



# HONORING HEAVEN'S WILL IN OUR HEARTS

Matthew 6:10; Matthew 16:1-12

## The Pillars of Pleasant Progress:

Ephesians 6:1-3, <sup>1</sup> “**Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.**” <sup>2</sup> “**Honor your father and mother**”—which is the first commandment with a promise— <sup>3</sup> “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

**Verse 1 - RIGHT – *dikaios* - righteous and just in every regard**

**Verse 2 - HONOR – *timao* - to prize and place value upon**

❖ **GOD CALLS US TO CONSTANTLY FORM BETTER CULTURES!**

## Creating a Beautiful World Together:

- 1) **Count on Our Creator** (Matthew 6:9)
- 2) **A Name to Believe In** (Matthew 6:9)
- 3) **Honoring Heaven's Ways in Our Heart** (Matthew 6:10)

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

❖ **The WAYS of heaven must be fully embraced for the WILL of heaven to be fully experienced.**

Matthew 16:1-4, <sup>1</sup> The Pharisees and Sadducees came to Jesus and **tested him** by **asking him** to show them a sign from heaven. <sup>2</sup> He replied, “When evening comes, you say, ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red,’ <sup>3</sup> and in the morning, ‘Today it will be stormy, for the sky is red and overcast.’ You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times. <sup>4</sup> A **wicked** and **adulterous** generation looks for a sign, but none will be given it except the sign of Jonah.” **Jesus then left them and went away.**

Luke 18:28-30; Hebrews 4:12; 2 Corinthians 8:5; 2 Timothy 3:1-7; Proverbs 16:1-4 (NLT)

# Honor That Brings Forth Heaven's Will

## 1) Honor God's Presence

Matthew 16:5-7, <sup>5</sup>When they went across the lake, the disciples forgot to take bread. <sup>6</sup> "Be careful," Jesus said to them. "Be on your guard against the yeast of the **Pharisees and Sadducees.**" <sup>7</sup>They discussed this among themselves and said, "It is because we didn't bring any bread."

Matthew 16:8-10, <sup>8</sup> Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked, "You of little faith, why are you talking among yourselves about having no bread? <sup>9</sup> **Do you still not understand? Don't you remember** the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many basketfuls you gathered? <sup>10</sup> Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many basketfuls you gathered?"

❖ **We have a will and God has a will. Prayer positions us to experience God's better will.**

James 1:5; 2 Chronicles 16:9; Matthew 6:10; 2 Chronicles 7:14

## 2) Honor God's Principles

Matthew 16:11-12, <sup>11</sup> "How is it you don't understand that I was not talking to you about bread? But be on your guard against **the yeast** of the Pharisees and Sadducees." <sup>12</sup> **Then they understood** that he was not telling them to guard against the yeast used in bread, but against the **teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.**

Malachi 3:10, Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. **Test me in this,**" says the LORD Almighty, "**and see** if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.

❖ **We have our ways of doing things. Prayer positions us to live in God's better will through His better ways.**

### Questions:

- 1) What did you hear from the Holy Spirit?
- 2) What will you do because of it?
- 3) How can we pray for you?