

Message Two

**Enjoying God for the Purpose of God by Eating God,
Living for the Good Pleasure of God,
and Knowing and Doing the Will of God**

Scripture Reading: 2 Tim. 1:9; Psa. 36:8-9; John 6:57; Eph. 1:5, 9; Col. 1:9; Matt. 7:21

- 2 Tim 1:9 Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before the times of the ages
- Psa 36:8 They are saturated with the fatness of Your house, And You cause them to drink of the river of Your pleasures.
- Psa 36:9 For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light.
- John 6:57 As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.
- Eph 1:5 Predestinating us unto sonship through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,
- Eph 1:9 Making known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Himself,
- Col 1:9 Therefore we also, since the day we heard of *it*, do not cease praying and asking on your behalf that you may be filled with the full knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,
- Matt 7:21 Not every one who says to Me, Lord, Lord, will enter into the kingdom of the heavens, but he who does the will of My Father who is in the heavens.

I. For the fulfillment of God's eternal purpose, we need to enjoy God by eating God—2 Tim. 1:9; Psa. 36:8-9; John 6:35, 51, 57; 1 Cor. 10:17:

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- John 6:35 Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall by no means hunger, and he who believes into Me shall by no means ever thirst.
- John 6:51 I am the living bread which came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he shall live forever; And the bread which I will give is My flesh, *given* for the life of the world.
- John 6:57 As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.
- 1 Cor 10:17 Seeing that there is one bread, we who are many are one Body; for we all partake of the one bread.

A. God wants us to enjoy Him and to live for His purpose—Psa. 36:8-9; Rom. 8:28:

- Psa 36:8 They are saturated with the fatness of Your house, And You cause them to drink of the river of Your pleasures.
- Psa 36:9 For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light.
- Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.
1. The Triune God is a God of joy—15:13; John 15:11; 17:13; Acts 13:52; Gal. 5:22.

Rom 15:13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope in the power of the Holy Spirit.

John 15:11 These things I have spoken to you that My joy may be in you and *that* your joy may be made full.

John 17:13 But now I am coming to You, and these things I speak in the world that they may have My joy made full in themselves.

Acts 13:52 And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
 2. Man was created with a need for enjoyment and purpose—Gen. 2:7-9; Eccl. 3:11.

Gen 2:7 Jehovah God formed man with the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.

Gen 2:8 And Jehovah God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there He put the man whom He had formed.

- Gen 2:9 And out of the ground Jehovah God caused to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, as well as the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
- Eccl 3:11 He has made everything beautiful in its own time; also He has put eternity in their heart, yet so that man does not find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.
3. God saved us and called us according to His own purpose, and now His purpose should become our purpose—Rom. 8:28; 2 Tim. 1:9; 3:10.
- Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.
- 2 Tim 1:9 Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before the times of the ages
- 2 Tim 3:10 But you have closely followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, long-suffering, love, endurance,
4. As believers, we need to focus on the enjoyment of God, see that God's desire is to give Himself to us to be our enjoyment, and come to Him with the thought of enjoying Him—John 1:1, 14, 16-17; Psa. 36:8-9.
- John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.
- John 1:16 For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.
- John 1:17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and reality came through Jesus Christ.
- Psa 36:8 They are saturated with the fatness of Your house, And You cause them to drink of the river of Your pleasures.
- Psa 36:9 For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light.
5. The secret to the Christian life is to enjoy God—John 15:11; 16:22.
- John 15:11 These things I have spoken to you that My joy may be in you and *that* your joy may be made full.
- John 16:22 Therefore you also now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and no one takes your joy away from you.
- B. God's economy is that we eat Christ and be constituted with Him in order to express Him and represent Him—1 Tim. 1:4; John 6:35, 51, 57; Gen. 1:26:
- 1 Tim 1:4 Nor to give heed to myths and unending genealogies, which produce questionings rather than God's economy, which is in faith.
- John 6:35 Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall by no means hunger, and he who believes into Me shall by no means ever thirst.
- John 6:51 I am the living bread which came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he shall live forever; And the bread which I will give is My flesh, *given* for the life of the world.
- John 6:57 As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.
- Gen 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.
1. God's economy is a matter of Christ coming into us inwardly; for this, we need to take Christ by eating Him—Eph. 3:17a; John 6:57:
- Eph 3:17a That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, ...
- John 6:57 As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.
- a. God desires that we eat, digest, and assimilate Him—vv. 53-58.
- John 6:53 Jesus therefore said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life within yourselves.
- John 6:54 He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up in the last day.
- John 6:55 For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink.
- John 6:56 He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me and I in him.
- John 6:57 As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.

