

Matthew Chapter 26d May Your Will Be Done

Once again before we get started, I just want to say thank you so very much for joining me here this morning on our Father's seventh-day Sabbath in order to study out Matthew chapter 26 and Matthew's account of what took place concerning our Messiah and his death, burial, and resurrection.

Last week we spent a lot of time in the book of John because the apostle John gives us much more detail concerning things like the early Passover meal that our Messiah had with his apostles and why it was a type of early Passover meal where our Messiah was teaching his apostles how to properly keep the Passover that was coming and what the Passover actually shows us and exemplifies.

But this morning as we continue our study into the 26th chapter of the book of Matthew we are going to be examining the importance of understanding the will of God.

Today I think it's more than safe to say that we live in a society where it's all about us. It's all about the selfie, it's all about what makes us happy, it's all about how much money we have or don't have, it's all about our health and our opinion and our wants and needs are. And very rarely do we hear anyone speaking about the will of our Father in heaven or what the will of Yehovah God is in our lives.

Today I'd like to expound upon the importance of the will of Yehovah God versus the will of man because this is exactly what our Messiah does in his prayer to his Father in the garden of Gethsemane. And I'd like to expound upon this concept because as I have stated earlier, the world today is so far removed from the will of God, that it can no longer see or know Yehovah God. And this is exactly why we are living in these evil days that we are now living in today.

Once again, our Messiah tells us in the 24th chapter of the book of Matthew that in the last day's lawlessness would increase in the land. In fact, he tells us that it will be like it was in the days of Noah when the hearts of men were continuously evil, and it grieved the heart of Yehovah God that he had ever even created man.

And this evil that lived in the heart of man came from the abolishment of Yehovah God's law. And because there was no law in the land in the days of Noah, there was nothing but evil left in the land. And I would like us to stop for just a moment and think about this lawlessness that had grown in the land during the days of Noah.

What was it that grieved the heart of our Father in heaven so badly that he was sorry that he had ever created man? The unarguable answer to that question is lawlessness. It was because lawlessness had increased in the land that the hearts of many had indeed grown cold.

When there is lawlessness in the land, there is nothing left but evil. When being lawful is removed from the human equation, evil immediately moves in to take over.

When we are in a room full of light and someone turns off the light switch what happens? Darkness immediately rushes in to invade the room. And in less than a blink of an eye, darkness fills the room when the lights are turned out. And this is exactly how evil works. Once the law of God is removed, once the law of Yehovah God is trampled upon and ignored and called a curse, darkness immediately in the blink of an

eye invades the land. And I would submit to you my friends that this is exactly what we are seeing today in our time.

Even the apostate church today is teaching and preaching against the law, which is the word of God, which is what our Messiah became in the flesh. The law... the very word of Yehvoah God the creator... has become nothing to them but a curse. And anyone who attempts to understand it or live by it is also nothing but a curse. And the apostate church today in our time has taught this for generations virtually unimpeded and unchallenged by most.

And it is because of this demonic teaching brought forth by the devil's army of Christians... that the world today is so quickly sinking into darkness just as it was during the Dark Ages when the devil's army of Christians ruled the world and murdered millions of true Christians for keeping the truth of Yehovah God's word.

Oh how soon we forget...

Keeping all of this in mind, I'd like to now turn to Matthew chapter 26 verses 36 through 46 E1

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

Mat 26:36 Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray."

Mat 26:37 And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled.

Mat 26:38 Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me."

Mat 26:39 And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."

Mat 26:40 And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour?

Mat 26:41 Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Mat 26:42 Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."

Mat 26:43 And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.

Mat 26:44 So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again.

Mat 26:45 Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

Mat 26:46 Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

Here in Matthew chapter 26 verses 36 through 46, we see an abundance of information that literally breaks the human heart.

One of the first things that we need to understand is that our Messiah was praying in a place called the garden of Gethsemane. The name Gethsemane means "oil press" or place for squeezing the oil from olives. And I would submit to you that it was indeed at this point in time that the oil was being squeezed from the olives.

