

6-23-2024 Sunday Sermon Message
Devotional of the Week: Psalm 91:1-16
Text: Matthew 6:9-13
Title: **God's Will be on Earth as It Is in Heaven**

The Apostle Paul and the Apostle John testified to the purpose of Jesus' appearance on earth as a man, told the Jews to pray, "Let God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven":

"¹⁴ Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;¹⁵ And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage."(Hebrews 2:14-15)

"⁸ He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."(1 John 3:8)

Even before Jesus died to take away the sin of the world, he did things to destroy the devil forces that plagued the Jews:

"²⁴ And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them." Matthew 4:24)

" As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil.³³ And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel ."(Matthew 9:32-33)

"²² Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed

him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.²³ And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David?"(Matthew 12:22-23)

After casting out the devils, we must recognize the truth in Jesus' words:

" ²⁸ But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.²⁹ Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house."(Matthew 12:28-29)

Regarding the reason why Jesus casts out the devil, he said that it is to cast out the devil that occupies in man so that the kingdom of God can come in him. When He casts out the devil that occupies man and makes him a slave for the rest of his life, He brings the kingdom of God through the Holy Spirit. In other words, in those who do not believe in Jesus Christ, the devil causes them to sin in various ways and live in death and damnation.

From the Lord's words, we can see that it is God's will that the devil, that has possessed heaven and earth, be cast out forever by judging him through his death and resurrection.

The prophet Isaiah prophesied of the future casting of Lucifer the Devil from heaven:

"¹² How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!¹³ For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.¹⁵ Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.¹⁶ They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that

did shake kingdoms;¹⁷ That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof: that opened not the house of his prisoners?"(Isaiah 14:12-17)

God testified through the Apostle John that He would accomplish it through Michael, the captain of Israel's army, to cast out the devil from heaven:

"⁷ And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,⁸ And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.⁹ And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.¹⁰ And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.¹¹ And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.¹² Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitors of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time ."(Revelation 12:7-12)

At this time, God's will be done in heaven. In order to accomplish His will on earth, God will come down to earth again with His saints, who were raptured at the end of the great tribulation, and will fulfill His will forever and ever, imprisoning him in the deep pit of the earth for a thousand years in order to bind and remove the devil from the earth, and after a thousand years, He will throw him into the eternal lake of fire. Because of this His kingdom, power, and glory will endure forever:

"And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.² And he laid hold on

the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,³ And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season....⁷ And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,⁸ And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog, and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.⁹ And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.¹⁰ And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."(Revelation 20:1-3,7-10)

This will cast the devil out of heaven and earth forever, so that God's kingdom, power, and glory will continue forever and ever.

Christians who have believed in the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ since the Holy Spirit came to earth, who have been saved from the power of the devil by the power of the Holy Spirit and have been born again by the Holy Spirit, and who have been living in righteousness, peace, and goodness in the Holy Spirit, and who are enjoying joy in God in the hope of glory, should preach the gospel while looking forward to the new heavens, the new earth, and the New Jerusalem that is to come, and make every effort to cast out the devils in those who are still living in sin, death, and damnation, so that the kingdom of God can be established in them.

Amen! Hallelujah!