- John 6:58 This is the bread which came down out of heaven, not as the fathers ate and died; he who eats this bread shall live forever.
- b. Eating is the way to experience God's dispensing for His expression and representation—Gen. 1:26; 2:9.
- Gen 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.
- Gen 2:9 And out of the ground Jehovah God caused to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, as well as the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
2. The entire Christian life should be a feast, an enjoyment of Christ as our banquet—1 Cor. 5:7-8; 10:16-17:
- 1 Cor 5:7 Purge out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, even as you are unleavened; for our Passover, Christ, also has been sacrificed.
- 1 Cor 5:8 So then let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth.
- 1 Cor 10:16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the fellowship of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the fellowship of the body of Christ?
- 1 Cor 10:17 Seeing that there is one bread, we who are many are one Body; for we all partake of the one bread.
- a. We should all eat the same spiritual food, not eating anything other than the Lord or enjoying anything in place of the Lord—vv. 3-4.
- 1 Cor 10:3 And all ate the same spiritual food,
- 1 Cor 10:4 And all drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank of a spiritual rock which followed *them*, and the rock was Christ.
- b. Eating is related to enjoyment; if our enjoyment is something other than Christ, then in the sight of God that enjoyment is idolatry—vv. 7, 14, 22.
- 1 Cor 10:7 Neither become idolaters, as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and stood up to play."
- 1 Cor 10:14 Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.
- 1 Cor 10:22 Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than He?
3. We are all one Body because we all partake of the one bread—v. 17.
- 1 Cor 10:17 Seeing that there is one bread, we who are many are one Body; for we all partake of the one bread.
4. We are what we eat; therefore, if we eat God as our food, we will be one with God and even become God in life and in nature but not in the God-head—John 1:1, 14; 6:35, 51, 57.
- John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.
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II. To live a life for the fulfillment of God's eternal purpose is to live for God's good pleasure—Eph. 1:5, 9; Matt. 17:5:

- Eph 1:5 Predestinating us unto sonship through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,
- Eph 1:9 Making known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Himself,
- Matt 17:5 While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is My Son, the Beloved, in whom I have found My delight. Hear Him!

- A. The book of Ephesians was written from the perspective of God's good pleasure, the desire of His heart—1:5, 9:
- Eph 1:5 Predestinating us unto sonship through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,
- Eph 1:9 Making known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Himself,
1. God needs pleasure, and this pleasure is according to His will—v. 5.

Eph 1:5 Predestinating us unto sonship through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,
 2. God's good pleasure is what makes Him happy—vv. 5, 9:

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Eph 1:9 Making known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Himself,

 - a. God was happy with the man created by Him (Gen. 1:26, 31), with the incarnation of Christ (Luke 2:9-14), with Christ's baptism (Matt. 3:16-17), and with the resurrected Christ (17:5; Luke 24:26).

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

Gen 1:31 And God saw everything that He had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Luke 2:9 And an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they feared greatly.

Luke 2:10 And the angel said to them, Do not be afraid; for behold, I announce to you good news of great joy, which will be for all the people,

Luke 2:11 Because today a Savior has been born to you in David's city, who is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:12 And this will be the sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

Luke 2:13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army, praising God and saying,

Luke 2:14 Glory in the highest *places* to God, and on earth peace among men of *His* good pleasure.

Matt 3:16 And having been baptized, Jesus went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon Him.

Matt 3:17 And behold, a voice out of the heavens, saying, This is My Son, the Beloved, in whom I have found My delight.

Matt 17:5 While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is My Son, the Beloved, in whom I have found My delight. Hear Him!

Luke 24:26 Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and enter into His glory?
 - b. God is happy with His Son revealed in us (Gal. 1:15-16), He is happy to work in us (Phil. 2:13), and He will be happy with our glorification (Rom. 8:18-19, 21-23).

Gal 1:15 But when it pleased God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me through His grace,

Gal 1:16 To reveal His Son in me that I might announce Him as the gospel among the Gentiles, immediately I did not confer with flesh and blood,

Phil 2:13 For it is God who operates in you both the willing and the working for *His* good pleasure.

Rom 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the coming glory to be revealed upon us.

Rom 8:19 For the anxious watching of the creation eagerly awaits the revelation of the sons of God.

