

Theology Simply Explained — WSC107 “The God Who Shapes Our Prayers”

Pastor walks his children through Westminster Shorter Catechism question 107—especially explaining how God’s glory shapes our prayers’ purpose and power.

Q107. What doth the conclusion of the Lord’s prayer teach us? *The conclusion of the Lord’s prayer, which is, “For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen,” teacheth us to take our encouragement in prayer from God only, and in our prayers to praise Him, ascribing kingdom, power and glory to Him. And in testimony of our desire, and assurance to be heard, we say, “Amen.”*

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Catechism question this week is number 107, What death, the conclusion of the lord's prayer, teach us. And the answer is the conclusion of the lord's Prayer, which is for Vine as the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. Teach us us to take our encouragement in prayer from god only.

And in our prayers, to praise him. Describing kingdom and power and glory to him. Kingdom power and glory to him. No. And in testimony of our desire and assurance to be heard. We say, amen.

So when the lord jesus teaches us to finish, Praying and the template prayer that he has provided for us. Missing four. Thine is the kingdom and the power of the glory forever. All men, He's teaching us. First of all, To be directed. By god's priorities. That is the reason we are praying.

These things is because everything belongs to god, and this is what god wants. For thine as the kingdom and the power. And the glory forever. And so we are to be directed by. God's priorities. This means where to be directed by praying. As we as we pray, we're to be directed.

And by what god has taught us. That he is doing and what god has taught us. That We must do. Since the kingdom belongs to him. He wants us to love him with all our hearts on my strength. They want us to love our neighbor as ourselves. We are praying.

That god would. Accomplish his work. And that he would bring us into submission to his law. It's very, very similar to When we pray thy kingdom come. There will be done. And when we pray that, His is the kingdom and the power. That's very similar to. Hallowed to be thy name.

When we pray that his is the glory. And so we're not just praying that these things would happen but those things shape what we pray for. How we pray? No shape pear itself. So first we are Directed by god's priorities. Second we are. Dependent upon god's power. We were to be dependent upon god's power for thine as a kingdom.

And the power and the glory forever. This isn't just the what we pray for this is How it is that we expect these things to happen. And so we take our encouragement in terms of direction. Directed by his priorities, but we take Encouragement, in terms of confidence and hope.

The optimism, the reason. We believe that these things will happen. Is because The kingdom belongs to god the power of belongs to god. The glory. Belongs to god. Prayer is. An act of dependence. Upon god, it recognizes that god is god. And we are not. Recognizes that God is almighty.

That he is able not only to hear us. He is able To do. All his holy. Well that he knows exactly what. To do how right? How to answer rightly our prayers. And so, There's a recognition of god's godness. By praying to him a dependence upon His power then.

So He teaches us to be directed by his priorities. He teaches us to depend upon his power. And then he teaches us to be devoted unto his praise. The kingdom and the power, and the glory belonged to him. So we are Praying in obedience to him. And praying in desire.

That he would be. Glorified. The way, the catechism answer says this. Is in our prayers to praise him as scribing kingdom power. And glory to him. And so prayer is itself. Not just a A form of worship. But it ought to include. Active, praise active acknowledging of his kingship active acknowledging of his power.

Active verbally acknowledging his glory. So, Praising him. So we're directed by his priorities. We are dependent upon his power. We are devoted. To his praise. And, We delight. At the last. Has promises. And testimony of our Desire to be heard. We say, amen. Saying that. This is truly. Um, what we Want god to do.

We're offering Uh, what god asks for from the heart, it would be Uh, it would be wicked to give god. The external form while doing so insincerely. They're superficially. And not doing so from the heart. But when we say, amen, Um, the same truly this. Expresses, our desires. But because we are praying according to his word because we are praying submission to him.

We're not saying truly, this is our desire. We're also saying, and Truly, we believe that this is what god Has told us to pray for. We are sure that he's going to do these things. Because we're praying according to what he has said. We're praying according to his own promises.

For the securing of which He has sent his son into the world. It is in jesus that all the promises of god, have their yes That is in jesus that the promises of god have their amen. So when we say amen, we're not just saying, amen? As a reflection, that we sincerely mean this, We're saying, amen.

As a Uh, reflection of or recognition of. That we think we believe. But this is what god has helped us to pray for. This is what god has said. That he intends on doing, this is what god has said that he wants from us. Um, And so, Um, I couldn't find another d word.

Delight seemed to fit. But delight in his promises that it pleases us. To seek what God has promised? And we believe that it pleases hidden to give what he has promised. And so we give our testimony of our desire to be heard. And our assurance to be heard. So when we conclude for thine as a kingdom and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen. We're indicating. That we are directed. By god's priorities dependent. Upon god's power devoted. Unto God's prayers. And delight it. And what god has promised? So what does the lord conclusion of the Lord's para? Teach us? The answer is the conclusion of the Lord's prayer. Which is for the iron, is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Amen. Teacheth us to take our encouragement and prayer from god only. And in our prayers, to praise him. Describing kingdom power and glory to him. And in testimony of our desire and assurance to be heard. We say. Amen.