



Thy Will Be Done (Matthew 6:10)



What is the premise?

How many times have you heard the phrase, "God's will be done"? Is that not the desire of all true Christians? But it seems to be a popular catch phrase these days. If something does not go expectedly, one quickly tries to comfort with, "It must not have been God's will." How do you know? Could it actually mean try a little harder?

How many quit when they reach a point of "struggling" to accomplish something and chalk it up to not being God's will? If "struggling" is to be used to determine if it is God's will then Paul wasted his time going to the Gentiles. He labored hard and beat his body down so much, and then offered his head.

Struggles to perform God's will have never been a test. If anything, it can be a sign that the devil is upset and you are on the right path.

Further, some are jealous of others and may use the phrase "God's will be done" to imply that it is not God's will, but rather a selfish motive. This is seen many times towards those that rise up and do things out of the ordinary. The others might as well be saying, "Be careful. Looks like you're just trying to promote yourself or get attention." In reality, these people are accusing others of having selfish motives when in fact jealousy is the root of their comment.

How serious is this subject?

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21). Eternal life depends upon His will being done in us.

Now if you think this is a works message, think again, *"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of [his] good pleasure"* (Philippians 2:13).

What is the motive?

Every action has a motive. Even if you think of a non-selfish reason to do something, there is still a motive. Every action should have the same motive, as was Jesus' motive. *"O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done"* (Matthew

26:42). In everything we do, it should always be God's will.

We are all born with a selfish will. Just ask any parent and you will get the same answer. But at some point, we *"must be born again"* (John 3:7). Once that occurs, then every day we ought to awake with the words, *"I die daily"* (1 Corinthians 15:31). That means that one dies to self every day and seeks to do God's will. For *"said Jesus unto his disciples, If any [man] will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me"* (Matthew 16:24). And that is even to the point of death. *"For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it"* (Matthew 16:25).

The converted Christian will *"seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness"* (Matthew 6:33). The unconverted will remain selfish. The pretended Christian will also remain selfish, however they may sway back and forth between selfishness and God's will. The truly converted does God's will from the moment he rises until he lies down again.

This principle is taught in Deuteronomy 6:7 through the teaching of the commandments to children. *"And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."*

Now some think that God's will means we all need to become ordained ministers and be praying and witnessing all day long. That is not true.

God's will can be done while taking a road trip, going to work, laboring around the house, visiting neighbors, and even while taking a nap. God's will is what He would have you do for that moment. For many, it is go to work and provide for their family so they too can be instruments for God. In addition, employment provides the means to further the gospel through tithes and offerings.

As for a nap, a child getting out of sorts may need a nap. A child? Some adults need attitude adjustments as well.

The overall result is that if one is truly born

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again, then whatever they touch, just like Joseph, should turn to gold. Now that does not mean success. Metaphorically speaking, all endeavors shall be God's will since they have a close connection with God. They ought to know what God would do today if God were experiencing the situation.

Just as Jesus said, "Lo, I come to do thy will, O God" (Hebrews 10:9), we ought to have that same drive every moment of the day.

What we are proposing is that a converted person will have new thoughts and new desires. They will always seek to do God's will without taking a day off. And to say that a godly person just might not be doing God's will is a contradiction. One cannot be godly and have a moment of selfishness. You would now have a person in need of repenting of selfishness, which is sin. And sin blocks the relationship with God.

Here is a case in point. Someone gives you \$20 as a gift and tells you to go and enjoy yourself. Spending it on a movie, which probably uses God's name in vain, is selfish. Going out and buying a new shirt when you do not really need a new shirt is also selfish. Despite being told to go enjoy yourself, what would Jesus do? He would take that \$20 and use it to further the gospel. We ought to get enjoyment from that.

And to get a Thus Saith the Lord on the fact that those who are converted ought to know God's will, He tells us *"that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth"* because *"the God of our fathers hath chosen thee"* (Acts 22:14).

Also, *"we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself"* (Ephesians 1:7-9).

God will guide us into knowing His will. He will even reveal what His pleasure and purpose is, and yet not with a controlling dictate or questionable spirit of a human. *"Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom [be] glory for ever and ever. Amen"* (Hebrews 13:20-21). We may think it strange what another godly person does, but who are we, that are not directly involved in the situation, to question their decision?

