Scripture Titus 2

Singing 232:1-3 – 389:1, 5, 6 – 428:1-2 – 451:1, 4

OPENING OBSERVATIONS ...

- ➤ God is most ardent about His own glory as God! (Is. 48:11)

 For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it: for how should my name be polluted? And I will not give my glory unto another
- God commands us also to be ardent about His glory and instructs to pray for this daily.

Hallowed by Thy Name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

PETITION FOR DAILY CONVERSION I. Christian's aim II. Christian's example

I. THE CHRISTIAN'S AIM

- A. If by grace you are a true believer, then you belong to God's Kingdom
 - 1. What does that make you within this Kingdom?
 - 2. The 3rd petition Jesus commanded us to pray *forces examination*
 - a. Do you honor Him as your King in all details of your life?
 - b. Do we bend our knees daily to search our obedience to Him?
- B. In this petition we are reminded at the Christian's Sole Aim
 - 1. Aim is universal obedience to King of Glory
 - Our aim is reachable but only through Jesus Christ
 He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing. (John 15:5)
 - 3. To reach our aim involves a titanic fight against our *indwelling sin* a. to pray **Thy Will be done** is to pray against your old self-will
 - b. what is God's will we are to obey without murmuring?
- C. Be reminded about connection of the 2nd and 3rd with 1st petition

II. The Christian's Example

- A. Petition directs us to how God's will in done 'in heaven'
 - 1. Heaven is the kingdom of God in perfection
 - a. Heaven has God's throne surrounded with serving angels

 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister
 for them who shall be heirs of salvation? Heb. 1:14

 (compare Gen 28:12; Zech. 1:10; Matt. 18:10)
 - b. Heaven's King decides which angel gets what task
 - c. Heaven's servants obey without murmuring the King's will
- B. Jesus teaches us to keep heaven's kingdom before us as our example
 - 1. As saints of God, we all do not have the same station and calling
 - 2. Yet as saints of God we all have but one command: *obey the King and fulfill His task belonging to your station in life!*
 - a. Scripture has already defined this task in detail
 - b. pray "Thy Will be done" is to be followed with searching your King's charter to know His will
- C. Besides the angel's example, there is Another example in heaven

 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for

 us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps.

 (1 Peter 2:21)

Concluding Appeal: Would you not what such a King to rule over you?

Truth-Gems

Christ is lovely, Christ is very lovely, Christ is most lovely, Christ is always lovely, Christ is altogether lovely. (T. Brooks)

As Christ is the root by which a saint grows, so is He the rule by which the saints walk.

Jesus cannot be your Savior unless He also is your Lord.

Discipleship is more than getting to know what the Master knows. It is getting to be what He is.