERE CREATED. NO WONDER YOU ARE FRUSTRATED. THE BETTER YOU GET TO KNOW GOD, THE MORE YOU'RE GOING TO LOVE HIM. GOD MADE YOU AND ME TO KNOW HIM. AND SECONDLY;**

**GOD MADE YOU AND ME TO BE LIKE HIM!**

**GOD DOESN'T JUST WANT YOU TO JUST KNOW HIM; HE WANTS YOU TO BE LIKE HIM — TO DEVELOP HIS CHARACTER AND ATTRIBUTES.**

**ROMANS 8:28 SAYS, *"WE KNOW THAT ALL THAT HAPPENS TO US IS WORKING FOR OUR GOOD IF WE LOVE GOD AND ARE FITTING INTO HIS PLANS."* THIS IS GOD'S PLAN RIGHT FROM THE VERY START. GOD MADE MAN DIFFERENT FROM ALL OTHER THINGS HE CREATED. GOD MADE US IN HIS IMAGE! WE ARE DIFFERENT FROM ANYTHING ELSE!**

YOU, OF ALL CREATION, HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE WITH GOD. GOD MADE YOU DIFFERENT.

HE WANTS YOU TO BECOME LIKE HIMSELF, NOT TO BE A LITTLE GOD, BUT TO BE GODLY. TO BE LIKE HIM IN LOVE AND HONESTY, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE — ALL OF THESE ATTRIBUTES AND CHRIST IS OUR MODEL. WE SAY, "LIKE FATHER LIKE SON". GOD WANTS YOU TO BE LIKE HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST, TO LEARN TO THINK LIKE CHRIST, ACT LIKE CHRIST, TALK LIKE CHRIST, WORK LIKE CHRIST AND DO LIKE CHRIST. THIS IS SPIRITUAL MATURITY IN A NUTSHELL. WHAT COUNTS IS FOR YOU TO BECOME LIKE JESUS. GOD'S #1 PURPOSE IN YOUR LIFE IS TO MAKE YOU LIKE JESUS.

AGAIN, ROMANS 8:28 SAYS, "*WE KNOW THAT ALL THAT HAPPENS TO US IS WORKING FOR OUR GOOD IF WE LOVE GOD AND ARE FITTING INTO HIS PLANS.*" ALL THAT HAPPENS! AND WHAT DOES ALL MEAN?

ALL MEANS ALL AND THAT'S ALL, ALL MEANS! DOES THAT INCLUDE DIFFICULTIES? YES, IT DOES! DISAPPOINTMENTS, YES IT DOES! THINGS THAT WE DON'T UNDERSTAND? YES, IT DOES!

IT DOES NOT SAY THAT ALL THINGS THAT HAPPEN ARE GOOD. A LOT OF BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO US. IT DOES SAY, HOWEVER, THAT GOD WORKS OUT ALL THINGS FOR GOOD — IF WE LOVE HIM AND TRUST HIM! ONCE YOU UNDERSTAND THIS TRUTH, ONCE YOU UNDERSTAND THAT GOD'S GOAL FOR YOUR LIFE IS TO MAKE YOU LIKE CHRIST AND BUILD CHARACTER IN YOUR LIFE, THEN EVERYTHING IN YOUR LIFE WILL TAKE ON A NEW MEANING.

YOU WILL REALIZE THAT GOD HAS A PURPOSE BEHIND EVERYTHING HE DOES. I KNOW FOR SURE THAT EVEN WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO ME, GOD IS USING ME FOR HIS PURPOSE. DO YOU KNOW AND BELIEVE THAT FOR YOU? LISTEN, EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE IS A CHARACTER BUILDER. EVERY CHALLENGE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO GROW!

ONCE WE UNDERSTAND THAT HE PUT US HERE FIRST TO KNOW HIM, TO BE LOVED BY HIM, AND THEN BECOME LIKE HIM, THEN FOR EVERYTHING, EVERY EVENT, WHETHER SITTING IN A TRAFFIC JAM OR WHATEVER, WE CAN ASK THE

QUESTION, "WHAT IS GOD TRYING TO TEACH ME — TO MAKE ME MORE LIKE CHRIST?"

