

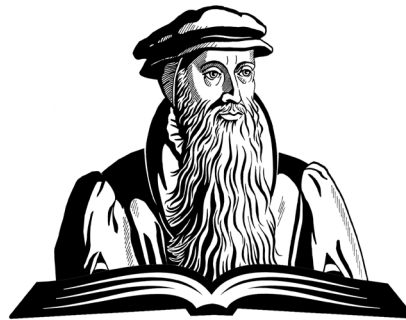
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for
The Lord's Prayer

A VIDEO LECTURE SERIES

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Lecture #5

*Thy Will Be Done in Earth,
as it is in Heaven*



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14 Lectures

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THY WILL BE DONE IN EARTH, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

Scripture Text

“Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven .—Matthew 6:10b

Key Points

1. Introduction.

- a. One common interpretation: deny ourselves that God’s will would be done in our hearts.
- b. Real meaning: that we and other people learn to do the will of God positively.
- c. Praying God’s will: that we would love him with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength.

2. God’s will be done in heaven.

- a. The meaning of “in heaven.”
- b. Those who are in heaven.
- c. Obey God willingly and faithfully, like the angels in heaven.
- d. The Lord Jesus Christ gives us an example of living according to God’s will.

3. God’s will be done in earth.

- a. God’s will in our daily lives and in our spiritual life.
- b. A renewed will by the work of the Holy Spirit.
- c. An Intercessory prayer.
- d. “The LORD loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.”
- e. Specific instruction for private prayer.
 - 1) Strive in prayer.
 - 2) Pray with expectation and zeal.
 - 3) Be particular in prayer.
 - 4) Boldness in our prayer.
- f. Especially pastors should pray that sinners would do the will of God.
- g. Examples from the Scripture: Samuel, Jeremiah, Hezekiah, the apostles, Peter, Paul.

Review Questions

1. What is the common interpretation of this petition mentioned at the beginning of the lecture? Did you also understand this petition that way?

2. When God created man, what did he require of them? Does God still require the same thing of us now?

3. How do we see the Lord Jesus obeying the will of God positively in his youth?

4. Who is in heaven with God? How do they perform the will of God?

5. Where does a renewed will come from? What is it like? How does it seek to obey this petition?

6. Should a Christian be a man or woman of prayer? Should he or she pray for other people? How do we see this pictured in the life of the Apostle Paul?

7. “The LORD loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob” (Psalm 87:2) How are we to understand this passage? What instruction does it give us?

8. What other practical instructions are given us in this lecture? What are some Bible verses which exhort us to have a good prayer life?

9. Rev. Gerald Procee said, “Especially pastors should pray that sinners would learn to do the will of God.” Is intercessory prayer the pastor’s most important work?

10. Please look up the Bible passages about the examples of intercessory prayer that are given in this lecture. Read the accounts and meditate on the stories. What do these witnesses teach you about the life of prayer?

Personal Reflections

1. Who leads your life? Who leads your will? Who directs you? Has God renewed your will? Are you born again? Has that already happened in your life? If yes, how does the renewed will function in your life? If no, please pray and ask God to renew you and give you a new heart.

2. What practical encouragements did you glean from this lecture? Please practice them in your Christian walk, and in your prayer life.
