遵行神的旨意(叁)

Doing the Will of God (III)

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- (一)"负我(主)的轭。"马太十一章二十九节。
- 1. "Take My yoke" (Matt. 11:29).

当牛耕地的时候,有一个木具放在它的脖颈上,使它在主人手下就范负担,那个木具就是轭。一个奉献给神的人遵行神的旨意,就是在主的手下负主的轭,照着神的规律,背负神的付托,既需要就范,又需要负担。这虽然需要就范负担,但主应许说,乃是容易的,也是轻省的。

When an ox plows the earth, a wooden harness is placed on its neck to make it submit to its master's hand and to bear a burden. This wooden harness is called a yoke. A person consecrated to God who does the will of God under the Lord's hand is bearing the Lord's yoke. According to the Lord's regulation, the Lord's commission requires submission and the bearing of burden. Although it requires submission and the bearing of burden, the Lord promises that His yoke is easy and light.

三 遵守主的话

C. Keeping the Lord's Commandments

- (一) "有了我的命令又遵守的,这人就是爱我的。"约翰十四章二十一节,二十三节。
- 1. "He who has My commandments and keeps them, he is the one who loves Me" (John 14:21, see also v. 23).

主的话一圣经一是神旨意的启示,是神旨意的具体表现,和神的旨意是分不开的,所以我们遵守主的话,就是遵行神的旨意。没有一个遵行神旨意的人,不是遵守主的话的;也没有一个遵守主话的人,不是遵行神旨意的。这两件事是二而一的。

The Lord's commandments—the Bible—are the revelation of God's will. It is the embodiment of the will of God and cannot be separated from the will of God. If we keep the Lord's commandments, we will practice the will of God. Those who practice the will of God keep the Lord's commandments, and those who keep the Lord's commandments practice the will of God. These two things are one.

贰 如何就能明白神的旨意

II. How to Understand the Will of God

一 "要"

A. Having the Desire to Understand

- (一) "不要作糊涂人要明白主的旨意如何。"以弗所五章十七节。
- 1. "Do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is" (Eph. 5:17).

你想明白神的旨意,第一就必须"要"!神的旨意是只给有心要明白的人明白;无心要明白的人,永远不能明白神的旨意。所以要先从心里开始"要"。

In order to understand the will of God, we must have a desire to understand. The will of God can be understood only by those who have a heart to understand. Those who do not have such a heart will never understand. Understanding begins with a desire in our heart.

"要明白主的旨意,"乃是神的一个命令。你不要明白主的旨意,就是一个违背神命令的人。"不要 作糊涂人,"也是神的命令,我们应该听从。一个得救的人,应该是一个清楚的人。但是今天很少是 清楚的,多是糊涂的。这是因为什么?就是因为不"要"。神等候、渴望我们明白祂的旨意,只要我们"要"明白,祂就必给我们明白。

One of God's commandments is to "understand what the will of the Lord is." If we do not want to understand the will of the Lord, we are disobeying the commandment of God. "Do not be foolish" is also a commandment. A saved person should be clear, but today few are clear and most are foolish. This is because most do not want to understand. God is waiting, longing for us to understand His will. If we have the desire to understand, He will enable us to understand.

二奉献

B. Being Consecrated

(一)"将身体献上,当作活祭。"罗马十二章一节。

1. "Present your bodies a living sacrifice" (Rom. 12:1).

全圣经讲到如何能明白神的旨意,最清楚的一处,就是罗马十二章这里。这里第一说到的,就是奉献。 奉献是明白神旨意的基本条件,也是要领会神旨意的必过关口。没有奉献的人,绝不能明白神的旨意! 没有过奉献这个关口的人,怎能领会神在这个关口里的旨意?你要明自神的旨意,就必须奉献。奉献 得越认真,明白得越容易;奉献得越彻底,明白得越透彻。

The Bible speaks most clearly about how to understand the will of God in Romans 12. The first matter in verse 1 is consecration, which is a basic requirement for understanding the will of God. Consecration is a gate that we must pass through before we can understand God's will. An unconsecrated person can never understand the will of God. How can a person who has never passed though the gate understand the will of God on the other side of the gate? If we want to understand the will of God, we must consecrate. The level of earnestness and the thoroughness of our consecration has a great impact on the depth and ease of our understanding.

三 不效法世代

C. Not Being Fashioned according to the Age

(一) "不要效法这个世代。"罗马十二章二节原文。

1. "Do not be fashioned according to this age" (Rom. 12:2).

