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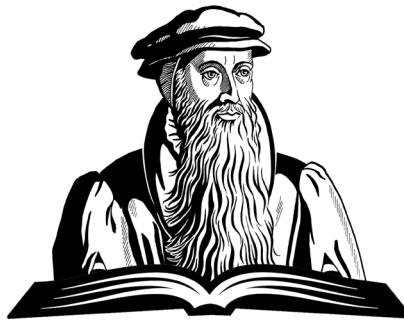
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for Lecture #56

**The Lord's Prayer:  
The Third Petition**  
*Catechism Question 103*



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## ADULT STUDY GUIDE

for Lecture #56

## The Lord's Prayer: The Third Petition

### Memorization

**Question 103:** *What do we pray for in the third petition?*

**Answer:** *In the third petition (which is, “Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven”) we pray, That God, by his grace, would make us able and willing to know, obey, and submit to his will in all things, as the angels do in heaven.*

### Lecture Structure

1. Introduction.
2. The focus of our desire.
3. The activity we desire.
4. The ability to fulfill our desire.
5. Applications.

### Literal Study

1. Define the word, “will” as it is used in this lecture.

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2. Paraphrase the answer to this question or put it into your own words.

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*Lecture Checkup*

1. What is the focus of the second petition?

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2. What do we mean by the phrase “the will of God”?

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3. How do we know what God wants?

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4. How do God’s works of providence relate to his will? How do we know that from examples in the Bible?

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5. When we pray this petition, are we just thinking about God’s will, or studying God’s will? What are we actually asking God to do for us?

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6. Should we be content to obey God’s will in some things, or a particular number of things? What does it mean when it says “in all things”?

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7. How do the angels in heaven carry out God's will?

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8. What did the Lord Jesus tell his disciples regarding obeying God's will?

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9. What enables us to do the will of God in this world? What does the Bible say about it?

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10. Rev. Mattull says that in this petition we are asking God to give us more grace that we might do his will. How does this encourage us to approach God to ask for his help to obey him?

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**Further Studies**

1. What are we asking when we pray that the will of God's precepts be done?

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2. What are we asking when we pray that the will of God's providence may be done?

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3. How are we to pray that God's will may be done by ourselves, and by others?

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**Practical Application**

1. How should this petition help the believer when we encounter trials and afflictions in this life?

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2. How should this petition give encouragement to believers who are discouraged in this life?

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**Project Ideas**

Meditate on this petition by considering the teachings in this lecture. Write an article about how this petition should change our view of prayer and our view of life.