

The Disciples' Prayer

Lesson 5

- I. Introduction and review

- II. The Third Petition – Matthew 6:10
 - A. The Third Petition Concerns the Accomplishment of the Father's Will
 1. *"Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven"*
 2. This is to pray that the kingdom of God might come in its fullness
 3. This will be the perfect accomplishment of our Father's will, without rebellion, prevarication, delay, or evil agencies which God works through men's evil (Gen.50: 20; Isa. 10:5-19)
 4. Now, Christ-like ethics must be worked out in a context in which evil still abounds
 5. In the final consummation of the Kingdom, we will not be tempted to hate, lust, hypocrisy or retaliation (see chapter 5:17-48)
 6. The phrase *"on earth as it is in heaven"*
 - a. That God's desires for righteousness will be fully accomplished *now* on earth as they are *now* accomplished in heaven
 - b. That God's desires for righteousness may *ultimately* be as fully accomplished on earth as they are *now* accomplished in heaven
 - c. That God's desires for righteousness may ultimately be accomplished on the earth *in the same way* that they are being accomplished in heaven
 7. To pray this means two things for us:
 - a. We are committing ourselves to learning all we can about His will; this means consistent and humble study of the Scripture
 - b. We are pledging that, so help me God, by His grace, we will do His will as much as we know it.