

**Providence Reformed Baptist Church - Sunday, July 11, 2021**

**Sermon Series: The Gospel of the Kingdom – Matthew**

**Message 40. Your Will Be Done – Matthew 6:10**

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Intro: As Jesus gives His disciples instructions about how to pray by giving them “The Lord’s Prayer”, He is actually giving a pattern for us upon which to build all our prayers. More than reciting this one prayer we find in it principles and the purposes behind all prayer. The first 3 petitions are adoration of God – Hallowed be Your Name, Your Kingdom Come, Your Will be Done.

I. Your Will Be Done

A. On earth as it is in heaven – Eph. 1:11

1. God’s will is His perfect determination and sovereign ordination of all things, pertaining to both Himself, His decrees, His actions, and to His creation (including the events of history and the thoughts and actions of people), all unto the magnification of His utmost glory. – *Biblical Doctrine*, John MacArthur, pg. 185
2. He is the Potter, Creation is the Clay - Job 10:9; 33:6; Isa. 29:16; Jer. 18:1-10; Rom. 9:19-24
3. Man does not have the right to demand that God express His will in particular ways – Isa. 45:9; Rom. 9:20-21

B. A Statement of Fact – God’s will will be done!

1. As I Have Purposed – Isa. 14:24, 27
2. Nothing is too hard for Him – Gen. 18:14; Jer. 32:27; Luke 1:37
3. Who Can Stop Him? – Job 9:2-13; 11:10; Isa. 10:15; Dan. 4:35
4. He Does Whatever He Pleases – Psa. 115:3; Prov. 21:1
5. He Does Not Give an Account to Anyone – Job 33:13; Isa. 46:10
6. Even the Crucifixion – Acts 4:27-28

C. What is God’s Will for Me? –

1. Salvation – Rom. 9:15-18; Eph. 1:11-12; John 1:13; James 1:18
2. Sanctification – Phil. 2:13; 1 Thess. 4:3-8; 5:12-22; 1 Peter 2:15-16
3. Suffering – 1 Peter 3:17; 4:19; Phil. 1:29
4. Serving in the Body – 1 Cor. 12:11
5. Sin – Rom. 9:17-24 - Sin is therefore in God’s overall plan, yet He does not create it or condone it in His creatures. He does not delight in sin, but He ordains it by His decree in order to accomplish the most wise and holy end of bringing ultimate glory to Himself. - MacArthur
6. Even the Smallest Things and Daily Life – Matt. 10:29; James 4:13-17

D. The will of God – Deut. 29:29 (*Systematic Theology*, Louis Berkhof, pg. 339)

1. Decretive Will – The decretive will of God is that by which He purposes or decrees whatever shall come to pass, whether He wills to accomplish it effectively (causatively), or to permit it to occur through the unrestrained agency of His rational creatures.
2. Preceptive Will – The preceptive will of God is the rule of life which God has laid down for His moral creatures, indicating the duties which He requires of them.
3. Secret Will – The secret will of God pertains to all things which He wills either to effect or to permit, and which are therefore absolutely fixed. God’s secret will is His good pleasure, His eternal, unchangeable counsel or decree in which He has foreordained all things. This does not mean that He is the immediate cause of all things but that all things exist or occur by His eternal, sovereign decree. His will makes things certain, but He does not coerce His creatures to do anything. He ordains even the free choices of men.
4. Revealed Will – The revealed will prescribes the duties of man, and represents the way in which he can enjoy the blessings of God.

5. Necessary Will - God's necessary will is everything that He must will according to His nature. He wills to be what He is. "I will be what I will be." (Exodus 3:14). God cannot chose to be different than He is or to cease to exist.

- II. The Trinity in Three Petitions – vs. 9-10
  - A. Father – Hallowed/Holy – 1 Peter 1:15-16
  - B. Son – Kingdom – Rev. 1:9; 11:15
  - C. Spirit – Will – Gal. 5:16-18

### **Ephesians 1:11**

11 In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,

### **Job 10:9**

9 Remember, I pray, that You have made me like clay. And will You turn me into dust again?

### **Job 33:6**

6 Truly I am as your spokesman before God; I also have been formed out of clay.

### **Isaiah 29:16**

16 Surely you have things turned around! Shall the potter be esteemed as the clay; For shall the thing made say of him who made it, "He did not make me"? Or shall the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding"?