The cup that our Messiah speaks of is a cup of sorrow and suffering. And what we are actually seeing here in the garden of Gethsemane is Yehovah God's face being turned away from Yeshua when he who had no sin, was made to be... sin. (scrn 1)

Mat 27:45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour.

Mat 27:46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

2Co 5:21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

It is written here in the very next chapter of the book of Matthew that our Messiah cried out "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" And once again this was to fulfill what had already been written about him in Psalms chapter 22 verse one of the Old Testament which once again is a qualifier, that qualifies our Messiah to be our Messiah. But what's important to take away from this is that he who knew no sin... became the sin of the world. And Yehvoah cannot be around or near anything sinful without it being destroyed.

It's important that we understand that our Messiah is not our Easter ham. Ham is an abomination to Yehovah God. Our Messiah is known as our Passover lamb. He is, was, and always will be the one human sacrifice for human sin.

We must always remember that man sinned against God in the garden of Eden. God did not sin against man. There was no reason for God to commit suicide on a cross my friends. This Roman Catholic belief is nothing short of heresy according to Scripture itself and this heresy has always been used to usurp the power and authority of Yehvoah God so

that the Pope of Rome can run around claiming to be god on earth.

And even after the garden of Eden when Yehovah God chose Abraham out of the land of Ur... to become the father of all nations because of his obedience... man continued to rebel against Yehovah God and to continually transgress his spoken word.

You see the devil had been able to successfully accuse man of his wickedness before Yehovah God. The devil was able to successfully proclaim that man did not love God as much as God loved man. The devil had been able to successfully show Yehovah God that mankind was not his children but rather the children of the devil. And by doing so the devil was able to shackle mankind in chains and to drag man away from his Father in heaven.

And it was for this very reason that man could not be forgiven without a human sacrifice. A very special sacrifice. The sacrifice of an unblemished male human being who was perfect in all of his ways.

Just as the sacrifice for sin during the days of Moses had to be an unblemished and perfect animal... so too did this human sacrifice have to be an unblemished and perfect human being.

All the sins of mankind were heaped upon this one spotless, unblemished human being so that he could take these sins down into the grave with him never to be seen by Yehovah God again. Our Messiah was the human offering for our sins. And this is exactly why he had to drink this cup. This is exactly why he had to become... sin. And this is exactly why it is written that it was Yehovah God's will to crush him. I would like us to now turn to **Isaiah chapter 53 verses one through 12 E2**

Isa 53:1 Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

Isa 53:2 For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out

of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.

Isa 53:3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Isa 53:4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

Isa 53:5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Isa 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Isa 53:7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

Isa 53:8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

Isa 53:9 And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Isa 53:10 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

Isa 53:11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

Isa 53:12 Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Just as we read here in Isaiah chapter 53 verse 10, it was the will of Yehovah God to crush him. He has put him to grief. But... when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring, he shall prolong his day, and the will of Yehovah shall prosper in his hand. What's going to prosper in his hand? What is going to prosper in the hand of our Messiah? The will of Yehvoah God his Father... that's what's going to prosper in the hand of our Messiah.

And I also want us to pay particularly close attention to the concept of our Messiah's soul making an offering for guilt.

What was our Messiah offering up at the cross? Was it his soul, or was his soul offering his flesh?

Once again, the soul... the very spirit of our Messiah was always in the hand of Yehovah God his Father. It was our Messiah's sinful flesh that he was offering up on the altar of the cross. It was the sinful flesh of man that was being sacrificed and brought down into sheol.

You see, it always goes back to the flesh. This human flesh is deceitfully wicked and the soul, the spirit, must rule over the sinful flesh. Because if the flesh rules over the spirit, the spirit will be condemned by the sin of the flesh. Consider what the apostle Paul wrote in **Romans chapter 8** verses five through eight (scrn 2)

Rom 8:5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

Rom 8:6 For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

Rom 8:7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot

Rom 8:8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

And therefore, it was the flesh of our Messiah that he was offering up to Yehovah as a sacrifice for the sinful nature of mankind. And because our

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Messiah willfully and intentionally drank that cup... the chains of sin that the devil had shackled man with were broken. And for those who would repent and turn back, a new path was cut back to the tree of life that we were banished from so long ago back in the garden of Eden because of our wickedness.