We cannot have it both ways. We cannot believe on one hand that a person is godly (truly converted) and being used by God and then on the other hand say they are not following God's

will when we disagree with what they are saying or doing. This makes one a hypocrite.

And *"this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him"* (1 John 5:14-15).

But what of...

"Since the day we heard [it], do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding" (Colossians 1:9). Some take this verse to mean that those on the outside of an issue have a better understanding of God's will than the one experiencing the issue, and so they feel they need to pray that he will see it their way. In essence they are praying for God to control that person and make them change what they are doing to be according to what they think is right.

A correct application of this verse would be, if someone recognizes that another is going against a "Thus Saith the Lord", by all means, as soon as we hear it we ought to pray that they see God's will. And as the verse states, we are referring to spiritual matters. This is not about making a choice between one way of godly evangelism and another, taking one job over another, moving to one place or another, etc. It is spiritual, even doctrines.

Why is it in the Lord's prayer?

So if we are declaring that a godly person is a person that is always seeking God's will, and God is revealing His will to them, then why is the phrase in the sample prayer that Jesus taught, *"Thy will be done"* (Matthew 6:10) as if we are in need of guidance from God despite thinking we know God's will?

It is true that we need to pray to know God's will, but once we know it to be God's will, we are to execute it to the fullest. But that is not what the prayer is actually teaching. The prayer is not a moment of reconsideration of an action being or not being God's will.

The context is, *"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as [it is] in heaven"* (Matthew 6:10). We are to be praying for God's kingdom to be ruling in the hearts of people. As all of heaven obeys God's will, we are to assist in helping the people of earth to do the same.

Putting it to the test

Could you imagine the people's reaction towards Moses when the sacrificial system was instituted? Could you imagine many, many people thinking, "This cannot be God's will!" But it turned out that if they did not partake of the sacrifices, they would have missed the symbolism and would have missed out on eternal life. Look what happened to the people who did not think it was God's will for them to look at

a bronze snake on a pole. They died.

The same can be said of today. Many people question the actions of others because if they were in the same position, they would not do the same thing. Others may assume selfish motives of another's actions, for example, why do we publish this newsletter, so that we can be gratified? Why do some families give up their job and home to be missionaries? To travel the world? Assumptions and different choices on your part do not cancel out God's will being done in another person.

The test is a "Thus Saith the Lord." If we do not have a "Thus Saith the Lord" to go up against an idea, then who are we to question. If the person is truly converted, then we ought to know that yes they have prayed about it, researched it in the context of seeking first the kingdom of God, and have been convinced it is God's will.

For example, if someone who is financially troubled and is given some money, takes a portion and goes to the movies or buys cigarettes with it, we have a "Thus Saith the Lord" to say that is wrong, even if they think relaxation from much financial stress is encouraged. They ought to be taught God's will for stress relief – Sabbath.

Another example is the method of soul winning. A church has a few thousand dollars. Some members believe a mini evangelistic seminar should be held. Others believe that literature should be purchased and distributed. A third group may think to purchase drums and entertain the worldly people into the church. How can you tell God's will? Well, first we disappoint the drummers. Nowhere in the Bible are we to entertain the worldly person. They are to become converted for "*the truth shall make you free*" (John 8:32) and not Christianized rock music.

So we have a "Thus Saith the Lord" to eliminate the third idea, but what of the first two? The answer is that neither is wrong. Seeing funds usually allow for only one or the other, much prayer ought to be put forth for guidance, but neither choice would be against God's will. You may be completely against holding another evangelistic meeting but that does not make the choice to do such against God's will. For an evangelistic effort "done rightly" would always be according to His will.

Even in failure, God's will be done

Now, not everything that the church touches is promised to turn to gold physically -- not even individually. And on the surface, it may even appear to be a complete failure. Some may even want to chime in with, "I told you so." To do so would reveal an unconverted heart.

The fact of the matter is "*that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to [his] pur-*

pose" (Romans 8:28).

