



Sermon Questions

April 21, 2024 | Scripture: Matthew 6:9-13 (Your Will Be Done, On Earth As It Is In Heaven)

Pre-study: 3 things from the sermon. *Note down 3 ideas, illustrations, quotes, or points that made an impression in the sermon.*

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Core Questions

1. Discuss your responses to the pre-study question.
2. What must be true of God in order for us to want his will to be done instead of ours?
3. What's the difference between God's decretive will (his decrees) and God's preceptive will (his commands)?

Inward Grace in Action

4. We disobey God's commands for two main reasons: ignorance, or obstinance. What would active repentance look like for you in each of these areas?
5. Read aloud Q.24 from the Heidelberg Catechism, printed at the bottom of this page. Where are you:
 - a. Convicted of your own sin?
 - b. Inspired to pray fresh prayers?*n.b. 'murmuring' here refers to dissent or quarreling; see Exodus 17.*

Heidelberg Catechism

124. Q. What is the third petition?

A. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. That is: Grant that we and all men may deny our own will, and without any murmuring obey Thy will, for it alone is good.^[1] Grant also that everyone may carry out the duties of his office and calling^[2] as willingly and faithfully as the angels in heaven.^[3]

[1] Matt. 7:21; 16:24-26; Luke 22:42; Rom. 12:1, 2; Tit. 2:11, 12. [2] I Cor. 7:17-24; Eph. 6:5-9. [3] Ps. 103:20, 21.

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Reflect on these

Scriptures:

- Leviticus 10
- Psalm 115
- Daniel 4:28-37
- Matthew 26:36-46
- Romans 7:21-25
- Hebrews 12:18-29

Serve: [Could you volunteer at VBS this summer?](#)

Pray: The Communicants had their retreat this weekend. Pray for these covenant children as they consider faith for themselves.

Reach out if you need assistance:

- Call our church office at 703.821.0800
- Request aid from our Deacons' Fund at deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org

Outward Grace in Action

6. Jesus could have made this prayer individual, but instead he applies it to the whole earth. We don't pray 'Your will be done, in my life as in heaven,' but extend our prayer to the whole world. What are the implications of this for how we view and interact with the wider world?

Additional Resources

Article: Pastor Bill Fullilove wrote [this article on figuring out God's will for your life](#), and why 'let go and let God' might not be your best option.