

# The Bishop's Corner

## *The Will of God*

Praise the Lord Saints,

“When He had come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him. And behold, a leper came and worshipped Him, saying, ‘Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.’ Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, ‘I am willing; be cleansed.’” (Matthew 8:1-3 NKJV)

Whatever we are going through that no one else can fix, we can be assured that God is able and has all power to fix anything. One of the easiest problems for God to fix in our lives is the lack of money because the earth is the Lord's (Psalm 24:1), and the cattle on a thousand hills belong to God (Psalm 50:10). Very few people who trust in God say, “I don't know if God can fix it.” They instead say, “God will you fix it?”

Healing is the will of God. Jesus healed the people in the bible and told them to go and sin no more. We should ask God to save us first then fix us. If Jesus comes back now, and we've already asked Him to save us, we will be fine and will go to heaven with Him.

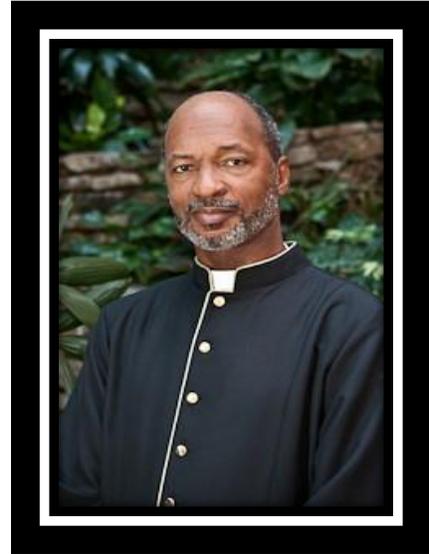
Even when we know what to do, we are not always willing to do it. We all need to pray, but sometimes we don't. God doesn't make us do anything against our will. He tells us, “If you will, you should pray.” The same unwillingness we show toward God's will is what we project unto God when we say that God is not willing to answer our prayers. But if we come to Jesus like the leper, Jesus will say, “I am willing” to do whatever we need Him to do for us.

We need to stop being led by our own wisdom and ask God before we do anything. “Instead, you ought to say, ‘If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.’” (James 4:15 NKJV) The will of God is perfect and He has a problem with us if we choose or do something that affects our relationship with Him. The Holy Spirit gives us the strength to do God's will, and the bible teaches us how to overcome whatever keeps us from being in God's will. Apostle Paul tells us in James to, “Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.” (James 4:7 NKJV)

Healing and salvation are the will of God, and God wants us to change for the better. God doesn't want anyone to perish but He wants people to change and be saved. “The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.” (2 Peter 3:9 NKJV)

God bless you,

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