

The Lord's Prayer: "Your Will Be Done"

Finding and Fulfilling the Will of God

Series: Teach us to Pray

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Text: Matthew 6:5-15

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As we pray "your will be done," ...

- 1) _____ out God's will
 - A) James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.
 - B) Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

- 2) See that His will is _____
 - A) Romans 12:2 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.
 - B) 1 John 2:17 - And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

- 3) _____ wholly to God's will
 - A) There are four wills that struggle for man's obedience:
 1. Man's own will (Romans 12:1-2; cp. Romans 7:15f; Galatians 5:17).
 2. Other men's wills (1 Peter 4:2).
 3. Satan's will (John 8:44).
 4. God's will (Ephes. 5:15-17, esp. Ephes. 5:17; Phil. 2:13; 1 John 2:17).
 - B) "In heaven, the angels constantly obey God without any disobedience. In Psalm 103:19-21 - we read of how the angels always do the will of God. This prayer implies that we want to obey God's will just as the angels in heaven obey his will.

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Use them for personal or family devotions to further dig into God's word.

- 1) What do you think are the biggest problems facing our nation today?
- 2) How do God's instructions for life from the Bible specifically combat each of the societal problems that were mentioned, so that if his will were done, the problem would not exist? For example, if every person followed God's command to give to those in need, there would be no poverty.
- 3) How does praying for God's will to be done in specific situations change your attitude toward those circumstances?
- 4) Why do we need to pray for God's will to be done? Isn't his will always done?
- 5) Read John 4:34. This verse reveals Jesus' heart attitude toward obedience. In what ways was God's will like food to him?
- 6) Jesus' obedience to God's will was tested in Matthew 26:36-46. Read that passage now. What words describe Jesus' emotional state during this story?
- 7) What was the "cup" that Jesus wanted the Father to take away?
- 8) What enabled Jesus to desire God's will even in the midst of his anguish? Is there anything from his example of obedience that can help you to be more obedient?
- 9) In what areas is it hardest for you to submit to God by praying for his will to be done?
- 10) What steps will you take this week toward greater submission to God?