

Your Will be Done (Matt 6:10b)
GCC, morning worship, 4/2/23

Introduction: Who's writing the story here?

- I. What is meant by God's Will?—"Your *will* be done"
 - A. His *secret* will is all that *shall* be done (Deut 29:29)
 - B. His *revealed* will is all that *should* be done (1 Thess 4:13)
 - C. We pray for *obedience* to his revealed will and *submission* to his secret will
- II. Angels as Examples?—"On *Earth* as it is *in heaven*"
 - A. Because the angels in heaven do it perfectly (Ps. 103:20-21)
 - B. Because they live out their existence *coram deo* ("Before the face of God," Matt 18:10)
- III. How do we obey God's Revealed Will?
 - A. We obey *regularly*
 - B. We obey *entirely*
 - C. We obey sincerely and without pretense
 - D. We obey willingly and without complaint
 - E. We obey fervently, and without slackness
 - F. We give him the BEST in every service (Num 18:29)
 - G. We obey expecting a blessing (John 13:17)
- IV. How do we submit to God's providence?
 - A. Don't pray for God's will to be done unless you really mean it
 - B. Remember that God appoints the good days and the bad days alike
 - C. Patient submission to God's will, lies in acknowledging God's hand
 - D. Patient submission to God's will, lies in accepting the discipline
 - E. Consider that in all our afflictions, God has kindness for us
 - F. Remember that Afflictions are disciplinary, they teach us
 - G. Remember in your affliction that God *mixes* his providence
 - H. Do not resist God's will in affliction lest it leave you an open target to many *temptations*
 - I. Remember that the pardon for your sins will never be taken away in affliction
 - J. Consider the example Christ

Questions for Application and Discussion:

1. What is God's *secret will* and what should our response be to it?
2. What is God's *revealed* will and what should be our response to it?
3. Discuss some examples of "counterfeits" of God's will and *why* such "counterfeits" are offered?
4. Why are angels our examples of the *manner* in which we carry out or submit to the will of God?
5. Discuss some ways we are blessed in our obedience to God's revealed will?
6. How is Jesus an example of submitting to the Father's providence and what can we learn from it?