

Are You Doing God's Will Part 10 He is Handling you to Do His Will

“1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. 2 (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) 3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) 5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. 6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. 7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.” (Luke 2:1-7 KJV)

Joseph and Mary were forced to travel from Galilee to Bethlehem in order for them to be registered there because Joseph belonged to the house and the line of David. Mary was pregnant and she was forced to travel a long distance. You may ask, ‘Why they needed to go there and suffer? Why Joseph complied with the rule of the government? Why God make it on the couple more difficult?’ **Sometimes you are asking yourself why God allowing such difficulties in my life and He allows rules that would force me to do certain things that is tiring and I am not happy to do them? As we go through this message you will understand further why God is doing all such in your life.**

Joseph was a righteous man, and he abided with the rule of the government because he wanted to obey God, beside that God allowed this rule from the government to pass on because He needed Christ to be born there. *** Therefore do not question God why events uneasy might be passing through your life. God has a plan for your life and you need to go through God's plan. * You might be in certain aspects of your life you are far away from the plan of God and through the trial that God is allowing in your life God is pushing you into the direction that you will be doing and accomplishing His will.**

“1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, 2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. 3 When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. 5 And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, 6 And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. 7 Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. 9 When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. 11 And when they were come into

the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh.” (Matthew 2:1-11 KJV) Here in this passage of Matthew speaks about the wise men who came from the east to Jerusalem seeking to meet the Lord, the king of the Jews in order to worship Him. But then when they reached there in Jerusalem were directed according to the opinion of the chief priests and scribes, which was according to the Scripture, that they needed to go to Bethlehem. Now if Joseph and Mary did not comply with God's will and moved to Bethlehem then those wise men will not be able to meet Christ, and what frustration they would be put in. *** You can see here clearly that your stubbornness and your non willingness to comply with God and His Word and instruction will not only put you away from the will of God but as well as will mislead others and frustrate them. * Therefore you must understand and accept that your obedience is expected and required by God so that others will meet Christ.**

“2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.” (Micah 5:2 KJV) Here in the prophecy of Micah we can understand that before the creation of the world God had ordained in His Word that Bethlehem shall be the place of the birth of Jesus. And God will not change the place of Jesus' birth because God will not change what He said in His Word. **Some people are so stubborn up to the point that they would expect that God shall change His Word or overlook His Word in order to please them, but this shall never happen.**

*** Therefore what God had planned for you He will not change, and He will force you and change you to abide in what He planned, and if you persistently refuse what He planned for you, the Lord will still do what He planned. * God may use the government rules to force you, He may use sicknesses, death, various kinds of trials and miseries in order to force you and to put you in the right path and on the highway to do His will.**

In the book of Ruth we can read about a family that had done their own will and that was the family of Elimelech. Let us read and meditate of what they did and how God acted accordingly:

“1 Now it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehemjudah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons. 2 And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Bethlehemjudah. And they came into the country of Moab, and continued there.” (Ruth 1:1-2 KJV) This family did their own and travelled away from where God wanted them to be. Yes there was a famine, but there was no indication for them to leave the place. The other people did not leave and no one of them died. They left the place because they did not want to suffer and in such they moved away from the place that God wanted them to be and the place that God wanted them to stay. *** Many believers are like that they don't want to suffer and they don't want to bear little with God. They want the best of the privileges and at once and they don't want to lack anything. That is why you see them they cannot keep still; they have their own projects and plans and they run with them to do them without waiting to ask God about them and they don't want His approval for them thinking that what they are doing**

is correct. * Opportunistic Christians they are, worldly, immature, thinking that escaping suffering is smartness, but they are totally unaware that such of what they are doing is naughtiness in the sight of God and He shall punish them for it.

