

IN THE PREVIOUS VERSES WE LOOKED AT PRAYER ACCORDING TO GOD'S WILL THE PRAYER THAT GOD HEARS AND THE SIN THAT LEADS TO DEATH AND THE PRAYER THAT GOD DOES NOT HEAR

WE WILL BE LOOKING AT VERSES 18-19 CONCERNING SINLESSNESS AND SINFULNESS IN THE CLOSING VERSES 13-20 OF JOHN'S EPISTLE HE USES THE WORD KNOW OVER AND OVER AGAIN

JOHN WANTS US TO KNOW THE TRUTH CONCERNING OUR SALVATION IN JOHN'S GOSPEL JOHN 8:31-32 JESUS SAID TO THOSE JEWS WHO HAD BELIEVED IN HIM IF YOU CONTINUE IN MY WORD THEN YOU ARE TRULY DISCIPLES OF MINE

CONTINUING IN THE WORD IS CONTINUING IN OBEDIENCE TO HIS WORD AND THEN JESUS ADDS YOU WILL KNOW THE TRUTH AND THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE

THE FREEDOM JESUS IS TALKING ABOUT IS FREEDOM FROM THE BONDAGE OF SIN AND JOHN HAS THE SAME PURPOSE IN MIND THAT JESUS DID THAT WE WOULD KNOW THE TRUTH THE POINT BEING THAT FAITH IS MORE THAN HAVING THE RIGHT INFORMATION ABOUT JESUS IT IS OBEYING HIS WORD JAMES 2:19-20 DEMONS ALSO BELIEVE FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS USELESS OR DEAD

WE KNOW THAT HEBREWS 11:6 SAYS THAT WITHOUT FAITH IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE GOD FOR HE WHO COMES TO GOD MUST BELIEVE THAT HE IS AND THAT HE IS A REWARDER OF THOSE WHO SEEK HIM IN PRAYER AND HIS WORD TO KNOW HIS WILL AND OBEY HIS WILL

GOD'S WILL IS NOT A MYSTERY IT IS REVEALED TO US IN HIS WORD AN EXAMPLE WE KNOW THAT THERE IS ONE GOD AND ONE MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND MEN THE MAN 1TIM 2:5-7

MANY WILL BOAST CALLING JESUS LORD WITH THEIR WORDS BUT NOT OBEYING HIM WITH THEIR LIVES MATT 7:21-23 NOT EVERYONE WHO SAYS TO ME LORD LORD WILL ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN BUT HE WHO DOES THE WILL OF MY FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN WILL ENTER

V18 WE KNOW THAT NO ONE WHO IS BORN OF GOD 1JOHN 3:8-9 NO ONE WHO IS BORN OF GOD PRACTICES SIN BECAUSE HIS SEED ABIDES IN HIM AND HE CANNOT SIN OR CONTINUE TO PRACTICE SIN BECAUSE HE IS BORN OF GOD

WE SAW IN OUR LAST STUDY THAT THOSE WHO ARE HIS AND CONTINUE IN HABITUAL SIN HE DISCIPLINES THEM AND IF THEY CONTINUE IT COST THEM THEIR PHYSICAL LIVES

IT IS GOD'S WILL THAT HIS CHILDREN ARE SANCTIFIED IT IS NOT THAT WE WON'T SIN 1JOHN 1:8-10 BUT WHEN WE DO SIN WE CONFESS OUR SIN THAT WE MIGHT CONTINUE IN OBEDIENCE

THERE IS A DIFFERENCE FROM OCCASIONAL SIN AND CONTINUAL SIN ONE IS DELIBERATE COMMITTED BY THOSE WHO ARE DECEIVED BUT THE POWER OF THE EVIL ONE THEY BELIEVE AND OBEY LIES RATHER THAN THE TRUTH REMEMBER SATAN DISGUISES HIMSELF AS AN ANGEL OF LIGHT 2COR 11:13-15

SIN IS NOT A PATTERN IN THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER BUT SIN IS A PATTERN IN THE LIFE OF THE UNBELIEVER THEY CONTINUE IN IGNORANCE OF THE TRUTH BEING DECEIVED BY THOSE WHO DISGUISE THEMSELVES AS ANGELS OF LIGHT THEY HATE THE TRUE LIGHT THEY LOVE THEIR DARKNESS JOHN 3:19-21

V19 WE KNOW THAT WE ARE OF GOD AND THAT THE WHOLE WORLD LIES IN THE POWER OF THE EVIL ONE APART FROM KNOWING JESUS AS LORD AND SAVIOR JOHN 14:6 JESUS IS THE WAY THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE HE NOT ONLY SAVES US HE SANCTIFIES US JOHN 17:17 SANCTIFY THEM IN THE TRUTH YOUR WORD IS TRUTH

HIS CHILDREN MAY NOT BE SINLESS BUT THEY DO SIN LESS THEY DO NOT CONTINUE IN SIN BUT IN TRUTH AND THOSE WHO ARE NOT HIS CHILDREN SIN IN FULL THEY CONTINUE IN THEIR BONDAGE TO DECEPTION AND SIN