And still the apostles did not understand what it was that our Messiah was about to do. They did not understand why our Messiah had to be betrayed. They did not understand why he wanted them to stay awake with him in the garden of Gethsemane as he prayed. But within the time span of the next 24 hours, as all of these things unfold, the darkness would fall from the eyes of the apostles, and they would indeed begin to understand what was taking place here in the garden of Gethsemane.

But I would like to turn our focus of attention to Matthew chapter 26 verse 39 where our Messiah says and I quote, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me. Nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."

Now... My friends here in lies one of the most important biblical foundations of prayer found anywhere in the Bible bar none.

I cannot tell you how many times that I have heard Christians that proclaim **they** have healed someone with a prayer. I cannot tell you how many times that I have heard Christians proclaim that their loved one is not going to die because **they** were going to pray for that loved one. I cannot tell you how many times I have heard Christians proudly and boastfully tell people that **they** were going to heal them through prayer.

The first thing that we need to understand my friends is that we are healing no one. It is the hand of Yehovah God or his only begotten Son who has been given authority by his Father that executes the healing, not us. The gift of healing my friends must be bestowed upon a man by Yehovah God. A man does not inherently have the authority on his own to heal anyone. And this occurs only, and I stress once again... only... if

it is the will of our Father in heaven.

I tell you the truth, it is a wicked thing for a professing Christian to demand things from Yehovah God. And let me repeat that so that I know that it is in your hearing; it is a wicked thing for a professing Christian to demand anything from Yehovah God. By demanding things from Yehovah, you disrespect him as Yehovah. By demanding things from Yehovah, you remove his authority to choose to do his will. When you demand things from Yehovah, you put yourself above Yehovah. And this my friends is a place that you do not want to be found. (scrn 3 SHOW)

Those Who Yeshua (Jesus) Does Not Know...

Mat 7:21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

Mat 7:22 On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?'

Mat 7:23 And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

And this is exactly why our Messiah tells us in Matthew chapter 7 that people are going to come to him in the last days boasting about how they prophesied in his name, boasting about how they cast out demons in his name, boasting about how they did all kinds of mighty works in his name only to find out that they never knew him and what's worse, is that he never knew them. And why? Because they were lawless. And what is the quintessential definition of being lawless? Doing our own will and not the will of our Father in heaven. That my friends is the quintessential

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definition of being... Lawless.

When we turn obedience into a self-serving buffet of whatever we want... we literally become... lawless.

And this is once again why the apostate church today loves to teach the authority of the Christian and not the authority of Yehovah God. Once again, my friends, it is a self-serving world that we now live in. It is a self-serving world that the devil has created before us. And this self-serving vanity has become well entrenched within the teachings of today's modern-day apostate church. For them, it's all about how much God wants you to be rich and wealthy. It's all about how you can heal people. It's all about your will and your wants and your needs. It's all about how much God loves you while almost nothing is taught about the power and the authority of Yehovah God and how much he has already given or what we owe him in return.

We talk about this all the time my friends because it has everything to do with salvation, and that is the reciprocal love that we are commanded, not asked... but commanded... to show our Father in heaven through our obedience to him. What is the biblical definition of the love of God? (scrn 4 SHOW)

The Biblical Deffinition of The Love of God:

1Jn 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

1Jn 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

Is this what your Pastor is teaching?



The biblical definition of the love of God is not demanding things from God my friends. The biblical definition of the love of God is not being presumptuous and vanity filled. When we come before our Father in heaven we come before him with our hats in our hands and our knees bent and our heads bowed and not, and I repeat not... with our chest all puffed up and our fist pounding upon his altar! Where is our respect, where is our humility? It's all been thrown to the ground by today's prosperity church and her vanity filled "it's all about me teachings". We should know better than that.

Our Father in heaven deserves respect and humility and honor to be shown to him, and if we don't understand these kindergarten concepts... then we need to go back to the beginning of the book and read it for ourselves and start from the beginning. There is nothing that aggravates me more than a heady proudful swollen headed professing Christian who has much to learn. And I tell you the truth... our Father in heaven is not pleased with the vanity filled my friends. When it comes to approaching his thrown room, we must and I repeat must... show some respect and humility. We must always remember... it's about asking...

not telling. If we have any authority at all... it has been given to us by him and by him alone. And any authority that has been given by him, and also be removed by him.