The Word Bethlehem means ‘**the house of bread**’ and Jesus who was born in Bethlehem the house of bread said, *“I am that bread of life.” (John 6:48 KJV)* and for us the bread of life, Jesus Christ, is the Word of God and the will of God. Therefore this family of Elimelech when they moved away from Bethlehem they were moving away from the Word of God and away from the will of God. They persisted in their disobedience and they married Moabites, non believer’s women. They insisted to do their own plan and will. But did the Lord change His plan for them? No; not at all. God did not change His plan for this family. They were to be in Bethlehem, but when they did not repent, the Lord caused them to die, and brought their widows back, *“3 And Elimelech Naomi’s husband died; and she was left, and her two sons. 4 And they took them wives of the women of Moab; the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelled there about ten years. 5 And Mahlon and Chilion died also both of them; and the woman was left of her two sons and her husband. 6 Then she arose with her daughters in law, that she might return from the country of Moab: for she had heard in the country of Moab how that the LORD had visited his people in giving them bread. 7 Wherefore she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters in law with her; and they went on the way to return unto the land of Judah.” (Ruth 1:3-7 KJV)* Finally Ruth went back with Naomi to Bethlehem, the house of bread, *“22 So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter in law, with her, which returned out of the country of Moab: and they came to Bethlehem in the beginning of barley harvest.” (Ruth 1:22 KJV)* And through the kinsman redeemer ordinance, God caused Boaz the kinsman for Elimelech to marry Ruth, and Boaz said, *“10 Moreover Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, have I purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his place: ye are witnesses this day.” (Ruth 4:10 KJV)* * You see here clearly how God can handle you and how He can deal even harshly with your rebelliousness if that is needed. * God had His plan and man’s disobedience will not stop God. That family should not move from Bethlehem and even when they moved away from God and His Word and His will, still God did what He ordained to happen. God brought them back in His own way so that the line that will lead to the Messiah will continue, *“13 So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife: and when he went in unto her, the LORD gave her conception, and she bare a son. 14 And the women said unto Naomi, Blessed be the LORD, which hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel. 15 And he shall be unto thee a restorer of thy life, and a nourisher of thine old age: for thy daughter in law, which loveth thee, which is better to thee than seven sons, hath born him. 16 And Naomi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse unto it. 17 And the women her neighbours gave it a name, saying, There is a son born to Naomi; and they called his name Obed: he is the father of Jesse, the father of David. 18 Now these are the generations of Pharez: Pharez begat Hezron, 19 And Hezron begat Ram, and Ram begat Amminadab, 20 And Amminadab begat Nahshon, and Nahshon begat Salmon, 21 And Salmon begat Boaz, and Boaz begat Obed, 22 And Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begat David.” (Ruth 4:13-22 KJV)*

* What you can learn from this event that God can and is able to handle your disobedience and stubbornness, therefore return back to God, to His Word and will, repent and do not put yourself in troubles. * The Lord had good plan for you, therefore abide with God’s will. God has His plan and no one can reverse what He ordained.

Going to Bethlehem, is going to the Word of God and the will of God. When Saul failed God and did not obey the command of the Lord to fully destroy the Amalekites the Lord rejected him. Samuel continued to grieve for Saul, therefore the Lord acted in the following way: *“1 And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons. 2 And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear it, he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD. 3 And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee. 4 And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably?” (1 Samuel 16:1-4 KJV)* Samuel indeed obeyed the Lord and went and moved to Bethlehem, aware and convinced that the Messiah shall arise from there. Therefore he went there and David indeed anointed as King over Israel. Saul was the tallest man in Israel and when disobeyed God that was big loss and trauma and discouragement for Samuel. But when Samuel obeyed the Lord and went to Bethlehem David the young boy with the anointing of the Holy Spirit rose up as a mighty king and leader over God’s people. * When you go to Bethlehem, back to the Word of God and the will of God, your grief will be treated and you will be able to meet and receive the great anointing of the Holy Spirit who will enable you to defeat your enemies as David defeated Goliath. * Living in the will of God and following the path and the way that God wants you to follow it means you are under the great anointing of God’s the Holy Spirit and having His approval..

“11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. 12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. 13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. 14 And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.” (Jeremiah 29:11-14 KJV) Verse 13 says, *“And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.”* Going to Bethlehem is a possible journey when people humble down and willing to accept and comply with God’s Word, then they can meet Christ. The chief priests and the teachers of the law they knew were Christ ought to be born but they were not willing to go along the wise men because they had pride and were not willing to leave Jerusalem and the palace of Herod. Finally the wise men were able to meet Christ, worship Him and serve Him, *“11 And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh.” (Matthew 2:11 KJV)* * Don’t let your pride, worldliness, worldly places, fame and names hinder you from humbling yourself into the hand of God and starting to do His will and His plan in your life. * Don’t let God force you and squeeze you with troubles to let you do His will. *

Humble down, and as you know God's will and what He wants you to do then do it and spare yourself crises and troubles.

