

# Honouring God – Surrendering to God’s Will

## HONOUR

- *How do we honour God?*
- *Is honouring God linked to doing God’s will?*

Let’s read **Num 20:12** “*But the LORD said to Moses & Aaron, ‘Because you did not trust me enough to honour me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them’*”.

Moses was called to speak to the rock and yet he hit it! God did not honour that because Moses did not trust God.

**Already we see that TRUST = HONOUR. How do we trust? We surrender!**

**Andrew Murray said** “*And now, I desire by God’s grace to give you this message – that your God in heaven answers the prayers which you have offered for blessing on yourselves and for blessing on those around you by this one demand: Are you willing to surrender yourselves absolutely into His hands? What is our answer to be?*”

## SURRENDER

- The LORD’S PRAYER – Most common prayer yet most insincere prayer
- Psalm 23 – *The Lord’s my chauffeur, I shall not want; He takes me where I want to go!*

Unintentionally or intentionally we use God and do not submit to His will

How many of us ask God’s will on the “Big Things”?

- *What job will I do? – have we asked God?*
- *Where will I live?*
- *What studies should I do?*
- *Will I marry? If yes, who?*
- *What does God want me to do?*
- *What do I do now that my kids have left home?*
- *What do I do now I’m retired?*

It seems that in the practical decisions in life we follow God’s will more than we think! **Explain God wants us to honour Him in the everyday things which led to more “spiritual” things.**

A lot of Christian’s do not ask God His opinion:

- *Doesn’t God want us to be happy and follow our dreams?*
- *As long as I come to church, surely I can live the way I want?*

**Delight in God & He will give you the desires of your heart NOT  
God will give you your desires so that you delight in God!**

We mistakes our desires for God’s – **1 John 2:17** “*The world and its desires pass away; but those who do the will of God live forever.*”

IT MAKES SENSE TO DO GOD’S WILL & IT LEDS TO SATISFACTION

*Read p.107 – Freedom in Christ*

More reasons...

## MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE

- 1) **Created** - **Gen 1:27** "*So God created them, making them to be like himself. He created them male and female*". This shows us that God made **us**. We are here because of Him!
- 2) **Chosen** – **Eph 1:4-5** "*He chose us... before the creation of the world...He predestined us.*" God chose us before the world began!!  
**Eph 2:10** – God's poem to do good works  
**John 15:16** – God chose us & appointed us to bear fruit
- 3) **Configured** – **Psalm 139:13:16** says that God created us and knit us together in our mother's womb. We are fearfully and wonderfully made. **All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be!**
- 4) **Redeemed** – God purchased us back from Satan. **Gal 3:13** - "*Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us--for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree".* God bought us back for a reason.

### What does this all mean?

Because we are created, chosen, configured & redeemed our life is not our own. God has plans!

**Mark 8:34-36:** "*And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.*

*For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it.*

*For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?*

## CONCLUSION

**Where are you in your walk with God?**

**Do you listen to Him?**

**Does God have final say in your life?**

(E.g. football in my life, my dad, my house)

In the Practical things of life – Ask God His way

In the Hard things of life – Ask God His way

In the Big things of life – Ask God His way

### What is God's will?

- Pray – Prayer meetings as a church
- Forgive
- Love
- Use your gifts for God – *me preaching*

**Proverbs 3:5-6 - Commitment prayer**