

# **An Honest Thought**

The Lord's Prayer (Part II)

Lesson 14

## **The Third Petition**

The third petition is "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

What do you think this petition means for your life in the following areas:

A. Your Career \_\_\_\_\_

B. Where you live or go \_\_\_\_\_

C. The way you behave \_\_\_\_\_

The Bible tells us there are some very specific things we can know about God's will.

Read John 6:40.

What is God's will? \_\_\_\_\_

Read I Timothy 2:24.

What is God's will? \_\_\_\_\_

Read I Thessalonians 4:3.

What is God's will? \_\_\_\_\_

This petition requests that God's will be done on earth as it is in "heaven."

Do the angels in heaven do God's will all of the time? \_\_\_\_\_

God's will is done perfectly in heaven. We ask that it be done perfectly here on earth, also.

When we pray the 3<sup>rd</sup> petition, we are asking God to take all aspects of our lives into his hands.

What do we know about what God's will is in the every day decisions of our lives?

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## **The Fourth Petition**

The fourth petition is "Give us this day our daily bread."

What is daily bread? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do we ask God for daily bread? Read Psalm 145:15, 16.

Who gives us what we have? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Matthew 5:45. Does God provide for everyone including non believers? \_\_\_\_

When we pray this petition, what are we asking for besides "daily bread"?

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Often people will bring up the point that God did not make the machines that produce the things we need and use. They do not see how it is that we should give credit to God for these things and thank Him for them. Consider the following question.

Who makes the seed grow and gives us the skills we need to produce the things we need?

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There are two purposes for praying this petition.

A. We are \_\_\_\_\_ for what God has given us.

B. To remind us that \_\_\_\_\_ has given these things to us.

Why should we pray a table prayer before meals? \_\_\_\_\_

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When Moses led the Israelites into the desert, the Lord provided food for them. He wanted them to trust Him for their sustenance. Read Exodus 16:13-20 to find out what happened when some of the people wanted to be greedy and have more than they needed.

Was there enough manna for everyone? \_\_\_\_\_

What happened to the extra manna some people tried to save? \_\_\_\_\_

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Should we ask for more than we need to see us through the day? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Proverbs 30:8,9.

For what are we to ask? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the danger of having too much? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the danger of having too little? \_\_\_\_\_

Now read Matthew 6:28-33. What are we not supposed to worry about?

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

According to this passage, what should we seek? \_\_\_\_\_

What will then come our way? \_\_\_\_\_

### **The Fifth Petition**

The fifth petition is "AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES, AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US."

What do we acknowledge about ourselves when we pray this petition? \_\_\_\_\_

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This petition can be translated two different ways.

A. "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."

B. "Forgive us our trespasses, for we forgive those who trespass against us."

There is a difference in meaning in the two translations.

The first means that we ask God to forgive us when and if we forgive \_\_\_\_\_

Read Matthew 18:23-35. What is the point of this parable? \_\_\_\_\_

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Matthew 7:2 says "...with what measure you measure, it will be measured to you again."  
"Measure" here means the standard you use. With this in mind, rewrite Matthew 7:2 in your own words.

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The second translation of this petition suggested above means that Christians will \_\_\_\_\_ others because we are a forgiving people and a forgiven people.

Read Ephesians 4:32. What are we to do? \_\_\_\_\_

Why are we to do this? \_\_\_\_\_

When Jesus told Peter to forgive seventy times seven (or an unlimited number of times), He meant it and proved the nature of that kind of forgiveness when He was on the cross.

Look up Luke 23:34. For whom did Jesus ask forgiveness? \_\_\_\_\_

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Does God remember our sin once it has been forgiven? (See Isaiah 43:25) \_\_\_\_\_

How do we know that we have been forgiven? \_\_\_\_\_

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