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The I Wills of Jesus -

INTRO: There are far too many times when we say the words – “I will” and then we never put those words into action. We might say such things as “I will see to it.” or “I will do it for you.” But it turns out that these are just empty words coming from our mouth.

However, when we hear the “I will” spoken by Jesus, we can rest assured that whatever He says the “I will” about will surely come to pass. He keeps every promise He makes and stands firm upon everything committed to us by Him.

You will not find a single Scripture verse where He says “I will” that either has not nor will not be fulfilled. Therefore, it is of great comfort to us to know that every “I will” of the future will indeed be fulfilled.

With the “invisible enemy” of covid-19 lurking all around us, we certainly need to hear some “I wills” of encouragement. Here are just a few that I trust will be of help to you.

“Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28)

Notice the Condition – “Come unto me...” Here the Lord promises to give rest to all those who come to Him. This is a volitional act of the will. It requires some specific actions on our part. First, it requires DETERMINATION. When we are facing a problem, instead of wearing ourselves out trying to fix it, we should be determined to come to the great problem solver Jesus. Right now we are facing a serious problem far too big and we need to heed His invitation to come.

Second, it requires DESIRE. The Bible tells us that the Lord will give us the desires of our heart. “Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the

desires of thine heart.” (Psalm 37:4) Our first and foremost desire is that life gets back to normal once again. Let us delight in Him and let Him fulfill that desire.

Third, it requires DENIAL, self-denial, that is. Our flesh is weak, and in it dwelleth no good thing, says the Apostle Paul. So, let us come to Jesus to find this rest He is speaking about. The problems we are now facing, will long disappear one day. As the song writer said; “Farther along we’ll know all about it. Farther along we’ll understand why.”

What is it, that one who labors needs more than rest? What do businessmen toil for if it isn’t a restful retirement? Why do so many people spend 90% of their lives laboring at some job to try to become wealthy if it isn’t eventually to find rest?

The CIRCUMSTANCES – “that labor and are heavy laden”

What is it that you are laboring for? (Prov. 10:16) – “The labor of the righteous tendeth to life: the fruit of the wicked to sin.”

To be heavy laden is to be carrying a heavy load of sin. Jesus came to take that load of sin away!

The person who is far away from God can never know what this rest is like unless they repent and trust the Lord. You can see the emptiness in their countenance. You can hear it in the tone of their voice, and you can observe it in their actions and deeds. This could be a time for you to reach out to those who have spiritual and physical needs.

A man cannot find rest in wealth or pleasures. The Bible Says that in the end times: men will be “...lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God.” (Prov. 21:17a) says; “He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man...” Just ask a pleasure seeker if they have found this rest that Jesus is talking about!

Jesus said: “Come unto me...and I will give you rest.” Rest from all the laborious activities of life. Rest from the aches and pains that our sins have caused. Eternal rest! “My faith has found a resting place, not in device nor creed. I trust the ever living one, His wounds for me shall plead. I need no other

argument I need no other plea. It is enough that Jesus died, and that He died for me.” (composer – Lidie H. Edmunds)

The conclusion to the verse – “...I will give...” He means exactly what He says! If you are a lost and laboring sinner, come to Jesus and receive that rest for your weary soul. If you are a struggling saint, come to Jesus and receive that peaceful rest He offers to his dear children!

“...I WILL IN NO WISE CAST OUT.” – (John 6:37) A Broad Statement!

This statement takes in every individual. It takes in the one sitting on a bar stool. It takes in the one behind prison bars. It takes in the one who sticks a needle in his veins to get a high and escape reality. It takes in the rebellious, the notorious, the riotous, the most vicious individual. It takes in the religious man, the moral individual and the lost church member.

The Lord is ever ready and anxious to save all those who come to Him. He seeks out the lost. This is the whole purpose of His coming.

“...I WILL, BE THOU CLEAN” – (Luke 5:12-15)

Here is a man full of leprosy coming to Jesus and pleading for healing. Leprosy is a type of sin. Sin eats away little by little both the body and soul of man. Jesus has the only cure for sin.

Does this sound familiar with the situation we are facing today? How many will be healed and how many will be thankful. He came to Jesus, that is what people need to do now, they need to trust in Him because he is able to heal all manor of disease. Then they should worship Him and praise Him for all He has done for them.

So have you responded to the first “I Will” given? Rest for your soul. We need to trust Christ in these uncertain times. Do you realize that if you come to Him to be saved He will not turn you away? If you come as His needy child He will meet that need. Come now, repent (be sorry and turn from your sins) and believe that Christ died for your sins and ask Him to be your Saviour. He said, “...I will never leave thee nor forsake thee,” (Hebrews 13:12) God bless, you if you need more help, please contact our church, 717 532-2930.

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER: Let us not forget that while we are under these dire circumstances we must not neglect to support our church. Since we have had to discontinue our services for the present time we haven't been present to give our tithes and offerings. You can mail your tithes and gifts to our receiving Box 363, Shippensburg, PA 17257. Even Vice President Pence encouraged folks to continue to give to their respective churches. The Church has operational needs which cannot be set aside. Thank you for your support and may God bless you and keep you during this trying time. We will get through it beloved! We love you and are praying for you. We look forward to when we can meet together once again.