

As It Is In Heaven

Matthew 6:1-13

"Your will be done, on earth ..."

Pray "according to His will"

- I John 5:13-15 – "... if we ask anything according to his will he hears us"

Live "according to His will"

- II Peter 2:4-10 – "... the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials"
 - Even angels sin, but sin is not allowed in Heaven
 - Revelation 21:27 – "nothing unclean will ever enter it"
 - Revelation 22:14-15 – "Outside are the dogs and sorcerers"
- So many here ignore and despise His authority

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Do we really despise sin as we should?

- Are we entertained by scenes of murder, violence, or hatred; fornication and adultery; filthy language; staggering drunks/addicts?

Viewing such things can tempt one to sin

- II Timothy 3:1-5 – "lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God"
- I John 2:15 – "Do not love the world or the things in the world"
- James 4:17 – "So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin"
- We become accustomed/immune.

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In Heaven, sin is despised

- Psalms 119:104 – "... I hate every false way"
- James 4:7-10 – "Cleanse your hands, you sinners"
- I Timothy 2:3-4 – "who desires all people to be saved"
- We must come to a knowledge of the truth and be obedient to His will

In Heaven, God's authority is seen and respected

- Revelation 21:22-23 – "... the glory of God gives it light"
- Revelation 4:9-11 – "Worthy are you, our Lord and God"

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In Heaven, everyone is valued

- Matthew 18:10 – "... do not despise one of these little ones"
- Matthew 10:28-30 – "I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven"
- Revelation 4:8-11 – "... they never cease to say ..."
- Revelation 22:1-5 – "... his servants will worship him ... and they will reign forever and ever"

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In Heaven, everyone values the lost soul

- Luke 15:3-7 – "... more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents ..."

But here, on earth, do we ...

- Make sacrifices to win them?
- Make time to teach them?
- Go out of our way to preserve them?
- James 1:21 – "... the implanted word, which is able to save your souls"

The inhabitants of Heaven, both now and later, will appreciate the value of obeying the gospel

How much is obeying the gospel valued on earth?

- Some say, "It doesn't matter"
 - Romans 1:18-23 – "So they are without excuse"
- Some make up their own gospel which they think is just as good
 - Galatians 1:6-7 – "... turning to a different gospel"
- Some preach what people want to hear because it is easier and better for them
 - Isaiah 30:9-10 – "speak to us smooth things"
 - Jeremiah 5:30-31 – "my people love to have it so"

How much is obeying the gospel valued on earth?

- Some put it off
 - Acts 8:36-39 – "What prevents me from being baptized?"
- Some let obstacles stand in their way
 - John 12:42-43 – "... for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it"
- Some readily listen to discouragement to turn them away from obeying
 - Acts 13:6-12 – "... the proconsul believed"
- Are things in our lives here on earth "as it is in Heaven"?

Obeying The Gospel

Hear the Word of God

- James 1:21 – "... receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls."

Believe the Gospel message about Jesus

- I John 3:23-24 – "... that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ ..."

Obeying The Gospel

Repent of your sins

- Acts 3:19 – "Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out"

Confess that Jesus is the Son of God

- Romans 10:9-10 – "... with the mouth one confesses and is saved"

Obeying The Gospel

Be immersed in water

- Acts 2:38 – "Repent and be baptized every one of you ..."

Remain faithful

- I Corinthians 15:1-2 – "if you hold fast to the word I preached to you – unless you believed in vain"