

December 23, 2018

Condition, Petition, Submission

Matthew 26:39-44

Dressed for War

Ephesians 6:10-18

Prayer: Prepared in Prayer

Condition

- “If it be possible.... If you are willing...” (Matt. 26:39; Luke 22:42; Mark 14:36).
- Jesus entered the Garden already aware of the Father’s eternal purpose.

John 10:15 I know the Father and I lay down My life for the sheep...

Luke 9:53 He set His face toward Jerusalem...

- Jesus’ request was a faith-filled petition that desired the Father’s will no matter the cost. He was determined to deny the normal desires of his humanity in preference to the Father’s will.

Petition

- “Let this cup pass from me...” (Matt. 26:39; Luke 22:42).

- What is “this cup”?

Is. 51:17 ...the cup of [God's] wrath...

John 1:19 ...the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world...

- To drink this cup meant that Jesus would take to Himself the horror of our sin and suffer the terror of the curse of death, the severance of the blessed communion and fellowship of His Father.

Submission

- “Nevertheless...”

Luke 22:44 And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground...

Heb 5:7...He offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission...

Isaiah 53:4-11 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows...[He was] stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and

with his stripes we are healed. 6 ...the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted.. 8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away...he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people... 10 Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief..11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities

- When faced with obeying the will of God, Adam said “No.” But when Jesus is faced with the same necessary of obeying the Father’s will, He says, “Yes.”
- Jesus came to God stating His own Human will, but He also came being ready to surrender His will to the Father’s will.
- Just here is the turning point of history.
- It is the Son’s obedience to death on the cross that brings about His exaltation (Phil.2:8-11).
- Upon Jesus’ obedience to endure the cross, God’s creative purpose for His people is fulfilled.

Rom 5:18-19 ...[Jesus’] one act of Righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. 19 For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous...