

As It Is in Heaven #1

*Father,
may You be glorified,
may You be in control,
and may Your will be done
on earth, just as it is in heaven.*

On earth as it is in heaven apparently applies to all three phrases that precede it:

- hallowed be your name
on earth as it is in heaven;
- your kingdom come
on earth as it is in heaven;
- your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.

The phrase brings to mind the vision of God's heavenly throne room from Isaiah 6:1-7. Picture this. God is seated on a great throne, high and lifted up. The train of His robe fills the entire temple. Winged creatures surround Him, bowed in His presence, eager to do His bidding, continually praising Him. Even the doorposts, considered the most stable part of a structure, shake at the sound of the thunderous worship. The entire room is filled with smoke, a sign of the mystery and majesty of God's presence. Everything, every creature is responding fully to the unspeakable wonder of God's presence.

Now lift your eyes to a day just ahead. All the earth has become God's throne room. Every creature and all creation respond fully and forever to the awesome magnificence of God. Praise, worship, and obedience are natural, joyful, and unbroken. Imagine it!

The Lord's Prayer plants that vision deep in our hearts. Your glory . . . Your control . . . Your will on earth as it is in heaven. The prayer lifts our eyes. It reminds us and points us in the right direction. It fuels our longing for God in His fullness. Day by day it gently assures us of the wonder that soon will be.

*Father, You are
the only desire worth nurturing,
the only goal worth pursuing,
the only eternal destination.*