

I. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.

- A. “Your will” is “what pleases you” or “what delights you”.
- B. The delight of God in making and ruling over all things. (Genesis 1:3; Romans 4:17; Revelation 4:11)
- C. God is free to do what delights him. (Psalm 115:3; Isaiah 46:8-10)
- D. In the rise and fall of nations (Isaiah 48:14)
- E. The days of *my* life (Psalm 139:16)
- F. He is like a king: “he does whatever he pleases.” (Ecclesiastes 8:3)
- G. “Who resists his will?” (John 1:18)

II. The delight of God and the incarnation of his Son.

- A. We are a Christian church – we believe that Jesus was far more than a great teacher.
- B. This gives us the background of “as it is in heaven” (Job 38:4, 7; Psalm 103:20)
- C. Jesus' mission was to do what delights God. (Psalm 40:7-8 quoted in Hebrews 10:7, 9)
- D. The entire life of the Son was delighting the Father (John 10:37; 14:10; Psalm 40:6-8)

III. The delight of God and the death of his Son.

- A. Do you remember what happened after the Last Supper?
- B. In the garden of Gethsemane Jesus saw that God's will (God's delight) was for him to die.
- C. He chose to do what delighted God rather than what pleased him. (Mark 14:36)
- D. Without knowing what comes afterward this is a story of supreme grief and horror.
- E. But if Easter is true ...

IV. The delight of God and the resurrection of his Son.

- A. Jesus did not stay dead, but at the command of God he rose. (Romans 1:4; 10:9; see also Acts 2:24, 32; 3:15; 4:10; 10:40; 13:30, 37; 1 Corinthians 6:14)
- B. Those who die trusting in Christ will be raised in order to live eternally. (1 Thessalonians 4:16; John 6:39-40)
- C. Having received the joy he sought, he calls us to enter into that same joy. (Philippians 2:5-11; John 17:13-18)

V. What we pray when we pray, “Thy will be done.”

- A. We embrace the one who truly said, “Not my will but yours be done.”
- B. May your whole creation carry out whatever you please.
- C. May those who have the ability to choose what they do, choose what delights you.
- D. May we, his people, do what delights you.
- E. May the death of your Son justify me, and may the life of your Son save me.
- F. May *I* do what delights you. (Psalm 143:10)