

Have Thine Own Way (Song)
Matthew 26:36-39
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Thesis: I want to show what we can learn from this familiar song.

Intro: 1. This song is another reminder that we teach through singing (**Col 3:16**).

I. Verse 1

A. Potter and the clay (v.1a)

1. God is the potter for the faithful follower.
2. We are made in His image (**Gen 1:26**).
3. We are to be moldable.
 - a. We are to be those who are humble enough to change when needed.
 - b. Clay that cannot be molded to the proper shape is clay that the potter cannot use.

B. Mold me after your will (v.1b)

1. We are to be shaped to do God's will, we are to shape our lives around the will of God, around the teachings found in His Word.
2. **Psalm 25:4-5**

II. Verse 2

A. Search men and try me (v.2a)

1. **Psalm 139:23-24**
2. The follower of God wants their lives to be pleasing to God, examination reveals cracks in our lives.
 - a. Finding those cracks, those faults and repairing them now means the Christian will be prepared on judgment day (**2 Cor 13:5**).

B. Wash me just now (v.2b)

1. **Psalm 51:2,7**
2. When we yield to God's Word, believe it, we can then move towards God's forgiveness by obedience to His commands, including being washed in the blood of the lamb at baptism (**1 Cor 6:9-11, Rev 7:13-14**).

C. You are over all my being, Christ living in me (v.3)

1. The first section of this verse(v.3a) remains us of the latter section of verse 1 (v.1b)
2. The latter section of verse 3 reminds us of the words of Paul.
 - a. **Galatians 2:20**

III. Lessons for us today.

A. What "Have thine own way" does not mean

1. **It is not calling upon God to act in our lives in some miraculous way.**
2. **It is not molding God's word to fit "our way" of living.**
 - a. God being allowed to have His way in your life means total submission to His Word.

B. Benefits of God's will being carried out in our lives.

1. When God's will is carried out in our lives, it's because we are following His Word.
2. Those who follow His Word are obedient and the Bible tells us that blessings abound for the obedient, for those who are in Christ (**Eph 1:3**).

Application & Conclusion:

1. **Psalm 25:20-21**
2. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9