

***Intro:***

READ WLC Q&A 192.

Main Point of Text: The angels in heaven are called on to do what they were created to do and always do: bless the LORD by hearing His Word and carrying it out.

Sermon Point: *Pray You Act Like the Angels.*

***Move 1: Admit your inability to obey God like the angels and ask for help.***

LC: “acknowledging, that by nature we and all men are not only utterly unable and unwilling to know and do the will of God, but prone to rebel against his word”. Fallen Nature/Old Man: Rom. 8:7; Rom. 7:18.

LC: “we pray, that God would by his Spirit take away from ourselves and others all blindness, weakness, indisposedness, and perverseness of heart”: Jer. 31:18-19; Mat 26:41.

***Move 2: Admit your lack of inclination to obey God like the angels and ask for help.***

LC: “acknowledging, that by nature we and all men are ... prone ... to repine and murmur against his providence, and wholly inclined to do the will of the flesh, and of the devil.” Eph. 2:2; 1 Cor. 10:9-10.

LC “we pray, that God would ... by his grace make us able and willing to know, do, and submit to his will in all things, with the like humility, cheerfulness, faithfulness, diligence, zeal, sincerity ...”. Right actions and right attitude: Ps. 119:35; Ps. 40:8/Heb. 10:7/9; Ps. 143:10

***Move 3: The angels obey God every time, on time, all the time.***

LC “we pray, that God would by his Spirit ... by his grace make us able and willing to know, do, and submit to his will in all things ... with ... constancy ... as the angels do in heaven.”: Ps. 119:112:

- Pray for YOUR submission to HIS Will:
  - Mt. 6:10, lit. order: “let it be the will yours (like first two petitions). Mat. 26:39: not my will.
  - Jn. 6:38: God’s Son. God’s family: Lk. 8:21; Lk. 11:28; Mat. 7:21.
- Before petitions asking for earthly things, we are to seek first the kingdom of heaven. Mt. 6:10, lit. order: “As in heaven, so on earth”: as the angels, so with me. Psalm 103:20-21:
  - Vss. 20/21: Angles “are doing” God’s Word/favor (lit., desire/will) as created/called to do.
  - Vs. 20, angels lit. “messengers”. You spread the Gospel by living as God commands. Witness.
  - Vs. 21, “ministers” lit. “servants”. You too serve at the pleasure of the LORD.
  - Vs. 21: “hosts”, lit. “army” (see “LORD of hosts” elsewhere). You are the Church Militant.

***Conclusion:***

*Pray You Act Like the Angels.*