

Introduction

- I. Jesus teaches us how to think about God's will in prayer and in life.
- II. What we have learned so far:

The Petition of Submission

I. God's Sovereign Will

A. God's sovereign will has two aspects:

1. The will of God's precept.

2. The other aspect of God's will is His sovereign plan - the will of God's decree.

B. When we consider the two aspects of God's will, this brings to the surface a problem that many Christians have in regard to God's will: try to pursue a hypothetical "perfect" will of God that is beyond what He reveals in His Word.

II. Our Urgent Prayer is not, "Show me Thy will," but "Thy will be done."

A. Pray that God will give you the desire and ability to do His moral will.

B. Pray that God will give you grace to embrace His sovereign will for your life without complaint.

III. The Only Possibility

A. This petition can only be prayed in faith.

B. God provides the grace we need to pray in this way of submission and faith.