

Sovereign Grace Church
“Thy Will Be Done....” outline
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HC 124

This morning we will continue our look at the Heidelberg's teaching on prayer. Last week we considered the petition to advance Christ's kingdom on this earth and today we will consider the same theme from the standpoint of what Christ's kingdom actually is....His will being voluntarily done in all things and by all people to His glory and honor.

The main competitor to God's will being done on this planet is our will. What we desire, whether good or bad, is translated into active commitment to see to its accomplishment. When our desires are not satisfied we become anxious, frustrated and often angry. This is true of those desires which are good as well as those which are evil. Such a state of being is not geared to advancing Christ's Kingdom. Thus, Jesus calls us to die to our desires, both good and bad, that we might be possessed by His desire to bring glory and goodness to this fallen planet.

This is something we must do but cannot do apart from Gods grace. Of course, we have God's grace....so it comes down to whether or not we really want it. If we don't really want it we won't really pray for it. Since God usually utilizes the prayers of His people to bring forth His will, when we neglect to pray for it we shouldn't expect it to happen! It would appear that a pre-prayer might be to not desire what we presently desire so that God's desire becomes our desire!

**It seems that Christ's Kingdom in all its glory and goodness is right there for the taking!
Ultimately the only thing keeping it in abeyance is our wanting it! What about you?**

1. Help us & all men...

- **Whose work?**
Phil. 2: 12-13

- **Why “all men”?**
I Tim. 2: 4

2. ...to Reject our own wills...

I Pet. 5: 6-7; Matt 16: 24-26; Gen. 3:6; Lk 22: 42; Jn 14:12

3. ...and to Obey Your Will without any Back Talk. Your Will Alone is Good...

- **God as the Source of Moral Good Psm 119: 89**

- **What is Backtalk?**

4. Help everyone carry out the Work he is Called to as Willingly & Faithfully as the Angels in Heaven.

- **What is a calling or vocation?**

- **Our Choice?**
I cor. 7: 20-24; Phil. 4: 11b-13

Questions for Reflection and Conversation

- 1. How often do you pray for God's will to be done in your life as compared to praying for your will to be done?**
- 2. What does it mean when Jesus says we must “deny ourselves”? Can you put this teaching in your own words and explain to someone else? Until you can you won't understand it. How can denying ourselves be good for us? What was Eve's great temptation in the garden? Has anything changed?**
- 3. How does it make a difference as to whether we understand the power Jesus relied upon to do His mighty works to be His Deity as opposed to His humanity dependent upon the Holy Spirit? What follows for us if Jesus relied on His Deity? What follows for us if He relied as a man upon the Holy Spirit?**
- 4. Do you ever “talk back” to God? Can you think of examples of this? Did Moses talk back to God when he resisted His call to return to Egypt to deliver His people? (Ex. 3 – 4:17) What characteristic does God manifest to Moses?**