"Not my will Father but according to your will"... should always be how a true God-fearing, Messiah-following, cross-bearing Christian prays. And I tell you the truth... nothing short of this is acceptable in the eyes of our Father. We must always remember that is written that Yeshua Jesus in the Greek is indeed the Son of Abraham. And exactly why was it that Abraham was chosen to be the father of all nations? (scrn 5)

Gen 26:4 I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and will give to your offspring all these lands. And in your offspring all the nations of the earth shall be blessed,

Gen 26:5 because Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws."



And it was in this very way and for this very reason that our Passover lamb was qualified to be our Passover lamb. Not because he told God what to do, but because he asked his Father in complete humility what he wanted him to do. We must always remember that our Messiah laid his request at the feet of his Father, but... but... he also made it extremely clear that his desire was that his Father's will would be done. And it was.

And I tell you the truth my friends unless our righteousness far exceeds the modern-day Babylonian rabbinical Pharisees that are standing behind our pulpits this very day... we will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

And I also want us to be aware of the fact that according to Matthew chapter 26 verse 44, our Messiah prayed this prayer three different times. And three different times our Messiah's request was refused. And why?

Because there was no other way that Yehovah God could forgive the sins of man before his angels and his heavenly host without requiring the offering of an unblemished Passover Lamb.

You see, it's not just about mankind. Mankind is not the only creation of Yehovah God and he never has been. It is written that our Father in heaven sits in the midst of his divine counsel in the midst of the gods. **E3**

Rescue the Weak and Needy

Psa 82:1 A Psalm of Asaph. God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

Psa 82:2 "How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Selah

Psa 82:3 Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.

Psa 82:4 Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

Psa 82:5 They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

Psa 82:6 I said, "You are gods, sons of the Most High, all of you;

Psa 82:7 nevertheless, like men you shall die, and fall like any prince."

Psa 82:8 Arise, O God, judge the earth; for you shall inherit all the nations!

There are angels, messengers, seraphim, and cherubim. There are all kinds of Yehovah God's creation that are indeed alien to us in nature.

The Bible speaks time and time again of these other creatures and this other civilization that Yehovah had created long before he created mankind. But once again, the apostate self-serving vanity-filled church only wants to acknowledge themselves. And why is this important? Why is it important to know that Yehovah God also has other beings and other children besides mankind that are included in his heavenly host?

It's important to know because if Yehovah demands obedience and justice from his other children and his other creation... how then could he not demand obedience and justice from mankind?

You see, because our Father in heaven is a just Elohim... he does indeed hold himself accountable before all of his creation. If mankind was allowed to sin and to transgress his word without justice being served... then any one of our Father's heavenly host could point to our heavenly Father in heaven as being an unjust God. It is because Yehovah God is a just God that he holds himself accountable before his children and he chooses to be the example for his children. Listen closely to what the apostle John tells us in Revelation chapter 22 about John himself bowing down to angels; **Revelation chapter 22 verses eight and nine (scrn 6)**

Rev 22:8 I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, Ifell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me,

Rev 22:9 but he said to me, "You must not do that I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."



Clearly, the angel tells John not to bow down to him because he is a fellow servant with John and John's brothers the prophets. Notice that the angel does not say that he is also a fellow human... it says that the angel says that he is a "fellow servant"... not a fellow human being, not a brother, and not a prophet. He is a fellow servant. In other words, even though we are not from the same flesh, we are indeed from the same house! Which is the house of Yehovah God. And we are all his creation, and because he has created us all... we are all his children.

You know, it always amazes me when people talk about UFOs or UAPs and claim that there cannot be another alien race anywhere in the universe according to the Bible. My question to them is... have you ever read your Bible?

And just as a footnote, it is important that we wake up in these last days concerning these things. Because if we don't... the coming deception will fool if possible... even the very elect. And that's all that I will say about that... for the moment.