### **Jeremiah 18:1-10**

18 The word which came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying: 2 "Arise and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause you to hear My words." 3 Then I went down to the potter's house, and there he was, making something at the wheel. 4 And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to make. 5 Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying: 6 "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter?" says the Lord. "Look, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel! 7 The instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, to pull down, and to destroy it, 8 if that nation against whom I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I thought to bring upon it. 9 And the instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it, 10 if it does evil in My sight so that it does not obey My voice, then I will relent concerning the good with which I said I would benefit it.

### **Romans 9:19-24**

19 You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? For who has resisted His will?" 20 But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, "Why have you made me like this?" 21 Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor? 22 What if God, wanting to show His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, 23 and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory, 24 even us whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

### **Isaiah 45:9**

9 "Woe to him who strives with his Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth! Shall the clay say to him who forms it, 'What are you making?' Or shall your handiwork say, 'He has no hands'?"

### **Romans 9:20-21**

20 But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, "Why have you made me like this?" 21 Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?

### **Isaiah 14:24**

24 The Lord of hosts has sworn, saying, "Surely, as I have thought, so it shall come to pass, And as I have purposed, so it shall stand:

### **Isaiah 14:27**

27 For the Lord of hosts has purposed, And who will annul it? His hand is stretched out, And who will turn it back?"

### **Genesis 18:14**

14 Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son."

### **Jeremiah 32:27**

27 "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?

### **Luke 1:37**

37 For with God nothing will be impossible."

### **Job 9:2-13**

2 "Truly I know it is so, But how can a man be righteous before God? 3 If one wished to contend with Him, He could not answer Him one time out of a thousand. 4 God is wise in heart and mighty in strength. Who has hardened himself against Him and prospered? 5 He removes the mountains, and they do not know When He overturns them in His anger; 6 He shakes the earth out of its place, And its pillars tremble; 7 He commands the sun, and it does not rise; He seals off the stars; 8 He alone spreads out the heavens, And treads on the waves of the sea; 9 He made the Bear, Orion, and the Pleiades, And the chambers of the south; 10 He does great things past finding out, Yes, wonders without number. 11 If He goes by me, I do not see Him; If He moves past, I do not perceive Him; 12 If He takes away, who can hinder Him? Who can say to Him, 'What are You doing?' 13 God will not withdraw His anger, The allies of the proud lie prostrate beneath Him.

### **Job 11:10**

10 "If He passes by, imprisons, and gathers to judgment, Then who can hinder Him?

### **Isaiah 10:15**

15 Shall the ax boast itself against him who chops with it? Or shall the saw exalt itself against him who saws with it? As if a rod could wield itself against those who lift it up, Or as if a staff could lift up, as if it were not wood!

**Daniel 4:35**

35 All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; He does according to His will in the army of heaven And among the inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain His hand Or say to Him, "What have You done?"

**Psalm 115:3**

3 But our God is in heaven; He does whatever He pleases.

**Proverbs 21:1**

21 The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, Like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes.

**Job 33:13**

13 Why do you contend with Him? For He does not give an accounting of any of His words.

**Isaiah 46:10**

10 Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,'

**Matthew 10:25**

25 It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they call those of his household!

**Acts 4:27-28**

27 "For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together 28 to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done.

**Romans 9:15-18**

15 For He says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion." 16 So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy. 17 For the Scripture says to the Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth." 18 Therefore He has mercy on whom He wills, and whom He wills He hardens.

**Ephesians 1:11-12**

11 In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, 12 that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

**John 1:13**

13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

### **James 1:18**

18 Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

### **Philippians 2:13**

13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

### **1 Thessalonians 4:3-8**

3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; 4 that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, 5 not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God; 6 that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. 7 For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness. 8 Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit.

### **1 Thessalonians 5:12-22**

12 And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, 13 and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves. 14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all. 15 See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all. 16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 19 Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not despise prophecies. 21 Test all things; hold fast what is good. 22 Abstain from every form of evil.

### **1 Peter 2:15-16**

15 For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men— 16 as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God.

### **1 Peter 3:17**

17 For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

### **1 Peter 4:19**

19 Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.

### **Philippians 1:29**

29 For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake,

### **1 Corinthians 12:11**

11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

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### **Matthew 10:29**

29 Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will.

### **James 4:13-17**

13 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; 14 whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. 15 Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that." 16 But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. 17 Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.

### **Deuteronomy 29:29**

29 "The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

### **1 Peter 1:15-16**

15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

### **Revelation 1:9**

9 I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

### **Revelation 11:15**

15 Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

### **Galatians 5:16-18**

16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.