Rom 8:21 In hope that the creation itself will also be freed from the slavery of corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

Rom 8:22 For we know that the whole creation groans together and travails in pain together until now.

Rom 8:23 And not only *so*, but we ourselves also, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan in ourselves, eagerly awaiting sonship, the redemption of our body.

3. The church is according to the good pleasure of God's will, the desire of God's heart—Eph. 1:5, 9, 22-23; 3:9-11.

Eph 1:5 Predestinating us unto sonship through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

Eph 1:9 Making known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Himself,

Eph 1:22 And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him *to be* Head over all things to the church,

Eph 1:23 Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.

Eph 3:9 And to enlighten all *that they may see* what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things,

Eph 3:10 In order that now to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenlies the multifarious wisdom of God might be made known through the church,

Eph 3:11 According to the eternal purpose which He made in Christ Jesus our Lord,

B. "The recovery is that God may regain His good pleasure...We must be a people among whom God may have His good pleasure...We are now living and walking according to the pleasure of God" (*Life Messages*, vol. 1, p. 295).

C. What is most pleasant in the eyes of God is that we live and walk in our spirit for the fulfillment of His eternal purpose—John 4:24; Eph. 1:9, 17; 3:11, 16.

John 4:24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truthfulness.

Eph 1:9 Making known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Himself,

Eph 1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the full knowledge of Him,

Eph 3:11 According to the eternal purpose which He made in Christ Jesus our Lord,

Eph 3:16 That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man,

III. In order to live a life for the fulfillment of God's eternal purpose, we must know and do the will of God—Col. 1:9; Matt. 7:21:

Col 1:9 Therefore we also, since the day we heard of *it*, do not cease praying and asking on your behalf that you may be filled with the full knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,

Matt 7:21 Not every one who says to Me, Lord, Lord, will enter into the kingdom of the heavens, but he who does the will of My Father who is in the heavens.

A. God is a God of purpose, having a will of His own pleasure, and He created all things for His will that He might accomplish and fulfill His purpose—Rev. 4:11; Eph. 3:9-11; Col. 1:9:

Rev 4:11 You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power, for You have created all things, and because of Your will they were, and were created.

Eph 3:9 And to enlighten all *that they may see* what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things,

Eph 3:10 In order that now to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenlies the multifarious wisdom of God might be made known through the church,

Eph 3:11 According to the eternal purpose which He made in Christ Jesus our Lord,

Col 1:9 Therefore we also, since the day we heard of *it*, do not cease praying and asking on your behalf that you may be filled with the full knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,

1. God's will is His heart's desire, His mingling with man, and the fulfillment of His eternal plan—Eph. 1:5, 9, 11; 5:17.

Eph 1:5 Predestinating us unto sonship through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

Eph 1:9 Making known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Himself,

Eph 1:11 In whom also we were designated as an inheritance, having been predestinated according to the purpose of the One who works all things according to the counsel of His will,

- Eph 5:17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.
2. The will of God is to obtain a Body for Christ to be His fullness, His expression—Rom. 12:2, 5; Eph. 1:5, 9, 11, 22-23.
 - Rom 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.
 - Rom 12:5 So we who are many are one Body in Christ, and individually members one of another.
 - Eph 1:5 Predestinating us unto sonship through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,
 - Eph 1:9 Making known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Himself,
 - Eph 1:11 In whom also we were designated as an inheritance, having been predestinated according to the purpose of the One who works all things according to the counsel of His will,
 - Eph 1:22 And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him *to be* Head over all things to the church,
 - Eph 1:23 Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.
- B. We need to be filled with the full knowledge of God's will—Col. 1:9:
- Col 1:9 Therefore we also, since the day we heard of *it*, do not cease praying and asking on your behalf that you may be filled with the full knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,
1. God's will in Colossians 1:9 is His will regarding His eternal purpose, regarding His economy concerning Christ—Eph. 1:5, 9, 11.
 - Col 1:9 Therefore we also, since the day we heard of *it*, do not cease praying and asking on your behalf that you may be filled with the full knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,
 - Eph 1:5 Predestinating us unto sonship through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,
 - Eph 1:9 Making known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Himself,
 - Eph 1:11 In whom also we were designated as an inheritance, having been predestinated according to the purpose of the One who works all things according to the counsel of His will,
 2. To have the full knowledge of God's will is to have the revelation of God's plan so that we may know what God plans to do in the universe—Rev. 4:11:
 - Rev 4:11 You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power, for You have created all things, and because of Your will they were, and were created.
 - a. God's plan is to make Christ everything in the divine economy—Matt. 17:5; Col. 1:15-18; 3:10-11.
 - Matt 17:5 While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is My Son, the Beloved, in whom I have found My delight. Hear Him!
 - Col 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the Firstborn of all creation,
 - Col 1:16 Because in Him all things were created, in the heavens and on the earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or lordships or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and unto Him.
 - Col 1:17 And He is before all things, and all things cohere in Him;
 - Col 1:18 And He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that He Himself might have the first place in all things;
 - Col 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,
 - Col 3:11 Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.
 - b. The revelation of God's plan opens the way for us to have more experience of Christ—2:16-17; 3:4, 15-16.
 - Col 2:16 Let no one therefore judge you in eating and in drinking or in respect of a feast or of a new moon or of the Sabbath,
 - Col 2:17 Which are a shadow of the things to come, but the body is of Christ.
 - Col 3:4 When Christ our life is manifested, then you also will be manifested with Him in glory.