Let us revisit the mini evangelistic series. What do you do in the case of zero baptisms? You praise the Lord because His will was done. Not all series result in baptisms. That is an added blessing. The main purpose is that "*Ye [are] witnesses*" (1 Thessalonians 2:10). Sometimes we plant seeds, sometime we harvest.

And remember, a witness is not only one that tells of historical events, but present events. Yes, tell people that Jesus died to take away their sin, but to this generation, you and I are the instruments to either condemn or save people. When "*the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven*" (Revelation 21:2) is set on earth and before hell fire is poured out, the lost will realize all the opportunities they had before them to be saved and rejected. This is why it concerns us that people ask to no longer receive our newsletters without a "Thus Saith the Lord" against something we wrote. That means people have chosen to follow their own opinions and beliefs, which may or may not be unto salvation. People claim they just want the Bible, however, God made us to fellowship. This is not to socialize. This is to share ideas and experiences of the Word. Going to church, telling testimonies, and all other church gatherings are not to socialize but to fellowship – help one another grow in the knowledge of the Lord.

So what are the basics of God's will?

There is a foundation to be built upon. The uniqueness of how you carry out His will from that point is between you and God. But here are some foundation blocks, not in any specific order.

David said, "*I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law [is] within my heart*" (Psalms 40:8). In doing God's will, he kept the commandments.

Another basic precept of God's will is to every day pray in some form the prayer, "*Teach me to do thy will; for thou [art] my God: thy spirit [is] good; lead me into the land of uprightness*" (Psalms 143:10). And do not be surprised if you feel very uneasy, for the Spirit "*will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment*" (John 16:8). So the removing of sinful practices will occur along with enlightenment if you are following God's will.

"*And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day*" (John 6:40). Believing upon Jesus is very, very important. Now remember, "*thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble*" (James 2:19). So belief will

THINK ON THESE THINGS

(Philippians 4:8)

Commandments Add Life

Proverbs 7:1-3 *My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee. Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye. Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart.*

What is it about the commandments that provide life?

Well, in worshipping God and not man, in worshipping God and not a statue one desires to live with God eternally.

Living a Christian life and not just taking the name in vain may have "does and don'ts" but closer examination provides us with life prolonging principles.

Resting on God's holy day helps rejuvenate the body.

Respecting authority keeps one out of prison and creates happier family reunions.

Not killing anyone surely prolongs that person's life.

Not committing adultery is more than likely a way of escaping all the diseases including AIDS, a real killer.

Not stealing helps in not getting shot at.

Not baring false witness is a lot less stressful than trying to keep up with the lies.

And staying away from coveting is a way to not kill over with a heart attack since you will not have to keep up with the Joneses.

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have a reaction. To be doing God's will, a true Christians' reaction is to let *"the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and [I pray God] your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ"* (1 Thessalonians 5:23).

And *"for this is the will of God, [even] your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication"* (1 Thessalonians 4:3). And fornication is both physical and spiritual. So again, not lusting after the opposite gender and not indulging in sin is God's will. Sin is a type of spiritual adultery against God.

And *"if any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or [whether] I speak of myself"* (John 7:17). To do God's will engage in the study of His Word. Know it and do not dismiss from knowing God's will. Some are so confused about Christ's Righteousness and have left it to others to decide for them. How wrong of an attitude this is. Some cannot name the twelve apostles yet that same person can name all the players on a sports team or the entire cast of a television show. If this is the case, turn off the television and get to your homework.

Now as for praying to God to know His will, just remember, if there be known sin that remains unconfessed, you are wasting your time because *"we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth"* (John 9:31).

God's will is also for us to study out His law, which is both the Ten Commandments and the Levitical laws. *"And knowest [his] will, and approvest the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law"* (Romans 2:18). The Levitical laws studied reveals how they pointed as *"a shadow of things to come"* (Colossians 2:17).

Again, *"as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; that he no longer should live the rest of [his] time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God"* (1 Peter 4:1-2). God's will is for us to cease from sinning.

And one of the best ways to silence opposition is in *"the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men"* (1 Peter 2:15).

And when things go wrong, *"in every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you"* (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what [is] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Romans 12:2).

