

Title: The Lord's Prayer: Your will be done

Passage: Matthew 6:10b

Introduction:

Prayer

- God has commanded us to pray.
- Jesus prayed in submission to the Father's will

Luke 22:42

saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done."

Passage: Matthew 6:9-13

Pray then like this:

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [And Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.]

Review: The Lord's Prayer

First petition: Your name be hallowed

Second petition: Your kingdom come

Third petition: Your will be done

God's will - misperceptions

- Something hidden that needs to otherwise be searched
- Manipulating God (dependent upon what you do or don't do)

"Your will be done"

- confession recognizing God's will is certain

1 John 5:14

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything *according to his will he hears us.*

- God's will cannot be manipulated
- Prayer does not change God, it changes us.

Trials: within God's will

- God does not cause, but He permits

Genesis 50:20

As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

Romans 8:28

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Question: How can we understand God's will?

God's unchangeable nature

Hebrews 6:17-19

So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain,

- praying “Your will be done” is placing your life at God’s disposal, Whom can be trusted.

Isaiah 46:9-10

remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose

- God is in control, sovereign.

God's will is what He has commanded us to do

Romans 12:1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Micah 6:8

He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Matthew 22:37-38

And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-4, 7

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor...For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.

Matthew 6:19-21

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

God's will is through what He has commanded us not to do

Romans 1:18-20

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

1 Peter 4:2, 4-5, 19

so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God...With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign

you; but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead....Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

Luke 9:23

And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

Question: How may someone view and follow the will of God?

1. In a tone of defeated resignation (tragedy)

- one says it because cannot say anything else viewing

2. In a tone of bitter resentment (anger)

- One views God as an enemy who is so strong that one cannot resist

3. In perfect love and trust

- View God gladly and willingly
- A Christian can always be sure of:
 - God's wisdom
 - God's love

Romans 8:32

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

- God does nothing in vain. His counsel never errs.
- "He who demands a reason from God is not in a fit state to receive one" (C. Spurgeon)

1 Corinthians 13:12

For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Related Passages:

2 Corinthians 5:15

and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

James 4:13-15

Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"—yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that."