Jesus' Model Prayer - Part 5

The Third Petition: Praying for the Glory of God's Will

Matthew 6:10b

I. We Are Asking that God's Will Be Done on Earth

1. We are praying for God's will to be done in the whole world.

Matthew 28:18-20 Romans 1:5 1 Corinthians 15:24-28 Philippians 2:9-11

2. We are praying for God's will to be done in our own lives.

John 4:34 Matthew 26:36-39 Hebrews 5:5-8

II. We Are Asking that God's Will Be Done As It Is in Heaven

Psalm 103:19-22 Luke 2:8-14

Wayne Grudem observes in his Systematic Theology that:

In both their obedience and their worship angels provide helpful examples for us to imitate. Jesus teaches us to pray, "Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" (Matt. 6:10). In heaven God's will is done by angels, immediately, joyfully, and without question. We are to pray daily that our obedience and the obedience of others would be like that of the angels in heaven. Their delight is to be God's humble servants, each faithfully and joyfully performing their assigned tasks, whether great or small. Our desire and prayer should be that we ourselves and all others on earth would do the same. (p. 404)