Paul suffered false accusations

Have you ever heard someone say something along the lines of "my house sold within so many days of being on the market, it is clearly God's will for us to move to our new location"? Or have you ever placed a time limit on God, and if such a thing occurs within so many days then you know it is God's will? Where is there a "Thus Saith the Lord" on this? Since when does ease and quickness signify God's will? Even receiving funds for a project deadline just in time is not necessarily of God. Satan loves to get us to think we are following God's will in these matters and yet we are neglecting His will as outlined above. Again, are you trusting in physical evidence from Him of His will in your lives, rather than you fulfilling His will as already detailed in His word. Do you have it reversed?

Paul was headed to Jerusalem where he would be expected to run into those that hated him and may suffer great consequences. If there was any that knew what God's will ought to be it was Paul. Yet, some Christians who heard of Paul's journey could not see God's will being fulfilled. So they selfishly prayed that Paul would not go to Jerusalem.

"And as we tarried [there] many days, there came down from Judaea a certain prophet, named Agabus. And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver [him] into the hands of the Gentiles. And when we heard these things, both we, and they of that place, besought him not to go up to Jerusalem. Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus. And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, The will of the Lord be done" (Acts 21:10-14).

And before you say, "But the prophet should also know God's will." Please note that the prophet only revealed what Paul knew would happen. He did not prophesy the forbiddance of going to Jerusalem. It was the church that then took the information and acted selfishly.

Why was this presented?

It is because we do not want you to fall. The first fall is, believing that if something is challenging to accomplish, it must not be God's will. Avoiding the mark of the beast will be very difficult. Struggles are allowed by God in our lives to prepare us for even greater struggles ahead.

Now this is different from the closed-door policy. Would God have you do plan A or plan B? After much prayer and careful consideration you choose plan A, but in your efforts you

come face-to-face with a dead end. Even prayer does not open the way to complete plan A. Therefore you retreat and do plan B. Now do not think of plan A as a waste or even that you went against God's will. You should have learned much in that experience and for that rejoice. But on spiritual matters, there is no plan B. It is always obedience.

The second fall that we do not want you to suffer is, questioning the will of God in others. Precious time is stolen when plans are progressing and now someone new jumps in and says, "Are you sure this is God's will?" Time is now used to explain to them how they know it is God's will. Future moves by God, during the time of crisis, are going to require instantaneous acceptance of God's will in others. Rapid movements of the devil are going to require rapid responses from God's people. There will be no time to delay for explanation. So that is why it is so important today to get in the practice of accepting His will being done through others

whom you know to be godly, let us not question them or prevent them.

Now this does not mean you cannot verify that God's will was sought and not forgotten. To this, a simple response in the affirmative should be acceptable.

What is God's will?

Perform the basic will of God, but as you witness and stand for the truth, you will be questioned of your motive. You will be falsely accused, as 2 Timothy 3:3 brings out. To those that have in the past used the phrase, "God's will be done" inappropriately, there is time to get in the practice of the right way, and we invite you to do so for we care for your soul.

I, *"a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God"* (Colossians 4:12).

ART THOU IN HEALTH (2 Samuel 20:9)



No Good Thing Will He Withhold

Psalms 84:11 *For the LORD God [is] a sun and shield: the*

LORD will give grace and glory: no good [thing] will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

In God's health plan, He does not withhold good things. Oh, it may appear to be a good thing, but that is Satan exciting the senses.

God does not hold back good tasting food, but Satan masquerades what God intended for us. Instead of enjoying the sweet delicious fruits, many go for the cakes, ice creams, candy, and the like. Though we may not be

directly forbidden to eat such things, we do find it interesting that the nation that takes in the most regarding sweets is also the nation battling a weight problem.

Likewise, the vegetables are usually skipped over for the larger quantities of pasta, rice, and especially the heavily seasoned meats. We can get them grilled, barbequed, fried, roasted, Cajun, and many other ways. Again, we are not saying that pasta, rice, and meats are forbidden, but consider the need for raw vegetables in the diet in a larger quantity. Remember, living machines get better mileage on living intake. But as for meats, why would you want your vegetables second hand?

FOR MY THOUGHTS [ARE] NOT YOUR THOUGHTS, NEITHER [ARE] YOUR WAYS MY WAYS, SAITH THE LORD.

