

Good talking with you! Let's see if this will work.

The last question: "God's will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10).

The kingdom coming was the focus of John the baptist (Matt. 3:1-2), Jesus (Matt. 9:35), and the disciples of Jesus (Matt. 10:7). In Lk. 4:43, Jesus said, "I must preach the good tidings of the kingdom of God to the other cities also: for therefore was I sent."

In Matt. 16:15-19, Jesus affirms that He will build His church, and give to Peter the keys of the kingdom (keys are given to either lock, or open to something: in the text it is an opening. To what? The kingdom. At this point in the revelation the "kingdom" had not yet been established, i.e., (contextually, the church). Before the death of the Lord, He said to his disciples, "I appoint unto you a kingdom, even as my Father appointed unto me" (Lk. 22:29). After His death, and resurrection, John the apostle, said, "Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loveth us, and loosed us from our sins by his blood; and he made us to be a kingdom, to be priests unto his God and Father" (Rev. 1:5-6).

Consider these two passages: Acts 1:9-10 – "And when he had said these things, as they were looking, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they were looking stedfastly into heaven as he went..." Daniel 7:13-14 – "I saw in the night-visions, and, behold, there came with the clouds of heaven one like unto a son of man, and he came even to the ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations, and languages should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed."

In Acts 2:14, Peter was the first to open the doors of the kingdom to the Jews. Acts chapter 10-11, Peter was the first to open the doors of the kingdom to the Gentiles.

Having those events in our thought, go back to Matthew 6:10 – "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so on earth." The disciples were instructed to pray for the kingdom to come resulting in the will of God being done "as in heaven, so on earth" (Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven NASV). In Matthew 24:14, Jesus said, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations..."

Consider the following: (Read the context: we will discuss those as need may be)

- 1) Colossians 4:12 – "Epaphras, who is one of your number, a bonds slave of Jesus Christ, sends you his greetings, always laboring earnestly for you in his prayers, **that you may stand perfect and fully assured in all the will of God.**"
- 2) 1 Thessalonians 4:2-3 – "For you know what commandments we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus. **For this is the will of God, your sanctification...**"
- 3) 1 Thessalonians 5:16-23 – "Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; **for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.** Do not quench the Spirit; do not despise prophetic utterances. But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; abstain from every form of evil. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

- 4) Hebrews 10:36 – “For ye have need of patience, that, **having done the will of God**, ye may receive the promise.”
- 5) 1 Pet. 2:15 – “**For such is the will of God that by doing right** you may silence the ignorance of foolish men.”
- 6) 1 Pet. 4:2 – “so as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, **but for the will of God**”
- 7) 1 Pet. 4:19 – “Therefore, those also who **suffer according to the will of God** shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.”
- 8) 1 Jn. 2:17 – “The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the **one who does the will of God** lives forever.”
- 9) Col. 1:9-10 – “For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be **filled with the knowledge of His will** in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God...” Paul’s desire for them was that they

Paul’s desire for the Colossian brethren was that (1) they “be filled with the knowledge of His will,” i.e., no gaps...(2) “in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,” i.e., to understand divine principles...(3) “to walk worthily of the Lord unto all pleasing,” i.e., to please the Lord, in bearing fruit and good work... (4) “increasing in the knowledge of God,” i.e., as Peter stated, “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Pet. 3:18).

A common problem, among men, is to take a statement and apply it the same way in all places where it is used, i.e., “thy will be done” (Heb. 10:7), Matt. 6:10 – “thy will be done, as in heaven, so on earth,” and Heb. 10:36 – “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

Matthew 18:14 – “So **it is not the will of your Father** who is in heaven that one of these little ones perish,” 2 Pet. 3:9 – “The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, **not wishing for any to perish** but for all to come to repentance:” “The Lord is... not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.” Well stated by the Psalmist, “**Teach me to do Your will**, For You are my God; Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground.” (Psa. 143:10). Jesus said, in His prayer to the Father, “I glorified thee on the earth, **having accomplished the work which thou hast given me to do**” (Jn. 17:4).

Just because something “may happen” does not translate into “it was God’s will that happened:” It was not “God’s will” that Adam and Eve sinned...but it happened; It was not “God’s will” that Cain killed Abel...but it happened; It was not “God’s will” Jezebel had Naboth killed...but it happened. It was not “God’s will” that Herod had John the baptist beheaded (that was the will of Herodias)...but it happened.

Do not confuse the “will of God” with any type of “predetermined” action or result.

I trust you had a great day. I enjoy, very much our discussions.

Love YA! (1 Cor. 13:4-7 😊)