LET'S LOOK AT HOW THIS WORKS! IS OUR GOD A FORGIVING GOD? YES, HE IS. SO IF GOD WANTS YOU TO BECOME LIKE HIM, DOESN'T HE THEN WANT YOU TO LEARN TO BE FORGIVING? YES, HE DOES. BUT REVEREND ROY, HOW DO WE LEARN FORGIVENESS? THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY — GET OFFENDED, BE HURT. IF YOU'VE NEVER BEEN HURT, NEVER OFFENDED, IF NOBODY HAS EVER STABBED YOU IN THE BACK OR CRITICIZED YOU, YOU CAN NEVER LEARN FORGIVENESS? IF YOU DON'T LEARN TO FORGIVE, YOU CAN NEVER BE LIKE JESUS CHRIST, BECAUSE CHRIST EXPERIENCED ALL OF THESE THINGS AND HE STILL FORGAVE! THAT'S ONE OF HIS KEY CHARACTERISTICS. GOD SAYS I WANT TO MAKE YOU LIKE ME AND ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD FOR THOSE WHO LOVE GOD AND FOLLOW IN HIS PATH.

BROTHERS, THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO SITUATION IN LIFE THAT YOU CANNOT LEARN FROM —JUST SIMPLY ASK, "HOW WOULD JESUS RESPOND?" IF YOU ASK THIS QUESTION, THEN YOU WILL KNOW HOW YOU ARE TO RESPOND IN THAT SITUATION!

REMEMBER, GOD PUT US ON THIS EARTH FIRST TO KNOW HIM; TO LOVE HIM AND TO BE LOVED BY HIM. AND SECOND, TO BECOME LIKE HIM. I CHALLENGE YOU TONIGHT! DO YOU KNOW HIM? DO YOU LOVE HIM AND DO YOU TRULY KNOW THAT HE LOVES YOU? AND ARE YOU MAKING EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT TO BECOME LIKE HIM?

AND GOD MADE US TO SERVE HIM!

STUDYING THE BIBLE SHOWS THAT ALL THRU HISTORY, GOD HAS ALWAYS GIVEN MEN JOBS TO DO. ALWAYS! WHEN GOD FIRST PUT ADAM IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN, HE SAID, TEND THE GARDEN, TAKE CARE OF IT, MANAGE IT AND NAME THE ANIMALS.

GOD HAS A JOB FOR YOU AND A PLACE FOR YOU, TOO! GOD NEVER INTENDED TO ALLOW YOU TO JUST SIT BACK AND HAVE AN EASY LIFE. THE BIBLE PROMISES THAT WE WILL HAVE TRIALS AND TEMPTATIONS AND SUFFERING!

**BUT GOD HAS PLAN AND PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE. HE HAS A JOB FOR YOU DO WHILE YOU'RE HERE ON EARTH.**

**LUKE WRITES IN ACTS 13:36, "FOR DAVID SERVED GOD'S PURPOSE IN HIS OWN GENERATION, AND THEN HE DIED." WHAT A GREAT EPITAPH! CAN YOU IMAGINE SOMEBODY SAYING THAT ABOUT YOU? HE SERVED GOD'S PURPOSE IN HIS GENERATION AND THEN HE DIED. HE SERVED GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE. NOT ONLY IN HIS TIME, BUT FOREVER. AND WHEN HE ACCOMPLISHED GOD'S PURPOSE, HE DIED AND WENT ON TO BE WITH THE LORD, WHERE THERE IS NO SIN, NO PAIN AND NO SICKNESS. WHAT A GREAT TESTIMONY!**

**BROTHERS, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THE REST OF YOUR LIFE, WHETHER YOU HAVE 5 YEARS LEFT OR 50 YEARS REMAINING. AGAIN, I ASK YOU, "WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THE REST OF YOUR LIFE?"**

**ARE YOU GOING TO DO GOD'S WILL FOR YOUR LIFE OR TRY TO MAKE IT ON YOUR OWN? REMEMBER THIS SAYING, "THE HARDER I TRY, THE MORE I FAIL, BUT THE MORE I TRUST, THE MORE HE SUCCEEDS." ONCE MORE, "THE HARDER I TRY, THE MORE I FAIL, BUT THE MORE I TRUST, THE MORE HE SUCCEEDS."**

**AVERAGE AMERICANS SPEND MOST OF THEIR TIME, SLEEPING, WORKING AND PLAYING. BUT IS THAT ALL THERE IS TO LIFE, SLEEPING, WORKING AND PLAYING? I SUBMIT TO YOU THAT YOU WERE MADE FOR A PURPOSE MUCH, MUCH GREATER THAN THAT. GOD DID NOT PUT YOU ON EARTH TO SIMPLY TAKE UP SPACE, BREATHE, AND DIE. ALL OF US NEED A REASON FOR LIVING —A PURPOSE BIGGER THAN OURSELVES. SO THAT LIFE CAN TAKE ON MEANING AND SIGNIFICANCE. MY FRIENDS, I CAN TESTIFY THAT THERE IS NO GREATER PURPOSE THAN SERVING THE LORD. GOD MADE ME TO KNOW HIM, TO BECOME LIKE HIM AND TO SERVE HIM. AS I HAVE SAID BEFORE, I WAS 57 YEARS OLD WHEN JESUS BECAME REAL TO ME AND CALLED ME TO MINISTRY.**

**IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO BEGIN SERVING HIM!**

**IT IS NEVER TOO LATE FOR ANYONE TO LIVE OUT GOD'S PURPOSE FOR HIM AND SEEK THE KINGDOM OF GOD. THINGS COME AND GO. NATIONS COME AND GO. BUT KINGDOM PURPOSES LAST FOREVER. HEY, I'M NOT TELLING YOU TO**

**BECOME A PRIEST OR JOIN A MONASTERY AND BECOME A MONK OR A PASTOR OR A MISSIONARY. I'M NOT SAYING THAT AT ALL. WHAT I AM SAYING IS THAT GOD WANTS YOU TO SERVE HIM WHERE EVER YOU ARE AND WHATEVER YOU ARE DOING.**

**YOU DON'T HAVE TO BECOME SOME FANATIC, SOME JESUS FREAK OR BIBLE THUMPER TO SERVE THE LORD. SERVE GOD WHERE YOU ARE, WHERE HE PUT YOU AND IN THE DAY TO DAY ROUTINE OF YOUR LIFE. AGAIN, SAY TO YOURSELF, "WHAT WOULD JESUS DO IN THIS SITUATION?" AND THEN DO WHAT JESUS WOULD DO!**

**BUT IN ORDER TO KNOW WHAT JESUS WOULD DO, YOU NEED TO KNOW WHAT JESUS DID! FRIENDS, IT IS ALL HERE IS HIS WORD. HE HAS ALREADY TOLD US WHAT HE DID! READ IT AND LEARN IT!**

**THE APOSTLE PAUL TELLS US IN ROMANS 12:1-2, "*OFFER YOURSELF TO GOD, DEDICATED TO HIS SERVICE. THEN YOU WILL BE ABLE TO KNOW THE WILL OF GOD, WHAT IS GOOD, PLEASING AND PERFECT.*" THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT VERSE. IT SAYS, "*OFFER YOURSELF TO GOD, DEDICATED TO HIS SERVICE.*" IN OTHER WORDS, IT'S YOUR CHOICE. GOD MADE YOU LIKE HIMSELF, IN HIS IMAGE. GOD HAS A WILL AND YOU HAVE A WILL. HE GIVES YOU THE FREEDOM TO CHOOSE. GOD NEVER FORCES YOU TO SERVE HIM.**

**THAT'S WHY MOST PEOPLE DON'T. THAT'S ALSO WHY MOST PEOPLE MISS OUT ON PURPOSE OF LIFE AND THEY'RE NOT HAPPY. GOD WILL NOT FORCE YOU TO DO IT. HE SAYS, "*OFFER YOURSELF.*" IT'S A CHOICE, A DAILY DECISION. IT'S NOT A ONCE FOR ALL DECISION.**

**EVERY DAY, I FACE SOME TYPE OF CROSSROAD IN MY LIFE AND I AM FORCED TO DECIDE WHETHER I AM GOING TO CHOOSE MY WILL OR GOD'S WILL? AM I GOING TO DO HIS WILL OR MINE? DO I DO WHAT HE WANTS ME TO DO OR WHAT I WANT TO DO? DO I SERVE HIM OR DO I SERVE MY SELFISH, SINFUL, LUSTFUL NATURE?**

SO EVERY DAY, I MUST OFFER MYSELF. IT'S A CHOICE. AND FRANKLY BROTHERS, I CONFESS THAT SOMETIMES I MAKE THE WRONG CHOICE AND YOU KNOW WHAT? I SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES.

BUT NOTICE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE DEDICATE OURSELVES AND SAY "GOD, I'LL DO WHATEVER YOU WANT ME DO." IT SAYS "OFFER YOURSELF... DEDICATED TO HIS SERVICE. THEN YOU WILL BE ABLE TO KNOW THE WILL OF GOD." THE RESULT OF COMMITMENT IS THAT WE WILL KNOW GOD'S WILL. FOR GOD ONLY GUIDES THOSE WHO ARE COMMITTED TO HIM AND ARE WILLING TO DO WHATEVER HE WANTS THEM TO DO.

