

## SEEKING AFTER GOD'S RIGHTEOUS WILL

*Matthew 6:10b // August 1, 2021 PM*

### **I. We are seeking after righteous heads.**

- A. Heads convinced of the law's perpetuity (5:17-19).
- B. Heads convinced of the law's spirituality (5:20-30).

### **II. We are seeking after righteous hearts.**

- A. Hearts directed toward the law's performance (5:6).
- B. Hearts directed by the law's dynamic (5:43-48; 7:12).
- C. Hearts directed toward the law's reward (6:1-6, 16-18).

### **III. We are seeking after righteous hands.**

- A. Hands devoted to the law's Giver (6:24).
- B. Hands devoted to the law's fulfillment (7:21-27).

#### QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What does *autonomy* mean and where do you see it in our world today? How is this third petition counter-cultural?
2. What is the difference between God's will of decree and God's will of desire? Which one is Jesus referring to here? How do you know?
3. Is God's law focused on external behavior or the heart? Why must we have both?
4. What is the proper heart motivation for doing the will of God?
5. Read Matt. 7:21-23. Why does Jesus tell people to depart from Him on judgment day? Why will the lawless not inherit the kingdom? Is this teaching salvation by works?
6. What might it actually look like to pray this petition for ourselves, our church, and our world?

#### QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. What is a potential error Reformed Christians can sometimes fall into regarding their thinking about God's law?
2. Do I have a heart inclined toward God's law? Do I love His commands and desire to do them?
3. Where am I most deficient when it comes to God's righteous will? My head? My heart? My hands? How can I be growing in holy obedience to my Lord?