

superiority of God's will. In theology we distinguish at least five phases of his will and while we do not have time to discuss all of these in this series, the will we are discussing in this passage is the totality of all others. The prayer is: May that which is right in your sight be done!. The point of recognition is that it is His...both will and kingdom are His.

(2) "Kingdom" neither (in my judgement) refers to the Millennial Kingdom nor to the peace of God reigning in our hearts. It rather describes a state of being in which the will of God is supreme without argument or dissolution. In that setting we realize that the rule of the Lord is total and impressive...we are only well when we are in the benefit of it.

(3) Some ask how we will react if the will of God should prove "unpleasant"? If we recognize it as his will it will not be "unpleasant" in that we will see the perfection of both his plan and grace. Only his will is important, right and good. In that light we should re-read Romans 12:1-2 and yield ourselves to it.

b. It is a Matter of Resolution: Thy Will be Done...

(1) There is, of course, a sense in which God will achieve his will. But the thing for which we pray is a matter of resolve: we want to see it done. This means necessarily that we are willing and desirous of seeing it done. Conceivably we most want it done through and in us.

(2) This is not a Christian fatalism. The writer is not saying: "Thy will be done and there is nothing we may do about it." It is a matter of resolve that what is right is our desire. It does involve the submission of ourselves and that is why it is a matter of yieldedness. It is a mistake to think that the eventuality of His will is like a trap from which there is no escape. As it is spoken of in