call to a blessed immortality. This is perseverance, which, according to Saint Augustine, is so great, so extraordinary a gift of grace that we cannot merit it, but only obtain it through humble prayer. But not even to pray for final perseverance shows how unworthy we are of it!

Even for temporal things we must pray. It is not wrong to pray for temporal goods. Unfortunately, there are some who feel that it is wrong to pray for temporal goods. Such misguided souls can become so saturated with a misconceived notion of the WILL OF GOD, that they come to think that prayer is an attempt to force the hand of God. So they sit and wait for the will of God, but when they finally come face to face with the real will of God, they complain and question God's wisdom, mercy, and love! Our Lord Himself prayed, but His prayer placed Him in the proper position to accept God's will when it was expressed to Him by His Heavenly Father.

We have the choice to make! The choice lies between prayer and SPIRITUAL RUIN!  $\Box$ 

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We MUST arrive at a precise explanation of the difference between the externalisms of the law - the fulfillment of the ten hundred different rules of religious ceremonial and of life's conduct - and the salvation that comes through faith in Christ and the good works born of that faith. Salvation is not in the letter of the law! Salvation is not in the meticulous performance of a ceremony! Salvation is not in a book! Salvation is not in repetitious argument and debate (which accomplish nothing)! Salvation comes through faith in Christ and in Him Crucified, and through the interior change that faith in Christ Crucified brings about in the soul. If we fail to reach a clear and unquestionable understanding of that difference, all that which took place on the hillside of Calvary - as far as we are concerned - will all have been for naught!