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In the Name of Jesus – To God Alone the Glory

10.11.2009 Pentecost 19 – St. Stephen Lutheran (West Bay) Mountain View, CA

Intro/Children's Sermon: 1 Peter 5:6-7 Take it to Jesus...

Greeting: Grace, mercy, and peace be to you from our Lord Jesus. Amen.

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Prayer: Lord God, our times are in Your hands. Teach us to live that way. Amen.

Background: V1-10 speaks to those who...

James writes to Jews () - How does it happen today?

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-(Isaiah 30:1)

THEME: "LORD WILLING..."

1. Great to Say!

V14a - (1 Tim 6:17) Everything in this world is...

V13 Making plans...

(Matt 16:26) Worldly attitude...

"Every man is in control of his own destiny."

-This side of heaven, important because...

(Luke 12:16-26) Christian attitude...

We are dependant on God for what? **1st Article** (Luther's Small Catechism)

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-(Ps 39:4-6)

V14b "life" vapor/mist (Job 14:1,2; Ps 90:5-7)

-All our times...

Great examples: "Lord willing..."

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"O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done."

Lord's Prayer – Your will be done! -Why did Jesus teach us how to pray this?

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"One day it will happen. Maybe all of us will be alive at the end of the world, maybe some of us, maybe none of us. It doesn't matter. We'll all be alive on the last day. And we'll hear Jesus say: 'Come, Come you Bless...ed of my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'"

Bert Naumann (Pastor Emeritus) – when finding out about his cancer...

"If this is the Lord's will for me... so be it!"

"Lord willing..." -great to say...

2. Great to Enjoy!

V15 Making plans... (Sing: 457) Take it to the Lord in prayer! "Lord willing..." (Matthew 6:25-34)...heard part of earlier. Do not worry! ...even about your life.

"Lord willing..." Should not be...

-Common with Greeks and heathen...

"If the gods intending," or "the gods willing"

Why ought our attitude to be "Lord willing?"

1. Our times...

2. Our lives...

3. Our hope...

(1 Tim 2:3-5) What is God's will? ...

-God's will completed in...

Conclusion: When making all kinds of plans in our lives, remember God's will always will succeed, and **enjoy**... in God's will to bring you His dear child in Christ to your eternal home in heaven. (1 Thess. 4:13-14)

"Lord willing...?" Yes. It is indeed! Amen.

This peace of God that passes all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Amen.

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James writes to Jews (many merchants) - How does it happen today?

- planning a business
- planning a move
- planning a family
- no regard for God (**Isaiah 30:1**)

THEME: "LORD WILLING..."

3. Great to Say!

V14a - (1 Tim 6:17) Everything in this world is... uncertain and unstable

V13 Making plans... whether it is today or tomorrow

(**Matt 16:26**) Worldly attitude... arrogantly thinks independent of all!

"Every man is in control of his own destiny."

-This side of heaven, important...even if it were true?

(**Luke 12:16-26**) Christian attitude... humbly dependant on God alone!

We are dependant on God for what? **1st Article** (Luther's Small Catechism)

- clothing and shoes
- meat and drink
- house and home
- spouse and children
- all other things
- (**Ps 39:4-6**) and my life!

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"**Lord willing...**" Should not be... an empty phrase (James was pointing out)

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Why ought our attitude to be "Lord willing?"

1. Our times are in His hands
2. Our lives want to reflect His will (not lazy or disregarding)
3. Our hope rests in Him alone (Dependant on Him!)

(**1 Tim 2:3-5**) What is God's will? ...For all men to be saved!

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