IT'S NOT "GOD, SHOW ME YOUR WILL, THEN I'LL DECIDE IF I WANT TO DO IT OR NOT." HEY, IT DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY. IT'S "GOD, I HAVE ALREADY CHOSEN TO DO YOUR WILL. I'LL GO ANYWHERE, BE ANYTHING, DO WHATEVER YOU WANT ME TO DO." THEN, GOD WILL SHOW YOU WHAT HIS PLAN IS FOR YOUR LIFE.

MANY PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT DOING GOD'S WILL IS PAINFUL. BUT THE BIBLE SAYS THAT IT IS PLEASING, IT IS GOOD AND IT IS PERFECT. THE WORD "PERFECT" IN GREEK MEANS THAT IT IS TAILOR MADE FOR YOU! IT'S EXACTLY WHAT YOU NEED. THAT'S WHAT GOD SAYS HE WANTS TO DO IN YOUR LIFE. HE WANTS TO BENEFIT YOUR LIFE.

THAT'S WHY DAVID SAID "I DELIGHT TO DO YOUR WILL." NOT, I REGRET TO DO IT. THE MOST PRECIOUS AND PLEASING THING TO DO, IS TO BE IN THE CENTER GOD'S WILL. SUCCESS IS KNOWING GOD'S WILL AND BEING RIGHT IN THE CENTER OF IT. TO KNOW GOD'S WILL IS MAN'S GREATEST KNOWLEDGE, TO DO GOD'S WILL IS MAN'S GREATEST SUCCESS.

DO YOU THINK THERE IS JOY IN HEAVEN? I PRAY THAT YOU DO, BECAUSE THERE IS! HEAVEN IS A HAPPY AND PEACEFUL PLACE. WHY? BECAUSE GOD'S WILL IS DONE PERFECTLY THERE. THERE IS NOTHING BUT JOY. PROBLEMS COME WHEN WE DON'T DO GOD'S WILL. DIFFICULTIES COME WHEN DON'T DO GOD'S WILL. THEN WE MESS UP OUR LIVES. THAT'S WHY JESUS TELLS US TO PRAY, "THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN." HOW IS IT DONE IN HEAVEN, YOU ASK? WELL MY FRIENDS, IT IS DONE PERFECTLY, INSTANTLY AND JOYFULLY.



I HAVE OBSERVED, THAT WHEN A PERSON TOTALLY COMMITTS THEMSELVES TO GOD AND WHOLEHEARTEDLY SAYS, "GOD, I WILL BE YOURS FROM NOW ON. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO CONTROL MY PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE; TO CONTROL MY BUSINESS, MY FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS, MY INCOME AND EVERYTHING ELSE," THAT PERSON INEVITABLY ENDS UP DOING EXACTLY WHAT THEY ENJOY MOST IN LIFE.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58 SAYS THAT "*NOTHING YOU DO IN THE LORD'S SERVICE IS EVER USELESS.*" IF YOU GIVE A CUP OF COLD WATER IN JESUS' NAME THERE IS CREDIT FOR THAT.

EVEN THE LOWEST OF TASKS BECOME SIGNIFICANT AND TAKE ON NEW MEANING WHEN YOU DO THEM FOR GOD, WHETHER IT'S SCRUBBING FLOOR OR PICKING UP TRASH. EVERYTHING TAKES ON A NEW MEANING WHEN YOU DO IT AS UNTO THE LORD.

REMEMBER WHEN JESUS WAS BAPTIZED AT THIRTY YEARS OF AGE, GOD'S VOICE CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN AND SAID, "*THIS IS MY BELOVED SON IN WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED.*" WHEN GOD SAID THAT ABOUT HIS SON, JESUS, WHAT HAD JESUS DONE IN MINISTRY? ABSOLUTELY NOTHING!

HE HAD NEVER PREACHED A SERMON OR HEALED ANYONE. FOR THIRTY YEARS, HE HAD BEEN IN A CARPENTER'S SHOP AND GOD STILL SAID, "*I AM WELL PLEASED*". WHEN WE TRUST GOD, GOD IS PLEASED WITH US, WHERE EVER WE ARE IN LIFE!