- Col 3:15 And let the peace of Christ arbitrate in your hearts, to which also you were called in one Body; and be thankful.
- Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another with psalms *and* hymns *and* spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to God.
3. The will of God for us is that we know the all-inclusive Christ, experience Him, and live Him as our life—1:9, 15-18; 3:4.
- Col 1:9 Therefore we also, since the day we heard of *it*, do not cease praying and asking on your behalf that you may be filled with the full knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,
- Col 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the Firstborn of all creation,
- Col 1:16 Because in Him all things were created, in the heavens and on the earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or lordships or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and unto Him.
- Col 1:17 And He is before all things, and all things cohere in Him;
- Col 1:18 And He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that He Himself might have the first place in all things;
- Col 3:4 When Christ our life is manifested, then you also will be manifested with Him in glory.
4. Walking worthily of the Lord issues from having the full knowledge of God's will; such a walk is a walk in which we live Christ—1:10; Phil. 1:19-21a.
- Col 1:10 To walk worthily of the Lord to please *Him* in all things, bearing fruit in every good work and growing by the full knowledge of God,
- Phil 1:19 For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and *the* bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,
- Phil 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death.
- Phil 1:21a For to me, to live is Christ ...
- C. If we would enter into the manifestation of the kingdom of the heavens in the coming age, we must do the will of our Father in this age—Matt. 7:21-23; 6:10; 12:50; Rev. 4:11; Rom. 12:2; Eph. 1:5, 9, 11; 5:17; Col. 1:9; 4:12:
- Matt 7:21 Not every one who says to Me, Lord, Lord, will enter into the kingdom of the heavens, but he who does the will of My Father who is in the heavens.
- Matt 7:22 Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, *was it* not in Your name *that* we prophesied, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name did many works of power?
- Matt 7:23 And then I will declare to them: I never knew you. Depart from Me, you workers of lawlessness.
- Matt 6:10 Your kingdom come; Your will be done, as in heaven, *so* also on earth.
- Matt 12:50 For whoever does the will of My Father who is in the heavens, he is My brother and sister and mother.
- Rev 4:11 You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power, for You have created all things, and because of Your will they were, and were created.
- Rom 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.
- Eph 1:5 Predestinating us unto sonship through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,
- Eph 1:9 Making known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Himself,
- Eph 1:11 In whom also we were designated as an inheritance, having been predestinated according to the purpose of the One who works all things according to the counsel of His will,
- Eph 5:17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.
- Col 1:9 Therefore we also, since the day we heard of *it*, do not cease praying and asking on your behalf that you may be filled with the full knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,
- Col 4:12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a slave of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God.
1. The kingdom is a matter of God's will and fulfills God's will—Matt. 6:10.
Matt 6:10 Your kingdom come; Your will be done, as in heaven, *so* also on earth.
2. In order to do the will of the Father, we need to enter in through the narrow gate and walk on the constricted way—7:13-14.

- Matt 7:13** Enter in through the narrow gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter through it.
- Matt 7:14** Because narrow is the gate and constricted is the way that leads to life, and few are those who find it.
3. We need to pray for the Father's will to be done on earth as in the heavens; this is to bring the kingdom of the heavens to the earth—6:10; Rev. 11:15.
- Matt 6:10** Your kingdom come; Your will be done, as in heaven, *so* also on earth.
- Rev 11:15** And the seventh angel trumpeted; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the *kingdom* of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.