***SERMON NOTES***

**Wonderful Words of Life: The Sermon on the Mount**

**“Pray Then Like This: Part II”**

**Matthew 6: 10 – 12**

**BIG IDEA: To help us see how to practice our righteousness in way that honors Him, Jesus teaches us how we should pray – the content, aim, and the type of requests that should make up our prayers to God.**

**To understand exactly what it means to pray “your will be done” we need to understand how the will of God is understood in the Bible: In the Bible God’s will is revealed in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ main ways:**

**(1) His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 46: 6-7; Proverbs 16: 33; Lamentations 3:37; Psalm 115:3; Job 42:2; James 4: 13-15)**

**(2) His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(1 Thessalonians 4:13; Micah 6:8; Mark 1:15)**

**When we pray “your will be done” we are praying for both God’s sovereign will and commanded will to come to pass in the world and in our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**To pray your will be done is a heartfelt plea that acknowledges the Lord’s wisdom and that all that happens, as it happens, is in beautiful mysterious wisdom, the will of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Praying “your will be done” is asking that God would continually \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our hearts under His Lordship so that He is obeyed in true righteousness born from our hearts.**

**Jesus is teaching us something profound about prayer: The point of prayer is not make God do my will but rather to bring my will in line with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**In v11 Jesus teaches us that God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ deeply and intimately about our own personal daily needs, no matter how big or small they may be to others; if they are significant to us then they are significant to God.**

**To pray to God “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our debts” acknowledges at least three wonderful truths for us:**

1. **That we are debtors if we pray a prayer like this we are recognizing what God has called all people to accept: that we are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in need of His forgiving.**
2. **That He is not only able to forgive but also \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**The Christian can pray “forgive us our debt” with confidence that God is willing and that He delights in forgiving us because of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. **That it is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God who can forgive our sin debt.**

**The plea “forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors” acknowledges who believers are before God: forgiven. And at the same time it acknowledges who believers become through God’s work in our lives \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to forgive others reveals in fact we truly understand the forgiveness we claim to have received from God.**

**Application: Take Home Truths**

**This prayer is decidedly an unnatural prayer and that is the entire point of all that Jesus has told us thus far. Naturally in and of ourselves we don’t have the true righteousness that He demands. Naturally in and of ourselves we don’t have the kind of heart that can meet His standards. Naturally in and of ourselves we don’t want His will and way and commandments in our lives. Naturally in and of ourselves we don’t want to extend forgiveness. Naturally in and of ourselves we have no hope to approach a holy God and request anything. That’s why this prayer is a prayer that only comes to us only by our faith and repentance in the work of Jesus Christ crucified and resurrected for sinners. The only way this prayer can be prayed and modeled in the way that Jesus has taught is if we have trusted in the gospel.**

**If you have trusted Christ and turned from your sin, may this prayer be the worship of your heart as you express all the things that Jesus has taught.**

**If you have not, may God open your eyes to see how trust in Christ and repentance of sin is the only way to pray this prayer in truth.**

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Congregational Reading – Psalm 148

Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights above.

Praise him, all his angels;
 praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise him, you highest heavens
and you waters above the skies.

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for at his command they were created, he established them for ever and ever— he issued a decree that will never pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding,

you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,

wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,

kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth,

young men and women, old men and children.

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

And he has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to his heart.

Praise the Lord.