The issue of the universe June 14, 2020

Today I want to talk about the greatest issue of the universe. Before creation, this was greatest issue in heaven, w/angels, Lucifer. It has been the paramount issue on earth, since the beginning of man. This is the issue of all times.

And It all comes down to this:

Am I going to do my will, or God's will?

Am I going to ignore God's way, and go My own way?

Am I going to serve myself and my own interests, or serve God?

Remember, We were created with the power of choice.

So I want to ask all of us a ridiculous question: – to make a point. Who is smarter, — God or ourselves? Of course ...

God is all wisdom. He knows what is best for us.

He knows the future, and what will make us happy.

God knows what our gifts and abilities are, and our limitations.

And God has a perfect plan for all of our lives.

So, are we going to seek God and do his will, or our own will?

Most people (and many Christians), follow their heart, ruin themselves. Can you imagine, ignoring the God of all wisdom, Instead of seeking him ... and following our own heart, and emotions.

So, the greatest issue of the universe, is <u>obedience</u>. Am I going to do my will, or God's will? This is the question.

Since Adam and Eve, we all have a fallen, self-willed nature. We are all born with a self willed, fallen nature that we cannot conquer. When Christ came from heaven, he took upon him a human body. God became a man. God was manifest in the flesh. 1 Timothy 3:16 He came not only to pay our debt but defeat sin in the flesh, as a man.

So, What did he say when he came into the world?

I am come to do thy will, O God. Hebrews 10:7, Jn.6:38

I came down from heaven not to do my will, but his who sent me.

What did he say on the last day of his life - remember in the garden?

He had a bitter cup to drink, he became sin for us.

He said father, not my will, but thy will be done.

In Matthew 12:50 - Jesus said, who are my true brothers and sisters? "For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother."

Then he stated Matthew 7:21 - "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

Here is a true child of God! One doing God's will, not his own will.

When God sent Moses to Egypt, to speak to Pharaoh, Exodus 4:23 - He said, "set my people free that they may serve me".

Why does God set us free from bondages and sin?

That we may be able to serve him. What a privilege!

But, when Israel was set free, they went their on way.

They did not use their freedom to serve God.

When God sets us free from a problem, what will we use our freedom for? - To serve God, or self.

Remember the 10 lepers who were healed in Luke 17:11-19 Only one of the 10 used his healthy body to serve God.

Let's make God <u>number one</u> in our lives. Anything we love more than God, Anything that replaces God, is an idol — and has no life. Let's give <u>our deepest affections</u> to God.

Is there anything in our life that we love more than God?

Let's ask God to help us make the right choices and decisions.

If we do God's will, not our own will, we will have a very happy ending.

God tests us, to see if he is <u>number one</u> in our life.

Let's Consider Abraham. One day, God said, offer Isaac back to me. In Isaac, were all the promises. (His most prized possession). Isaac represented the call, the ministry, all the promises. "In your seed all the earth will be blessed."

God tested Abraham. God said, give it all back to me Abraham. Isaac represents all the promises. God wanted to know something. Was the call, the promises, the ministry, more important to Abraham, than his relationship with God.

God wants to know if he is number one in our life.

Is the call, ministry, the promises more important than our relationship This is the reason Lucifer failed. (here's beginning of sin in universe) He loved his position and ministry more than God.

He was a tremendous musician, tremendous charisma and abilities.

As time went on he became proud, loved his ministry more than God. We read this in Ezekiel 28:13-17, and other places.

Isaiah 14:12-14 mentions five times that ...

Lucifer exalted his will above God's will.

Once again, the issue of the universe, - is it my will or God's will. Will I ignore Gods will and plan for my life, and do things my way?

How do we gain authority over Satan?

By passing the tests that he failed!

One day Job was tested. The book of Job is very important.

Satan said, Job is only serving You for all the blessings.

Take away all his blessings and he will curse you your face. Job 1:11

God allowed satan to remove all of Job's blessings in one day.

1:20-22 - what did Job do? He fell down and worshiped.

He did not sin with his lips, or charge God foolishly.

We are told in Revelation 12:11, that we overcome the accuser, By the word of our testimony. It's so important what we say, When we are in pain.

"My son, be wise, and make my heart glad, that I may answer him that reproacheth me." Proverbs 27:11

With Job's right response to all of his loss, he gave God an answer to give to the adversary. "Here is a man who honors and worships me, even after losing everything." In all this Job did not sin with his lips or charge God foolishly

Why did Lucifer fall? He became the source of sin in the universe. Self-will, Pride, unthankfulness, only wanting more position and power, after all that God had done for Lucifer. ... In love with ministry He was only serving God for the blessings.

What is an idol? Anything that replaces God, more important than God When I was a teenager, the Holy Spirit spoke to me.
You love your worldly music more than me.
I had to turn off my radio.

Is God number one. Is there anything we love more than God?

We are called to replace Lucifer and all the fallen Angels 1 Cor. 6:3
Rev. 12:4 - reveals one third of The angels in heaven follow Lucifer
There are many empty seats in heaven, fallen angels-forfeited thrones
God is preparing a people to fill these vacancies
We are called to be made unto God kings and priests, and reign.

Satan was self-willed, running his own life, (1/3 followed)
In love with his position, more than his relationship with God
We are called to succeed, where are Satan and his followers failed.

We must be the very opposite, not doing our own will, but God's will. This was the whole emphasis of Christ.

I have come to do thy will oh God.

Not my will but thy will be done.

Not everyone who calls me Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, But only he who does the will of my father in heaven.

The issue of the universe - doing my will, or God will.

Doing our will, we will rule ourselves.

Doing God's will, we will have eternal joy and blessing.

I want to close Isaiah 64:4:

"For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him." Isaiah 64:4, KJV.

Many Christians fail, when there are long delays.

Israel in the wilderness, failed during times of Delay.

We are warned over and over in Hebrews chapter 3 - 4,

Do not harden your heart as Israel did in the wilderness.

Oh, the unbelievable blessings, for those who wait for him.