(Isaiah 55:8)



The High Priest Did Not See Jesus In The Clouds

"Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven" (Mark 14:61-62).

Now the high priest and Jesus never met face to face again. And Jesus has yet to appear coming in the clouds of heaven. Therefore, people conclude that this is an unfilled prophecy.

Actually, the prophecy is yet future according to

Revelation 1:7 *"Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they [also] which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen."*

This is the description of the second coming. At the second coming, those that took part in having Jesus pierced will also be present to see the event.

But wait, they are all dead including the high priest. Well, if one believes that the high priest was forgiven and went to heaven after he died, then you would be correct, this could never happen.

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Of course if you believe he went to hell to burn and is burning now, then again this would not be fulfilled.

But if one believes that people “shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation” (John 5:29), and you believe “that there shall be a

resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust” (Acts 24:15), and you also believe that “every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ’s at his coming” (1 Corinthians 15:23) then it is possible for this to be fulfilled when Jesus comes. In fact, it will be.

DO YOU HAVE A TSTL FOR THAT?

The purpose of these Bible studies is to help you seek for a TSTL—”Thus Saith the Lord...” for all that you believe. May you go forward in this study with that goal.



What seekest thou? (Genesis 37:15)

1. What is our priority on earth? **Matthew 6:33**
2. What does God promise if we seek? **Matthew 7:7**
3. What ought we not look for? **Matthew 12:39**
4. What is not to be our priority even in difficulty? **Luke 12:29**
5. How show we seek? **Luke 15:8**
6. What shall we not protect? **Luke 17:33**
7. What should we commit our lives too? **Colossians 3:1-2**
8. In seeking to escape evil, what should we seek for? **1 Peter 3:11**

9. What does one receive in seeking God? **Hebrews 11:6**

10. What specifically shall we receive? **Colossians 3:24, Luke 18:18**

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S STUDY:

A God of Truth (Deuteronomy 32:4)

1. How powerful is the truth? **John 8:32** “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”
2. Where do we find the truth? **John 17:17** “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”, **Ephesians 4:21** “If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus”, **Psalms 119:151** “Thou [art] near, O LORD; and all thy commandments [are] truth.”
3. What happens to Jesus’ sacrifice towards us if we purposely reject the truth? **Hebrews 10:26** “For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins.”
4. What will happen to people who do not believe the truth? **2 Thessalonians 2:12** “That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”
5. If we keep to the truth, whom are we protected from? **1 John 2:21-22** “I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.”

6. What does he do with the truth? **Daniel 8:12** "And an host was given [him] against the daily [sacrifice] by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered."
7. Who will help us to understand the truth? **John 16:13** "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, [that] shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come."
8. If we are grounded in the truth, what are we part of? **1 Timothy 3:15** "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou

oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

9. How can we tell if someone is not part of what we are part of? **1 John 2:4** "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."
10. What does obeying the truth produce? **1 Peter 1:22** "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, [see that ye] love one another with a pure heart fervently."

WHO HATH BELIEVED OUR REPORT? AND TO WHOM IS THE ARM OF THE LORD REVEALED?

(Isaiah 53:1)



Elko Free Daily Press, June 15, 2009 - Dog plays dead, owner tries to rob passer-by

A press release from the Elko Police Department states the victim was driving on Clarkson Drive when he stopped near a man who was kneeling next to his dog, which was lying in the middle of the road. When the victim got out of his car, the suspect pulled out a knife and demanded money from him. The dog got up and was perfectly fine. It had apparently all been a ploy.

COMMENT: Matthew 18:6 "But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and [that] he were drowned in the depth of the sea." This is one of the rare times that God pronounce a death penalty. We have not found one regarding teaching an animal to lie, cheat, and steal, but I would imagine that the future of this man, if he continues his ways, is not going to be pleasant.

Fox News, June 8, 2009 - Evangelical Group Banned From Tulsa Housing Projects, Chapter Leader Says

A Christian evangelical group that works to improve the lives of underprivileged children says it has been prohibited from conducting Bible study classes in public housing projects in Tulsa, Okla., potentially violating a Supreme Court ruling that upheld religious groups' right to the use of public institutions.