这里说,要明白神的旨意,也必须不效法这个世代。"世代",中文圣经翻作"世界"。"世界"原文是"科斯莫斯"。但这里原文是"爱翁",意思是"世代",等于今天的人所说的"摩登",所以也可译作"时髦"。"世界"是撒但一个有系统、有制度的完整组织,将世人都统制在其中,叫人不能爱神,反而与神为敌。(参看约壹二 15,雅四 4。)"世代"是"世界"的一部分,是"世界"的一环,是显在你跟前的"世界"。"世界"是大的,是广的,其中有一部分给你遇着,有一环显在你跟前,这一部分、这一环的"世界",就是"世代",就是"摩登",就是"时髦",是在人身上敌挡神的旨意,叫人不能明白、不能接受、不能遵守神的旨意的。所以我们要明白神的旨意,就必须不效法这个世代,就是显在我们跟前的世界。

If we want to understand the will of God, we must not be fashioned according to this age. Age is translated as "world" in the Chinese Bible. The Greek word for world is kosmos, but the Greek word in verse 2 is aion, which is translated "age." This age is equivalent to people's understanding of the word modern; hence, it can also be translated as "fashionable." The world is Satan's entire organization, including its systems and institutions, which systematize the lives of everyone so that they cannot love God but instead will become enemies of God (1 John 2:15; James 4:4). An age is a part of the world; it is one section of the world that appears before us. The world is big and wide, but we are always in touch with a part of it. A section of the world appears before us, and this part or section of the world is the age, which is composed of modern and fashionable things, which oppose the will of God and cause people to be unable to understand, receive, or keep God's will. Thus, if we want to understand the will of God, we must not be fashioned according to this age, which is the part of the world that is manifested before us.

"效法"原文的意思,是"同形于"、"同化于"。所以不要效法这个世代,就是不要同形于这个世代,不要同化于这个世代,也就是不要跟从这世代的时髦,模成这世代的样子。这是我们要明白神的旨意,也必须履行的条件。

Be fashioned in Greek means "to be conformed," or "to be assimilated." Therefore, not being fashioned according to this age means not being conformed to this age, not being assimilated by this age. This is the same as not following the fashion of this age. If we want to understand the will of God, we must fulfill this requirement.

四 心思更新

D. Being Renewed in Our Mind

(一) "只要心思更新而变化。"罗马十二章二节原文。

1. "Be transformed by the renewing of the mind" (Rom. 12:2).

心思要更新,也是这里所说要明白神旨意的条件。心思是我们的思想机关。我们的心思原是堕落的,受了罪恶、世界、人情、风俗,极深的浸染,充满属世的思想、属人的观感,不能领会神的意思,不能明白神的旨意,所以必须更新,就是必须脱去一切旧有的思想、观念、眼光、看法,而重新受神的教导。这是圣灵藉着圣经所要作的,但需要我们要圣灵这样来更新我们的心思。如果我们肯要,圣灵就要带领我们读神的话—圣经,用其中的教训抹煞我们所有旧有的思想,除掉我们一切原有的观念,叫我们的心思得着更新,使我们能明白神的旨意。

The renewing of the mind is another requirement for understanding God's will. The mind is our thinking faculty. Our mind is fallen and deeply contaminated by sin, the world, human emotions, and customs. It is filled with worldly thoughts and human concepts, and it cannot understand God or the will of God. Therefore, it must be renewed. All of its old thoughts, concepts, perceptions, and views must be eliminated, and it must be taught anew by God. This is what the Holy Spirit wants to do through the Bible, but we must desire to have the Holy Spirit renew our mind in this way. If we are willing, the Holy Spirit will lead us to read God's Word—the Bible—and use its teachings to kill our old thoughts and wipe out our fallen concepts by renewing our mind so that we can understand the will of God.

神虽然是藉着祂的灵,把祂的旨意启示到我们的灵里,叫我们的灵直接感觉得到,但是我们还需要用心思来领会我们灵里所感觉的。灵是在我们的最里面,心思是在灵的外面,包围着灵。如果我们的心思没有更新,就不能领会而透出圣灵在我们灵里所给我们的感觉。这就像涂了很深颜色的灯罩不能射出它里面灯泡所得着的电光一样。它就是能射出一点,它所射出的,也不是本色的电光;电光深深受了它的遮蔽和影响,以致失去了原有的颜色。我们没有更新的心思,对于我们灵里的感觉也是这样,不是不能领会,就是领会得走了样子。这也像我们的眼睛带着有色眼镜,就不能看出东西的本色。所以我们的心思若不更新,若不脱去旧有的思想、观念,就不能领会神的旨意,即使领会,也不会准确,也不会透出神旨意的本来面目。

Although God reveals His will in our spirit through His Spirit by giving us a sense in our spirit, we must use our mind to understand the sense in our spirit. The spirit is our innermost part. Our mind surrounds our spirit. If our mind is not renewed, it cannot understand or perceive the sense of the Holy Spirit in our spirit. An unrenewed mind can be compared to a lampshade that is painted a dark color that prevents the light of the bulb from shining out. Even when a little light shines out, the light is not according to its original color. The light is so deeply covered and influenced by the dark shade that it loses its original color. The sense in our spirit is similarly influenced if our mind is not renewed. Although we have the capacity to understand, we will understand incorrectly. This is similar to wearing colored eyeglasses, which change the true color of an object. If our mind is not renewed and if we cannot shake off our old thoughts and concepts, we will not be able to understand the will of God. Even if we have some understanding, our understanding will not be correct. Thus, we will be unable to perceive the original appearance of the will of God.

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