

Christ's Meat the Will of God.

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of setting one's will to do God's will and continually making God's will the principle of one's life.

Scripture: Psalm 40:8, Matthew 8:3, John 4:34, Romans 12:2, Ephesians 6:6, Philippians 2:13, Colossians 3:23-24, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Hebrews 10:7, James 4:15

Topics: "Doing God's Will", "Divine Cooperation"

Description

Watchman Nee emphasizes the importance of aligning our will with God's will, as demonstrated by Christ's commitment to fulfilling the Father's purpose. He illustrates that true sustenance comes from actively doing God's will rather than merely discussing it, highlighting that our will must be set to cooperate with God's. Nee encourages believers to continually ask, 'What is God's will?' instead of focusing on personal desires, asserting that this alignment empowers us to act in faith and authority against spiritual opposition. The sermon underscores that our active choice to do God's will is essential for experiencing His divine plan in our lives.

Transcript

In John iv. 34, we find described the positive aspect--that is how He did the Father's will. "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work." Here is the active choice to do. There was the choice not to seek His own will, and the choice to do the will of God. There is no trace of passivity here. Moreover, He found Divine sustenance in doing God's will; not in talking about it, but in doing it. "My meat is TO DO..." There must be the doing of God's will as well as the seeking of it, and until you have done the will of God as you know it, you cannot expect to be taken a step further in God's plan for you.

In the life of Christ you will see the exercise of His own separate will. But His will was set. We need to understand the setting of the will like the helm of a ship. As you set your will to do God's will, God can work. Your part is continually to make God's will the principle of your life. You say: "I choose God's will in this." You do not put your will aside, but on God's side, asking God to reveal His will to you. Christ's will was so set that it never lost co-operation with God's will for a moment. He perfectly and entirely did the will of God. "Lo, I come to do Thy will..." Not only was there the setting of His will to God's will, but the active use of it in that setting.

In Matt. viii. 3: "I will, be thou clean"--is an example of His vital co-operation in will with the Father's will. When the man came to Christ the Lord knew God's will, and said: "I WILL, be thou clean." God bore

witness, and the man was cleansed. It was God's will manifested toward the man, through the exercise of Christ's will saying "I will, be thou..."

When the will is brought into complete co-operation with God as the principle of life, every moment the one question concerning everything is: "What is God's will?" You have no other question. Not "What do I like? What do I want?" but "God's will." Then there will come a time, when, in the enduement of the power of the Holy Spirit, you may turn to an evil spirit in another, and say, "In the Name of Jesus Christ, I command you to come out." Under such circumstances, the Spirit of God will bear witness to what is done in faith, and it will be God's will manifested through you. This shows what the devil has to gain by making you believe you are to have no "will of your own." Understand that God works His works through you, by bringing your will into co-action with His, and enabling you to speak the word of authority over the enemy in His Name.

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