** WBC SERMON NOTES 21 July 2019**

 **Matthew 6:10(b) “Desiring what God wants”
 Series: The Lord’s Prayer (PART 5)**

 **Prayer that turns the world upside down**

What we’ve learnt so far in The Lord’s Prayer:

* The foundation of our prayer is an intimate relationship with the Father
* “*Who art in heaven*” – gives us …………………… / keeps us in our place.
* Two prayer lists: …………………… and …………………. . Three requests in each.
* FIRST we pause & ………………….. : *“Hallowed be your name.”* Here we pray for the reputation of God’s name & pledge our accountability to that name.
* SECOND, we focus on God’s interests: the growth of His Kingdom.

Introduction

Jesus overwhelming desire was to ………………. the Father, and His one desire is that we too would come to know the glory of God.
We come to the ‘radical part’ of the Lord’s Prayer, where we pray “*your will be done.*” Luther called this part of the Lord’s prayer a ……………………. prayer.
John Stott notes: “*whether we can pray these words with sincerity is a searching test of the ………………….and ……………. of our Christian profession.*”

Jesus wants us to savor the …………………… and glory of God in all things, in all of life; we get lost in the busyness of life, but need to get back to God!

‘Open theism’: the false view that God has no ……………….. of his own.

Not only does God have a will, but He instructs us to ……………………….. it before we ‘move on’.

**Jesus was radically committed to doing God’s will:**

* John 4:34 “My food is to do the will of the one who sent me.”
* John 5:30 “I seek not to please myself but the one who sent me.”
* John 6:38 “I have come down from heaven not to do my will,
 but the will of the one who sent me.”
* Mark 14:36 (In Gethsemane) “Abba Father, everything is possible for you.
 Take this cup from me. Yet not as I will, but what you will.”

 **“Your will be done” – can YOU pray these words?**

These are scary words, because you invite God to ……………………………… you.
You are inviting God to do what is necessary to make His will …………………..
in your life.

**Why CAN WE pray these words, “*Your will be done*” ?**

* Because the first words of this prayer are “Our Father” ‘- “……………….”
* Because we are asked to do the the will of the Father whose …………….
is measured by the cross of Jesus Christ

 To pray, “*Your will be done*” is to pray that the perfect, loving
 ‘………………-………’ of our heavenly Father will be done in our lives.

**If we are to do God’s will, we need to be committed to
finding His will.**Isaiah 46:10Psalm 139:15-17

God’s revealed will = shown in His Word
God’s secret will = His plans conceived in eternity past, not yet revealed.

\* Isaiah 55:8

The danger of saying, “The Lord told me”

**When you pray, “*Your will be done*” it means you accept
God’s will.**

Job 1:21: “The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD
 be praised.”

Luke 22:42: “Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will,
 but yours be done.”

Praying these words “ YOUR WILL be done” means ……………………
 your plans, your wishes, to God’s plans & wishes.

In following God’s will we find our greatest ………………..
Elizabeth Elliot and the shepherd.

Conclusion: Our greatest glory is to pray and live the prayer:
 “your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven”