

At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. Jesus is coming back and we will see everything perfected, but until then just know that God's will is being done in heaven, too. that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil... Not only has Satan been defeated at the cross, that defeat continues to be worked out through the life of Kingdom citizen. Revelation 12:11 And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

Discussion Questions

- What do you think it would look like if everyone in your house obeyed God's will as well as the angels in heaven do?
- Do you look forward to the day when God's will is accomplished on earth as it is in heaven?

Day 5 – Review Q&A and recite memory verse

The life of a Christian is a call to growing obedience to the will of God as revealed in His Word. It is important, though, that we remember it is God's will, and that ultimately He is the one who will bring it about. Even in our own lives. Every aspect of this week's catechism question is fundamentally a matter of grace. "We pray that God by his grace would make us able and willing to know, obey, and submit to his will in all things, as the angels do in heaven." By grace, God reveals Himself and makes us able to know His will. By grace, God softens hearts and makes us willing to submit to Him. By grace, God gives us the power to resist evil and follow Christ. *For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them* (Ephesians 2:8-10). Praise God that He graciously calls, saves, and equips Christians to accomplish His will on earth.

Discussion Questions

- Have you ever thanked God for revealing Himself and His will to you?
- Have you obeyed His call to repent and trust in Jesus for your salvation?
- When was the last time you gave God the credit for your obedience to His Word?

Baptist Catechism

Family Worship Guide



West Oaks Baptist Church

(in preparation for Sunday, November 23rd, 2025)

Baptist Catechism Question #110

Q: What do we pray for in the third petition?

A: *In the third petition, which is, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven we pray that God by his grace would make us able and willing to know, obey, and submit to his will in all things, as the angels do in heaven.*

Suggested Memory Verse

Daniel 4:35 All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, "What have you done?"

Day 1 – Review Q&A and recite memory verse

As we take a look at the third petition of the Lord’s Prayer found in Matthew 6:10 ...*your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven*, let’s explore just what the phrase means “Thy will be done.” People often wonder whether there is any plan or purpose to life. Is it all just random chance? Others believe that man’s will is supreme and our choices are what direct the course of history. Christians, however, understand that the will of our heavenly Father is so much greater. This week’s memory verse shows us that we are created beings that have no power or reason to question His will or authority. Daniel 4:35 *All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, “What have you done?”* Whether humans or angels, all created beings are subject to God’s will, and our prayers and daily lives should reflect this. James 4:15 says...*Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.”* It is an act of faith and devotion to desire the will of our loving Father.

Discussion Questions

- Does life ever seem random to you? How does it make you feel to consider that God has a will and a purpose for all things?
- Are there situations in your life where it is difficult to pray, “Thy will be done” instead of “My will be done”? Pray for faith to trust God in this area.

Day 2 – Review Q&A and recite memory verse

Does praying for God’s will to be done mean that we can’t be grieved by our circumstances or cry out to God when we are suffering? Does it mean we shouldn’t ask for change? No. In Luke 22:42 Jesus prayed that the cup of suffering would be taken from Him, but then concluded *“not my will, but yours, be done.”* God invites us to come to Him with all of our requests, but this second petition helps us approach God from a posture of submission rather than rebellion. When the apostle Paul was on his way to Jerusalem, brothers and sisters tried to stop him from going at first. Scripture says in Acts 21:14 *And since he would not be persuaded, we ceased and said, “Let the will of the Lord be done.”* There is a point that we must always submit to God’s will. We might question it, there might be tears, but we must not rebel and refuse to submit. God knows our hearts and intentions. Proverbs 16:2 *All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the LORD weighs the spirit.* God knows if you are submitting or rebelling. Those who belong to the Lord will grow in their ability to trust God’s will for them, even when it involves discipline. If we believe that God works all things for our good and His glory, we can honestly desire that “His will be done.”

Discussion Questions

- When you pray, are you prepared for God’s answer? Even if it’s not what you wanted?
- How can you grow in your ability to pray boldly and confidently, but also in submission to God’s will?

Day 3 – Review Q&A and recite memory verse

When we pray “Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven,” we are not just talking about world events. We are also talking about our own ability to know and obey God’s will in our everyday lives. We must live, eat, breathe, take shelter, and do any number of daily tasks while on this earth. David said in Psalm 39:4, *O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am!* This life is nothing compared to eternity but we must live here for now, so how do we live everyday normal life and follow God’s will? *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect* (Romans 12:2). We need to know God to know His will, and we need to be transformed by Him. Those who do not know God deny Him by the way they live. Titus 1:16 *They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.* This is because knowledge of God’s will is not enough. We also need God’s power to obey His will. The writer of Hebrews prays that God would *equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever* (Hebrews 13:21).

Discussion Questions

- How much effort do you put into studying scripture so that you can know and obey God’s will?
- Do you ever pray for God to equip you to do His will throughout your day?

Day 4 – Review Q&A and recite memory verse

The earth is not the only place God’s will reigns. The third petition says “as it is in heaven,” too. There are Christians who have gone on before us that are doing God’s will but also angels who are doing God’s will, and they are doing it perfectly! Psalm 103:20–21 says...*Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word! Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!* There are different kinds of angels mentioned in the Bible. The seraphim are described in Isaiah 6:2. *Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.* Angels are created spiritual beings that God has chosen to follow His commands and to aid in His kingdom work. We will never become angels, and angels will never become human. Hebrews 2:6–8 *What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, putting everything in subjection under his feet.”* Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control.