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“Won’t He Do It!”

Spirit of Truth Cathedral

Sunday Worship

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Preliminary Remarks:

Saints and children of the body of Christ, I come to you this afternoon to inspire you with a message to build your faith in God! I'm not speaking to those who rejoice in their sorrow: continuing to lay aimlessly around the proverbial sheep market pool of Bethesda (with a great multitude of impotent folk); and, therefore, having no hope for tomorrow! But instead I'm speaking to anyone this afternoon whose hope is anchored in Jesus Christ, and who are persuaded that their hope and trust in him is the only answer to every one of their problems or situations!

Around Thursday of last week, I still hadn't received a word from the Lord for His people. Then God used my dear faithful wife (Apostle/Prophet Diane) to suggest that I consider speaking a word from a simple phrase from a recent African-American comedy entitled: *A Weekend with the Family*. Synopsis: A young attorney looks to gain a position at a prestigious law firm while secretly dating his boss' daughter, who he's hoping to marry; but when his loving girlfriend decides to arrange a surprise family weekend get-together, his plans blow up in his face, especially with the arrival of his ghetto-fied family, the Stankershets. Travis (Marques Houston) and Courtney (Karrueche Tran) portray love interests who struggle to hold on to their relationship all while their two families wage war in an explosion of hilarity. It's the far east against the deep south; strict, traditional, Korean customs versus a backwards, country way of life. In the end, Travis must find a way to make the two families peacefully co-exist long enough for him to propose to the woman he loves.

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But I digress ... the subject of my message, which was planted in my spirit by the Holy Spirit's leading, is encapsulated by a single ghetto-fied phrase spoken by Nip Stankershet (Wendy Raquel Robinson) during a comedic exchange, after meeting his girlfriend's prosperous family, when she exclaims: "**Won't He do it!**" ... in an expression of exuberance regarding her son's supposed "7-Up" financial blessing! The message for today's church, however comedic it may sound, is entitled: "**Won't He Do It!**"

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Text:

Numbers 23:19 [King James Version]

19 **God is not a man, that He should lie; neither the son of man, that He should repent: hath He said, and shall He not do it? Or hath He spoken, and shall He not make it good?**

Numbers 23:19 [Orthodox Jewish Bible with Strong's Interlinear]

19 **El is not an ish, that He should lie; neither a ben adam, that He should change His mind; hath He said, and shall He not do it? Or hath He spoken, and shall He not carry it out?**

John 14:11-14 [King James Version]

11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, **that will I do**, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 **If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.**

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Introduction:

“**Won’t He do it!**” is a statement, not a question. It’s a statement of faith in God, and it’s been popular, apparently, for several decades as a **call** and **response** in black churches. This phrase is popular among African-Americans not only from the South but also from parts of the Midwest and Northeast, especially those with parents or grandparents from the South and especially those whose upbringing has been, as one person put it, “churchy.” The response phrase, “**Won’t He will!**” — which of course, syntactically speaking, doesn’t add up, but since when have popular slogans hewed to prescriptive rules?

“**Won’t He do it!**” ... is not a hypothetical question or a rhetorical question supposing that some doubt is supplanting a means to an end ... which only leaves a proposition of deceit and spiritual emptiness in your heart and inner soul ... thereby rendering your faith in God without merit and meaningless! Instead, it is a colloquial statement of faith in God commonly spoken in African-American churches.

So, to follow the logical conclusion of this African-American church **call** and **response** phrase, I will say: “**Won’t He do it!**” ... and you will reply: “**Won’t He will!**”

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Etymology:

“Won’t” is a negative contraction of the words “will” and “not.” Some suppose a contraction of “woll not,” but it does not have to be the case, as both the /w/ and /l/ of “will” could have caused labialization [(phonology) A secondary articulatory feature of usually consonants that involves the contraction or rounding of the labia during pronunciation.]. “Will not” is used to indicate a **future non-occurring action**. Most contractions in English are pretty straightforward: they are, they’re; he would, he’d; is not, isn’t; we will, we’ll. The two words join together, minus a few sounds. Put it together, and shorten it up. What could be easier? But that isn’t the case for “will not,” which becomes “won’t” instead of “willn’t.” Why does the “will” change to “wo”? It doesn’t really. Which is to say, we don’t change it, our linguistic ancestors did. We just inherited it from them as a unit.

In Old English there were two forms of the verb willan (to wish or will)—wil- in the present and wold- in the past. Over the next few centuries there was a good deal of bouncing back and forth between those vowels (and others) in all forms of the word. At different times and places “will” came out as wulle, wole, wool, welle, wel, wile, wyll, and even ull, and ool. There was less variation in the contracted form. From at least the 16th century, the preferred form was wonnot from “woll not,” with occasional departures later to winnot, wunnot, or the expected willn’t. In the ever changing landscape that is English, “will” won the battle of the “woles/wulles/ools,” but for the negative contraction, “wonnot” simply won out, and contracted further to the “won’t” we use today.