COMMENT: "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" (Isaiah 5:20). Be careful

Tulsa Housing Project chapter! It is amazing that society will allow all kinds of discussions to take place that undermine children's morals, well-being, and out right true education while condemning or forbidding that which could improve society. Allow the Satanists, evolutionists, atheists, and the like, but mention the name Jesus or the word Bible and that sets off alarms. Is society upside down or what? But then, it has been predicted to be this way.

MSNBC, June 7, 2009 - France gets its Obama moment

People gawked and cameras clicked as the Obamas cut a wide figure through the French capital even while confined to a presidential motorcade. It was more personal for the few kept not so distant — the restaurant owner who "saw God," the chauffeur reveling in a "magnificent mission."

COMMENT: This is not the first mention that Obama is God. And please note that he is not referred to as a god but God. He has also been frequently referred to as the Messiah and over-all been worshipped. He is also now attempting to be the peacekeeper of the Middle East. With a Muslim background through education and being related to his Muslim father, he definitely fits the marks of the many Christian's version of the Antichrist, yet we hear no such cry. Why is that? Ronald Wilson Reagan was labeled such just because of the six letters in each of the three parts of his name. George W. Bush was labeled such because of his aggressiveness in war. Yet the peaceable Obama is thus far getting a free ticket. That is actually fine by us because the popular application of Daniel 9:27 is not to the Antichrist, but Jesus Christ. And the over eighty references of who the true Anti-

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christ happens to be fails over ninety percent or more to point to Obama. So Obama could never be the Antichrist. But let us look at Daniel 9:27. *"And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make [it] desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate."* We have gone over this before, but it is worth repeating. The English language states that we are to trace a pronoun back to its nearest noun, which would point to the word "prince" in the previous verse. It is thought that the prince is Antichrist. But in reality, Bible pronouns often refer to the main subject and not to the nearest noun. In this case, the main subject of Daniel 9:23-27 is the Messiah. Now everyone uses the word "week" to refer to seven days and uses God's "each day for a year" principle in Numbers 14:34 and Ezekiel 4:6 to mean seven years. This is where many Christians get the seven year tribulation. The whole prophecy from Daniel 9:23 and onward is about a seventy week prophecy. Each day for a year makes it a 490-year prophecy. At the 483rd year, Jesus is anointed as the Messiah. All of us agree on this point. But many Christians take the last seven years and put it in the future for a seven-year tribulation time. We are in contrast with that. We simply identify the very next set

of seven years to appear right after the last set of seven years, which was the 69th week of time. In other words, seventy follows 69 immediately in time. During that time, we believe the prophecy to apply to the fact that for three and a half years Jesus was preaching. Right in the middle He was crucified ending the animal sacrifices for forgiveness of sin. After another three and a half years, Stephen is stoned ending the Jewish probationary time. The Christian Era is now officially begun. Spiritually, Jerusalem was left desolate only to physically be left desolate in 70 A.D.

► **Law.Com, June 2, 2009 - 3rd Circuit:
Parent Can't Read Bible to Son's Public
School Class**

Voting 2-1, the court rejected the claims of the mother of a kindergarten student who said public school officials violated her First Amendment rights when they prohibited her from reading verses from the Bible -- which she said was her son Wesley's favorite book -- during a program called "All About Me" week. When parents participate in an elementary school's curricular activities, Scirica said, school officials have the right to require that the parents refrain from promoting specific messages in class.

COMMENT: Amos 8:11 *"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of*

bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD".

► **CNN, May 29, 2009 - Satellite spots
activity at North Korean missile site,
officials say**

North Korea test-fired a short-range missile Friday off the country's east coast, a South Korean military source said. It would be the sixth such missile test since the country conducted a nuclear test Monday.

COMMENT: Matthew 24:6 *"And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all [these things] must come to pass, but the end is not yet."*

► **World Net Daily, May 22, 2009 -
Home: No place for Bible study**

A San Diego pastor and his wife claim they were interrogated by a county official and warned they will face escalating fines if they continue to hold Bible studies in their home.

COMMENT: Satan is just challenging us if we try to be like Nymphas. Colossians 4:15 *"Salute the brethren which are in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and the church which is in his house."*