ANY JOB CAN BE DONE FOR THE GLORY OF GOD. WHEN YOU SERVE THE LORD WHERE YOU ARE AND SAY, "I WILL BRING IN THE KINGDOM AND DO MY PART BY KNOWING GOD, BY BECOMING LIKE GOD AND BY SERVING GOD", GOD WILL BE "WELL PLEASED" WITH YOU. GOD IS INTERESTED IN ALL OF OUR LIVES. AGAIN YOU ASK, "REVEREND ROY, HOW SHOULD I BE SERVING THE LORD?" THE ANSWER IS SIMPLE —BY SERVING OTHERS. WE SERVE THE LORD BY SERVING OTHERS IN JESUS' NAME. AND THAT'S WHERE SELF ESTEEM COMES FROM — IT COMES FROM SERVICE. GOD MADE YOU AND ME TO KNOW HIM, TO BE LIKE HIM AND TO SERVE HIM.

**AND GOD MADE YOU AND ME TO LIVE WITH HIM SOMEDAY.**

**2 COR 5:1-5 "FOR WE KNOW THAT WHEN THE `TENT' WE LIVE IN ON EARTH IS FOLDED UP, THERE IS A HOME BUILT BY GOD FOR US, AN EVERLASTING HOME IN HEAVEN. THIS IS THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH GOD MADE US."**

**GOD WANTS YOU TO LIVE WITH HIM SOMEDAY.**

**TODAY, WE SO BUSY WITH THE HERE AND NOW, WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR HEREAFTER. SOME OF YOU MIGHT SAY, "DON'T TALK TO ME ABOUT HEAVEN OR HELL; I JUST HAVE TO GET PAST TODAY! THE FACT IS THAT EARTH IS JUST A TEMPORARY TRAINING GROUND.**

**YOU WILL BE HERE ON EARTH FOR MAYBE 60 OR 70 OR EVEN 80 YEARS, BUT YOU'RE GOING TO SPEND FAR MORE TIME ON THE OTHER SIDE OF ETERNITY THAN ON THIS SIDE. HOW YOU SPEND YOUR YEARS ON THIS SIDE OF ETERNITY IS GOING TO DETERMINE WHAT YOU DO IN ETERNITY.**

**SO WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO PREPARE YOURSELF FOR YOUR ETERNITY? HAVE YOU DONE THE THINGS NECESSARY TO SPEND ETERNITY IN THE PRESENCE OF OUR HOLY GOD OR WILL YOU BE SEPARATED FROM HIM? DOESN'T IT SEEM FOOLISH TO GO THROUGH LIFE UNPREPARED FOR SOMETHING EVERYBODY KNOWS IS INEVITABLE? HOW YOU INVEST YOUR LIFE ON THIS SIDE OF ETERNITY IN THE TRAINING GROUND WE CALL EARTH, IS GOING TO MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE FOR MILLIONS AND MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF YEARS.**

**BUT JUST HOW DO YOU GET TO HEAVEN? JOHN 6:40 STATES, "GOD'S WILL IS THAT EVERYONE WHO LOOKS TO THE SON AND BELIEVES ON HIM SHALL HAVE ETERNAL LIFE." ETERNITY IS A LONG TIME. THIS IS FOR EVERYONE WHO LOOKS TO SON AND BELIEVES ON HIM. HAVE YOU SETTLED THIS ISSUE?**

**IF YOU HAVEN'T, I BEG YOU; DON'T LEAVE HERE TONIGHT WITHOUT KNOWING FOR SURE WHETHER YOU ARE GOING TO SPEND YOUR ETERNITY WITH GOD OR APART FROM GOD. JUST SAY, "I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST! I WANT HIM TO BE IN**

**MY LIFE. I WANT TO TRUST HIM." IT DOESN'T SAY THAT YOU PROMISE TO WORK REAL HARD OR PROMISE TO BE A GOOD PERSON.**

**IT SAYS THAT YOU MUST BELIEVE ON HIM. AND IF YOU DO, THEN YOU SHALL HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. AMEN?**

**I ONCE SAW A SIGN THAT SAYS, "OUR HOPE LIES NOT ON THE MAN WE PUT ON THE MOON, BUT OUR HOPE LIES ON THE MAN WE PUT ON THE CROSS." THAT MAN REPRESENTS "THE KINGDOM OF GOD" "*THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE!*" BUT WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? THE KINGDOM OF GOD BECOMES REAL IN YOUR LIFE WHEN YOU COME TO THE POINT WHEN YOU SAY, "JESUS, I WANT YOU TO BE THE KING IN MY LIFE. I WANT YOU TO BE NUMBER ONE IN MY LIFE. I SUBMIT TO YOUR WILL!**