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So, why the English lesson? Because of the simple fact that in its negative connotation, “**won’t**” is used to indicate a future non-occurring action. However, as with our comedic backdrop and throughout biblical text, “won’t” is not only interpreted as a positive colloquial affirmation, but a God-ordained spiritual confirmation of His promise(s) to His beloved children!

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Contrasting God's Word:

To further contrast the positive implication of “**won't**,” we need only to consult the *Orthodox Jewish Bible* and its interpretation while pairing it with *The New Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible* and its original interlinear Hebrew dictionary for **Numbers 23:19** ...

Numbers 23:19 [Orthodox Jewish Bible with Strong's Interlinear]

El [el] is not an ish [iysh], that He should lie [kazab]; neither a ben adam [ben 'adam], that He should change His mind [nacham]; hath He said [amar {spoken, intended}], and shall He not do it [asah {accomplish, produce, acquire, institute, bring about}]? Or hath He spoken [dabar {spoken, declared, commanded, promised}], and shall He not carry it out [quwm {established, confirmed, fulfilled, proven}]?

Now let's revisit the text in our companion scripture (with the Greek interlinear dictionary), found in **John 14:14** ...

John 14:14 [King James Version]

If [ean] ye shall ask [aitēō {ask, beg, call for, desire}] any thing [tis {any person or object, any man, any thing at all, certain thing, whatsoever, whomsoever, whosoever}] in [en] my [mou] name [onoma {authority, character}], I [egō] will do [poieō {commit, appoint, without delay, execute, ordain, perform, provide, purpose, cast out}] it.?

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus!

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His Word
Just to rest upon His promise,
Just to know, “Thus saith the Lord!”

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
Oh, for grace to trust Him more!

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Story Snippets:

The Bible is replete with illustrations of God's awesome power of divine deliverance of mankind through His supreme intervention and promises. By now, in your Christian walk with God, you should be able to draw upon at least one (if not two or more) of these illustrated stories in order to grasp the necessary faith and trust in God for deliverance from your personal problems or situations. Here are a few biblical stories for your consideration:

- **Balaam's Donkey ... [Numbers 22:21-35]**
He will deliver you, even when you go against His will ... through paths of unrighteousness!
Call: "**Won't He do it!**"
Response: "**Won't He will!**"
- **Daniel in the Lion's Den ... [Daniel 6]**
He will deliver you from your pit of ravenous lions!
Call: "**Won't He do it!**"
Response: "**Won't He will!**"
- **Three Hebrew Boys ... [Daniel 3]**
He will deliver you from your furnace of affliction!
Call: "**Won't He do it!**"
Response: "**Won't He will!**"
- **Dividing of the Red Sea ... [Exodus 14]**
God will create a way of escape from the pursuit of your enemies, and allow you to cross through your proverbial sea of despair onto dry land ... a land of peace and security!
Call: "**Won't He do it!**"
Response: "**Won't He will!**"
- **Resurrection of Lazarus... [John 11:1-44]**
He will resurrect you from the very bowels of your dead situation!
Call: "**Won't He do it!**"
Response: "**Won't He will!**"

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God Can Do Anything:

Whatever your situation ... or problem ... or temptation ... or illness ... or dilemma ... or urgency ... or question ... or quagmire ... or need ... God CAN and WILL Do the **Impossible!**

Numbers 23:19 [Good News Bible]

God is not like men, who lie; He is not a human who changes his mind. Whatever he promises, he does; He speaks, and it is done.

- **Change It!**
- **Deliver It!**
- **Resolve It!**
- **Heal It!**
- **Restore It!**
- **Give Victory Over It!**
- **Resurrect It!**
- **Remove It!**
- **Bring It to Pass!**

Church, "**Won't He Do It!**" ... "**Won't He will!**"

Benediction:

1Thessalonians 5:23-24 [King James Version]

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

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Altar Call: “It Shall Come To Pass” [Written by: Hezekiah Walker]

Chorus 1

Every promise, every truth,
every word God has spoken to you;
it shall, it shall come to pass.

Verse

We learn much through the things that we suffer,
every word of God is true;
knowing through all things Jesus is with us,
when His will is made perfect in you.
Oh it shall, it shall come to pass, come to pass.
Oh it shall, it shall come to pass.

Chorus 2

Every trial and heartbreak,
these things come to build your faith;
it shall, it shall come to pass, come to pass.
Oh it shall, it shall come to pass.

Bridge

What God has spoken,
He is more than able to do.
The word God has begun in you
He shall, He shall perform it in you.

It shall, it shall come to pass, come to pass.
Oh it shall, it shall come to pass.

Vamp

Hold on and believe it shall come to pass.
Hold on and believe it shall come to pass.
(repeat as desired)

Hold on and believe.

Vamp 2

It shall, it shall come to pass, come to pass.
Oh it shall, it shall come to pass, come to pass.

Vamp 3

Oh it shall, it shall come to pass, come to pass.

Vamp 4

Ooo, ooo, ooo, ooo, ooo,
ooo, ooo, ooo.

Ending

Oh it shall, it shall come to pass.