Going to Bethlehem, to the Word of God and meeting Christ has value and impact into your life and in the life of the people who are with you, under your care and around you. The Shepherds who went to Bethlehem received the impact of Jesus' birth on their lives: *"8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. 10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. 12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. 15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. 16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. 17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child."* (Luke 2:8-17 KJV) When they went to Bethlehem they got revived and received the message and went forward to spread the message concerning Jesus.

My Dear and Beloved: * The same for you. Be like those shepherds. Humble down and comply properly and respond appropriately to the message that you received. Don't be arrogant and high minded with your pride as those priests and the scribes who did not want to leave behind their worldly treasures to win Christ. * And don't be like the family of Elimelech who suffered much loss because they don't want to suffer. * But be as what Paul said and applied the following in his life, *"7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. 8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,"* (Philippians 3:7-8 KJV) Therefore as you humble down, then go and seek to meet the Lord, and accept His Word and will, so your life will be changed, and you will be living in God's will, and you will receive the stamina and will be a blessing to others by giving them Jesus and His message.

Let us pray

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord I thank you for the teaching that I had received from your Word, that I need to humble before you and before your will. Lord thank you for all the material and the spiritual blessings that you had given to me in order to use them to serve you and do your will. Lord thank you for all the trials and hard times that you allowed me to go through in order to humble me. Lord thank you for all the rebukes, the corrections and the admonishments that we received in this message.

Confess and renounce all your sins. Confess and renounce doing your own will and plan and not the will nor the plan of God. Confess your stubbornness, your disobedience, and your delay disobedience. Repent and renounce your non willingness to suffer and bear with God when He put you under trials. Repent of taking advantage of the grace, the mercies and the patience of God. Repent of your worldliness and your love for fame, names and power. Repent of your pride, lack of humility and arrogance. Repent of not being the right example to the people who are with you, around you and under your care. Repent of your lack of reading God's Word and your lack of prayers. Repent of your yoke with non believers, friends and wasting your time on games, News and Media. Lord forgive me, I repent from the following sins _____.

Lord I humble down before you and ask you forgiveness for all my sins _____ and the things I did _____ against your will. Lord I am coming back to you to the house of bread, to the Lord Jesus Christ and seeking you and your face. Lord receive me back and restore me back to your plan and blessings. Lord equip me with your Word, revive me and strengthen me for I am willing to go forward and do your work and live according to your will. Lord I cast my burden unto you. Lord I give to you this problem of mine _____, Lord I trust you that you can solve it and that you will lift me up in due time. Lord give me more of the fruit of the Holy Spirit to have the character and the attitude of Jesus in my life. Lord use my life to be good example to others to know you and to follow you through my life. Lord fill me with the Holy Spirit to go and preach your Word and to evangelize and to reach new people and to disciple them, this is my prayer in Jesus name. Amen.

Lord I pray for my Brothers and Sisters who committed themselves to the principle of this message of yours and humble themselves before you to obey and apply your Word in their lives, Lord bless them, give them more grace, Lord comfort them and lift them up in due time. Lord care for them and solve their problems. Lord give them discernment to see the work of the devil and to resist it. Lord sustains them and provides all their needs so they will continue to serve you. Lord above all give them wisdom and knowledge to manage the affairs of their lives according to your will. Lord increases their faith and their trust in you and help them to go on and overcome the obstacles that are ahead of them. Lord fight on their behalf and don't allow the enemy to hinder them from progressing forward.

Lord I pray that you will go before us as a church and lead us to streets, buildings, cities, villages to reach new people and to bring Jesus into their lives. Lord help us to declare your will to the people that we encounter, and lead us to implement in their lives. Lord help us that our life and example will be attractive to others to know you and to follow you. Lord refill us once again with the Holy Spirit so that we can go and evangelize and make new disciples and complete the work that you ordained for us to do. Lord help us to plant new Bible studies and new congregations for the church. Lord we pray for more people to be water baptized and receive the Holy Spirit baptism. Lord prepare us for your coming to be ready to go with you when you come. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.' Lord bless us and enlarge our territory let your hands be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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