

“YOUR WILL BE DONE”

Text: **Matt. 6:9-13**

It is a privilege to pray and humbling to think that God hears us.

- “*What is man that You are mindful of him? And the son of man that you care for him?*” (**Ps. 8:4**) And He does care for us and tells us to cast our cares upon Him. (**1 Peter 5:7**)
- “*Pray without ceasing.*” (**1 Th. 5:17**) “*with all prayer and supplication praying at all seasons in the Spirit*” (ASV) (**Eph. 6:18**) “*...but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God*” (**Phil. 4:6**)
- He wants us to pray even though He knows what we need before we ask. (**Mt. 6:8**)
- “*Lord, teach us to pray....*” (**Luke 11:1-4**)
 - It is a model prayer – an example of the things that ought to be included in prayer.
 - It is not an exhaustive list of things to pray about. It was early in the Lord’s ministry and the disciples had much to learn. It is simple yet profound. We have other examples including what might more accurately be called the Lord’s prayer in **John 17** along with the prayers of others, especially Paul, in the rest of the NT.

“Hallowed (hagiazō – translated in other places *holy, sanctify*) *be your name*”

- Holy, (*Holy, Holy, Holy*, **Rev. 4:8**) awesome, majesty, *Mighty One, God the Lord* (**Ps. 50:1**), reverend, terrible (KJV), Potentate (Sovereign), King of kings, Lord of lords, Lord God Almighty, *great and awesome God* (**Dan. 9:4**), *O Lord our God* (**Dan. 9** - 5 times), “*Now therefore, our God, the great, the mighty, and awesome God*” (**Neh. 9:32**)
 - If we want to pray like the prophets and the psalmists, we must know God as they did.
- *Your name* – power and authority (see **Jer. 16:21**, hand & might)
- We grow in our knowledge of God so that we can address Him so. We know Him from what He has revealed about Himself in scripture – knowing Him as He has revealed Himself – in His words and actions – know the OT scriptures. Know Jesus. We need to see the whole picture – God of goodness and severity. (**Rom. 11:22**)
- Reverence begins with a reverent introduction – we begin our prayers knowing who we are talking to. Our minds are properly set. Christ is sanctified in our hearts. (**1 Pet. 3:15**)

“Your kingdom come”

- “*For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory*” (NKJV)
- Kingdom means sovereignty or rule – we want God’s rule to be known, His will to be done.
 - A time when God may be saying the same thing in two different ways.
 - A prayer that nothing would thwart the crowning of the King.
- I believe we can still pray this – we want God’s will, His rule, His kingdom to come into the hearts of men and women. We want others to allow God to rule/reign in their hearts – for them to want and to do His will – what He wants. Kingdom includes subjects.

When we pray are we saying to our Father, “Your will be done?” (Mt. 6:10)

- Are we at least thinking this when we pray? We begin with this in mind, not something we say at the end of the prayer. Do we mean it? Do we understand what we are asking for? We want His will to be done way more than our own.
- Jesus prayed this (said it) and his model prayer teaches us to say it as well.
 - Value in saying it – not if we don’t mean it but at least a reminder – His will not ours.
- Are we praying according to His will? (**1 John 5:14-15**)

- Are we praying according to His will revealed in scripture?
 - ◆ Don't the scriptures teach (**Luke 11**) that we will always get what we ask for?
 - ⇒ We must remember that all scriptures must be taken into account before we can authoritatively speak and act on any subject. This certainly is true on the subject of prayer. We can know what God wants – what His will is.
 - ⇒ Are we listening to God as much or more than we are talking to Him?
 - ◆ If we study the scriptures, we will focus our prayers on the things Jesus prayed for as well as others, like Paul, whose godly examples are worthy to be followed.
 - ⇒ The more mature we become, the more spiritually minded our prayers will be.
 - ⇒ Wisdom, spiritual understanding (**Col. 1:9**); wisdom (**James 1:5**); love will abound in knowledge and discernment (**Phil. 1:9**); opportunities to preach the gospel, open doors (**Eph. 6:19; Col. 4:3**); when faith is tested (**Luke 22:32**)
- According to His providential will that is still very much present in our world even though we may not always know specifically what it is.
 - ◆ We ought to say, *“If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.”* (**James 4:15**)
 - ◆ *“Making request ... now at last I may find a way in the will of God to come to you.”* (**Romans 1:10**) Why? So he could impart some spiritual gift to them so they might be *established*. To preach the gospel to them in Rome. (**11, 15**)

The results of having such faith – *“Your will be done.”*

- We will never be more blessed than when we really mean it when we say, *“not my will, but Yours, be done.”* (**Luke 22:42**) We want what God wants.
 - We let God be God – we accept that He and only He is in control.
- Our love and respect for His word is demonstrated when we say and believe this in our most agonizing moments. (like Jesus in the garden – **Matt. 26:39-44**)
 - We will never be more emotionally stable – able to handle the hard things in life.
 - We will never love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and mind more than when we really mean it when we say – *“not my will, but Yours be done.”*
- We get the help we need when we have said, *“not my will, but Yours, be done.”*
 - *“... an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him.”* (**Luke 22:43**)
 - ◆ This angel gave the Lord what the apostles did not give him. (*enischuo*)
 - ⇒ *“What, could you (ischuo) not watch with Me one hour?”* (**Matt. 26:40**)
 - ◆ In Luke's account, even after this He was in agony and prayed more earnestly.
 - The word of God – being reminded and taught by others will be the greatest help.
- We will never live with more resolve and dedication than when we pray and believe and want His will and not ours be done. We will do the hard things – keep the commands we don't want to keep in the difficult circumstances. Jesus went to Calvary.
- We will glorify His name – we never do this more than when we want His will to be done more than our own. We want Him to rule in the hearts of men. We want what God wants. *“Your will be done.”* (**Mt. 26:42**) The thing He wants most is for men to be saved.

Invitation:

- We cannot pray for the forgiveness of our sins if we are not in Christ. This is not according to God's will. The sinner's prayer is attached to the inside of the back cover of some bibles but it is not in the scriptures.
- Paul prayed and fasted for three days and still was told to arise and be baptized in order to wash away his sins. (**Acts 22:16**)
- As His children, if we confess our sins, he will forgive us. (**1 Jn. 1:9**)