

this prayer it is a desired thing. Our sure resolve towards its accomplishment enforces the idea of spiritual peace and victory in this life as in the next.

c. A Matter of Action: On Earth as in Heaven.

(1) In this figure the writer is telling us to mold our ideas and performance on what is true in the heavenly pattern. This calls for a consideration of what is true in heaven and how it may be realized on earth. Once again it is a matter of acceptance and yieldedness. The commitment to his will involves a turning to performance on earth that is directed by the Scripture which is the sure revelation of the will of God.

(2) Spiritual life is essentially realized in knowing Christ and being endowed with the spiritual graces by which he marks his own. It becomes a matter of commitment to his will. This is the problem that later arises in Matthew 7. Many say "Lord, Lord" who do not do the will of God. They are forever lost. Of course, that aspect of his will is belief on his son...but the importance of other aspects cannot be forgotten or laid aside.

(3) We should note that we are not building a kingdom of our own on earth and, in a true sense, we are not building his. We are a dwelling place for him and the Spirit, in this age, is building the church. But there is a sense that, when the recognition, resolution, and action are all in direct respect of God's order...there is something of a "heaven on earth." Too often the church is not like this but then...how many of us say with meaning, "Thy Will Be Done"?

3. Conclusion:

The reality of the whole prayer is very much intensified by this concept. We identify ourselves with him through the means provided by the