However, what is important to know and to understand here is that every prayer that we pray is a request. Every prayer that we pray should begin with the worship of Yehovah our Father in heaven and the acknowledgement that we know who he is. Our Messiah has taught us how to pray properly right here in the book of Matthew. We can find that back in **Matthew chapter 6 verses five through 15 E4**

The Lord's Prayer

Mat 6:5 "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.

Mat 6:6 But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Mat 6:7 "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words.

Mat 6:8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Mat 6:9 Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name."

Mat 6:10 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Mat 6:11 Give us this day our daily bread,

Mat 6:12 and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

Mat 6:13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Mat 6:14 For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you,

Mat 6:15 but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Notice here in Matthew chapter 6 that the first thing that our Messiah teaches us to do is to honor our Father in heaven by acknowledging that his name is hollowed, and that it is his kingdom that we want to come, and that it is his will that we want to be done on earth as it is in heaven. And this is made clear before our Messiah ever begins to submit his requests.

It is only after acknowledging the holiness of our Father in heaven and his majesty and that the kingdom belongs to him, and that it is his will that we are seeking and not our own... that our Messiah then begins to ask for things. He does not say "Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors without first making it clear... that he wants our Father's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.

And we see this exact same concept in our Messiah's prayer in the garden of Gethsemane **E1 show**

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Mat 26:46 Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

Our Messiah asks for this cup to be removed from him if... if... it is his Father's will and only if it is his Father's will. And notice what is written

in verse 42! Matthew clearly tells us in Matthew chapter 26 verse 42... And I quote, "And for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass until I drink it, your will be done."

Once again, we have our Messiah making it extremely clear, that he wants the will of his Father to be done and not his own will. And therefore... let me ask you this...

How many of us when we are praying for healing... ask that the Father's will be done? How many of us when asking for a bill to be paid, or a mountain to be moved in our lives ask that our Father's will be done and not ours? How many people today when casting out demons demand the demon to leave because **they** say so?

My friends... all of this goes directly back to Matthew chapter 7 and those people who are going to boastfully proclaim that they prophesied in the name of our Messiah and that they cast out demons in the name of our Messiah and that they did many mighty works in the name of our Messiah only to find out that they never knew him and once again he never knew them. And why? Because they were lawless. And what is lawlessness? It literally means to be... disrespectful. The quintessential definition of lawlessness is to be without humility and without obedience. If... as we are told in first John chapter 5 verse three... the biblical definition of the love of God is that we keep his commandments, and they are not burdensome to us... then we must first humble ourselves and agree among one another that Yehovah God's law rules. His spoken word, his law, is to be written across our hearts and in our minds not our own.

You see, it's not about what the Vatican commands my friends. It's not about what the Babylonian rabbis have written in their Talmudic encyclopedia chalked full of the writings of men. It's not about your denominational dogma or your denominational theology or philosophy or some charter of men. It's not about a first century or a second century believer and what they wrote or what they thought. It's not about the

biblical scholar who has two years of philosophy training and another four years of seminary... it's not about what some doctor says or what some Pope says. It's about what Yehvoah God says. The end!

It's about the word of Yehovah God and the word of Yehovah God alone. It's about his will, and his kingdom, and his way, and his salvation, and his love. It's about his only begotten Son our Passover lamb. It's about his feast days and his appointments and his Sabbaths not man's traditions and wicked pagan practices.

You see it's not about mans opinions. It's not about how some man perceives the word of God. It's about what the word of God actually says.

I cannot tell you how many letters I get from extremely misguided individuals who proclaim that they believe what they believe because of something that some first-century so-called Christian has said in a book somewhere. I cannot tell you how many letters I get from extremely misguided individuals who proclaim that they believe what they believe because of something that some second-century so-called man of God has said in some book somewhere. I cannot tell you how many letters I get from extremely misguided individuals who proclaim that they believe what they believe because it has been written within the confines of the Babylonian rabbi's Talmud, or their Mishna, or the Cabala or the writings of some human sage that still proclaims that Rosh Hashanah is God's new year in the ninth month of the year. All the while proclaiming that you cannot say God's name even though Yehovah God tells us his name in Exodus chapter 3 verse 15 and commands us to remember it throughout all of our generations and even wrote his name in the Bible over 6519 times!

