



## Your Will

### “The Lord’s Prayer” Series

Matthew 6:10b, p. 811

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#### Introduction

In Petition Three of the Lord’s Prayer, Jesus teaches us to pray for all things to align with God’s will.

#### The Text: Matthew 6:10b

1) Summary: Petition Three is asking God to bring about his perfect purposes and plans for the world.

a) *The will of God involves his future redemptive work in the world to renew and restore all things.*

b) *The will of God involves his present ministerial work in the world to direct and care for his people.*

c) *“On earth as it is in heaven” is asking for God’s promised perfection to spread across the earth.*

2) Petition Three is a dangerous prayer of submission – the death of our will and the exaltation of the sovereign will of God.

a) *God’s will is not an option – it is based on his sovereign kingship.*

b) *God’s will is God’s alone and must be fully obeyed.*

c) *God’s will is not always easy or safe, but it is “good, acceptable, and perfect.”*

-Romans 12:1-2: “I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup> 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.”

d) *Some theological categories for understanding “the will of God:”*

(1) *God’s revealed will, which is made known to us in Scripture.*

(2) *God’s secret will, which is hidden to us until it happens.*

3) By praying Petition Three, we are not asking to make God do our will, but to bring our will in line with his.

#### Wesley’s Covenant Prayer:

*“I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you, Praised for you or*

*criticized for you. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service. And now, O wonderful and holy God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, you are mine, and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, Let it also be made in heaven. Amen.”*

## **Response**

Our prayer life – and Christian life – should reflect the truth that God’s will is our goal and for our good.

## **Small Group Questions for Matthew 6:10b (Lord’s Prayer Series)**

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- 1) Starter Question: How would you feel if every plan for your life was decided by someone else?
- 2) Based upon your answer to question #1, how would your feelings change if you knew the person making plans for your life was your loving heavenly Father?
- 3) What comes to mind when you think of “the will of God?”
- 4) In what ways does the will of God involve not just your individual life but the whole world and God’s future redemption and restoration of all creation?
- 5) How does this future redemption give you peace and hope in our fallen and broken world?
- 6) How can a Christian know the will of God?
- 7) How is it helpful to understand that the will of God is made known to us in two ways: “revealed” (made known in Scripture) and “secret” (hidden until it happens)?
- 8) Since the “revealed” will of God made known in Scripture tells us nothing specific about our life (e.g., the job we take or car we buy), should we use the language of “God’s will” for our life with more caution?
- 9) In what ways does praying “Your will be done” require that we submit our lives – the good and the bad – to the authority of God, and how difficult is such a prayer?
- 10) What are some issues or situations in your life – good or bad – that need to be submitted or aligned to the will of God?

**Further study this week:** Key biblical texts on God’s will: Matthew 10 (Mon); Proverbs 16 (Tues); Matthew 26 (Wed); Romans 12 (Thurs); and James 4 (Fri).