

Review / Introduction:

I. The Third Petition and God's Will Defined...

A. The Will of God has to do with things like; purpose, plan, desire...

B. God in not like us...

1. He is sovereign, *Romans 9:19*
2. His will is mysterious, *Romans 11:34-36*
3. His will is all comprehensive, *Isaiah 46:9-10*

C. Two Aspects of God's One Will...

1. God's will of decree *Ephesians 1:11*

Lesson: a. God's will includes all the "big things" of creation and life as well as all the "small things" *Matthew 10:29-30*

b. God determines every event... *Romans 9:18 cf. Romans 8:28*

c. God is a great God... *Isaiah 40:8ff cf. Isaiah 55:6*

2. God's Will of Precept (His revealed will)... *Psalms 119:105*

a. Think how much about God and His creation are revealed in Scripture... *John 14:15*

Principle: Sola Scripture...

b. God's will of precept involve those things and directions and commands which define our duty to and before Him...

Psalms 119:105; II Timothy 3:16-17

Lesson: God has only one will...but there are things He has purposed which in His wisdom He has chosen not to reveal to us...

Deuteronomy 29:29

Observations: 1. There is no place for speculation over the secret things...

2. What about God's will and suffering? *Genesis 18:25; Job 2:10; Romans 8:28*

II. The Third Petition: Your Will be done... a Prayer for Obedience...

A. A Relevant Prayer... Matthew 7:21

B. Not All Decisions are Equally Clear...

C. We Pray for God's Revealed Will to be carried out in our lives... (on earth---the standard is still heaven...)

Psalms 19: 11

1. Upon the earth...
2. Our Challenge... *Matthew 7:21, 24-27*

Application: This Prayer Requires:

1. The Right Focus... *Psalms 40:8; Ephesians 6:6*

2. Remembering the Purpose of God (His will) in Saving us... *Ephesians 1:4; Philippians 2:13*

3. Trusting Him to Lead us Rightly... *Proverbs 3:5-6; 28:26; I Peter 5:6-7*

4. The Proper Commitment...

Next Week: The Third Petition and Making Decisions