**LET ME TELL YOU WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU SAY THAT.**

**MATTHEW 6:33 SAYS, "*BE CONCERNED ABOVE EVERYTHING ELSE WITH GOD'S KINGDOM AND WHAT HE REQUIRES AND HE WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH ALL THESE OTHER THINGS.*" WHAT A GREAT PROMISE! THAT SAYS THAT THERE IS NOTHING GOD WON'T DO FOR THE MAN WHO IS TOTALLY COMMITTED TO HIS PLAN, HIS PURPOSE AND HIS WILL.**

**YOU CAN COUNT ON HIM FOR ALL YOUR NEEDS. THERE IS NOTHING GOD WILL NOT DO FOR THOSE WHO ARE TOTALLY DEDICATED TO GOD'S KINGDOM. CHRISTIAN BROTHERS, IT'S YOUR JOB IN LIFE TO BUILD GOD'S KINGDOM. THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A NON-SERVING CHRISTIAN. IT'S A CONTRADICTION. WE MUST NOT ALLOW OURSELVES TO BE SIDETRACKED BY THE THINGS OF THIS WORLD! OUR NUMBER ONE PURPOSE IN LIFE IS TO LOVE GOD, LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS AND TO FURTHER THE "KINGDOM OF GOD."**

**BUT WHERE IS KINGDOM OF GOD ANYWAY? THE "KINGDOM OF GOD" IS WHEREVER JESUS CHRIST IS KING. IF HE'S IN HEAVEN, THE "KINGDOM OF GOD" IS IN HEAVEN. IF IT'S ON THE EARTH, THEN THE "KINGDOM OF GOD" IS ON THE EARTH. IF HE'S KING OF YOUR HEART, THEN THE "KINGDOM OF GOD" IS WITHIN YOU. YOU MAKE HIM KING OF YOUR LIFE.**

**MY PERSONAL CAUSE IS NOT IMPORTANT. IT'S NOT GOING TO LAST — IT WILL BE BURNED UP IN THE FIRE. BUT GOD'S CAUSE LASTS FOREVER BECAUSE IT IS ETERNAL.**

**ASK YOURSELF, “IS MY EXISTENCE BENEFITING THE “KINGDOM OF GOD?”” IF IT IS NOT, THEN I CHALLENGE YOU TO EXAMINE WHO YOU ARE AND WHAT YOUR MOTIVES ARE. ARE YOU MISSING OUT ON THE VERY PURPOSE FOR WHICH YOU WERE CREATED? IF YOU ARE, I INVITE YOU TO PRAY THIS SIMPLE PRAYER!**

**"GOD, YOU MADE ME TO KNOW YOU, SO I WANT TO KNOW YOU. GOD, YOU MADE ME TO BECOME LIKE YOU, SO I WANT TO BECOME LIKE YOU. GOD, YOU MADE ME TO SERVE YOU, SO I'M GOING TO SERVE YOU WHEREVER I AM. GOD, YOU MADE ME TO LIVE WITH YOU, SO I TRUST CHRIST FOR SALVATION. AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT I WILL GO TO BE WITH YOU FOR ETERNITY AS YOU HAVE PROMISED."**

**WILL YOU SAY YES TO THE “KINGDOM OF GOD” TONIGHT? WILL YOU SAY, "JESUS CHRIST, I WANT YOU TO BE THE KING IN MY LIFE. TELL HIM THAT YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND IT ALL, BUT THERE HAS TO BE MORE TO LIFE THAN HOW I AM LIVING! AND THAT YOU WANT HIM TO BE YOUR GUIDE THROUGH LIFE!**

**IF YOU REALLY SEARCH THE DEPTHS OF YOUR HEART, YOU WILL SEE THAT ONLY GOD CAN FILL THE VACUUM, THE EMPTINESS IN YOUR LIFE. NOTHING ELSE IS GOING TO FILL THAT EMPTINESS, NOT MONEY, NOT SUCCESS, NOT FAME, NOT FORTUNE — ONLY GOD.**

**ASK GOD TO HELP YOU TO HAVE AN ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE AND TO REALIZE THAT YOUR DAYS HERE ON EARTH ARE SHORT AND THAT YOU ARE BEING TESTED FOR ETERNITY.**

**THANK YOU FATHER, FOR YOUR WORD. THANK YOU THAT WE HAVE A PURPOSE THAT GIVES LIFE MEANING AND SIGNIFICANCE AND JOY. HELP US TO LIVE FOR YOU. IN CHRIST'S NAME, WE PRAY. AMEN**

**MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN!**