

**The Gospel of Matthew #56**

**Sermon on the Mount: chapter 6: LIVING IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

**HOW TO PRAY: I. WHO WE PRAY TO:**

**II. WHAT WE PRAY FOR: 6 PETITIONS: 1<sup>ST</sup> 3 FOCUS ON HIM**

**#3: YOUR WILL BE DONE**

**Matthew 6:10b**

I. **C** \_\_\_\_\_ or **C** \_\_\_\_\_

Control: Eph 1:11. Affirm

Submit to Your providence: how long I live, how I die, my limitations for success, what happens to people I love...

Commands: praying for obedience to His revealed will

II. **P** \_\_\_\_\_ and **P** \_\_\_\_\_

Pervasive: see more and more come to obey Him

Eg: a just, truthful, merciful, wise president and administration and congress from the next elections

Personal: not just them; begin with *me*!

Your will be done in *my* life today. I *want* to submit to it.

III. **P** \_\_\_\_\_ or **P** \_\_\_\_\_

Partial: Your will be done—sort of, generally...

Perfect: “as in heaven” where the angels obey instantly and completely (Psm 103:20-21)

Cf. Jesus: Heb 10:7; Jn 4:34; 14:31

Gethsemane: Matt 26:39

The cost was the Cross—to die for you, who have *not* done His will

Remember this with Lord’s Supper

We His disciples are learning to trust and obey (Matt 28:18-19)

So before you ask for any of your needs, you here begin with the prior desire for *His* will to be done

Larry Crabb: we see prayer as trying to prevail on God to give us what we want. But prayer is mainly about knowing **God**. Relational prayer before petitionary prayer.

Try this week thinking about what God is like, and what His will looks like before you begin to ask for anything.