And I could go on and on about the wicked and demonically devisive teachings and traditions of men. But the point that I'm trying to make here this morning is that if we are not acutely acclimated and tuned into the will of Yehovah and the will of Yehovah alone... we will

not make it through these evil days that we are now living in.

If we are going to be continuously swayed by the traditions of men, and continuously swayed by the writings of men, and continuously swayed by pagan practices, continuously swayed by the destruction of God's law and his word, continuously swayed by believing that we cast out demons by our own authority... Continuously swayed by believing that the first day of the week Sunday Sabbath commanded by no one in the Bible at any time is true... we are not going to make it. And not only are we not going to make it, but our children are not going to make it, and our children's children are not going to make it. Because they are constantly going to be looking back at what grandma and grandpa did instead of what Yehovah God commanded.

My friends, the teachings of our Messiah are extremely important. And why are they extremely important? Because the teachings of our Messiah are not our Messiah's teachings they are the teachings of his Father. (scrn 7)

Joh 12:49 For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak.

Joh 12:50 And I know that his commandment is eternal life.

What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me."

And therefore, as we examine this prayer that our Messiah prayed in the garden of Gethsemane before his crucifixion, let us always remember that if the world hated our Messiah, it is written that the world will hate us as well. The apostle Paul himself in his letter to Timothy in second Timothy chapter 3 verse 12 tells us that everyone who wants to live a godly life in the Messiah Yeshua will be persecuted. You can find that in second Timothy chapter 3 verse 12.

The apostle Paul himself tells us in second Corinthians chapter 12 verse 10 that the apostle Paul himself had an illness in his flesh that could not be healed. The apostle Paul tells us that he prayed three times for healing and was told no by Yehovah God. And yet... the denial of his request did not get in the way of the apostle Paul's determination to love Yehovah God by keeping his commandments. And the apostle Paul tells us very clearly that it is for our Messiah's sake that he delights in weakness and in insults and in hardships and in persecutions and in difficulties for when he is weak then he is strong. And so too is it that when we are weak... we are also made strong.

At the weakest point of our Messiah's life, he prayed to his Father asking his Father to remove the cup of suffering and sorrow from him. And just like the apostle Paul, he prayed three times for that cup to be taken from him... but only... only... if it was the will of his Father which it was not because this sacrifice had to be made before Yehovah for the sake of mankind. But what we must understand is that God does not always answer our prayers with a "yes".

When our prayers are not answered, the answer was no. When our prayers are not answered the way that we want them to be answered far too many will wrongly come to the conclusion that there is not God. And why? Because the wicked apostate church has always taught them that God loves them far to much to ever tell them no. When the truth of the matter is that Yehovah God knows what's best for us even when we don't.

I can tell you the truth my friends. There are plenty of times when I have prayed for something that I thought that I wanted on in the end... to be thankful for unanswered prayers.

My friends, there is a lot to ponder here in Matthew chapter 26. There is a lot to learn. There is a lot to grasp. There is a lot to know and to understand. But I would contend that if we are not putting the will of our Father in heaven first and foremost before everything that we do and before everything that we ask for... we will never truly understand who our Father in heaven truly is and why it is that he not only commands... but deserves... and is worthy of... our humility and our respect and our obedience.

My hope and my prayer is that you will ponder these things this seventh-day Sabbath and that the words of Yehovah God will be on your heart. My hope and my prayer is that you will teach them diligently to your children and that you would talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise.

My hope and my prayer is that you will bind the word of Yehovah on your hand and as frontlets between your eyes that you would write them on the doorposts of your houses and on your gates. For it is written... it is Yehovah your God that you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear and that you shall not put Yehovah your God to the test.

My hope and my prayer is that you will take what you have heard here today to your own prayer closet and bow your head and bend your knee and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you have heard here today be true or not.

Ask, seek, and knock on his door and on his door alone so that the proper door can be opened to you. And if you will do that, and if you will stay the course to the end, you and I will surely walk through the gates of his soon coming kingdom together.