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“THY WILL BE DONE”: THE PRIORITY OF PRAYER

Sermon notes from 6/18/06

Matthew 6:5-13

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⁵ "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full.

Text

⁶But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. ⁷And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹"This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹Give us today our daily bread. ¹²Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'

Message

I. To do God's will is frightening

II. To do God's will is transforming

III. To do God's will is freeing

Application

Please consider the following questions as you seek the Holy Spirit's direction from this sermon:

1. What would your total surrender to God's will look like? Does the thought of this frighten you?
2. Do you see God's will as good, pleasing, and perfect? Are you struggling to find joy in life?
3. Where are you not willing to pray, "your will be done"? Where do you pray, "your will be done as long as it is... "?