

As It Is in Heaven #3

For me the Lord's Prayer is a daily realignment with God...a reminder...a refocus.

Note that there is no "I," "my," "we," or "our" in the entire first half. No mention of anyone but God. I'm reminded that what's really important, what I really want, is that He be glorified. I want Him to be in complete control and His will to be done, just as fully here on earth as it is in the throne room of heaven.

Do you want to hear what God has to say to you? We're often told that we need to get quiet and wait before Him. There's value in that. But realize that it's not primarily physical noise that keeps us from hearing God. He doesn't usually speak audibly anyway. What blocks His loving whisper is the noise of our own plans and desires. We're so wrapped up in what we want that our hearts aren't tuned to His desires and His plan.

That's why the Lord's Prayer is so important. It quiets our hearts and minds before Him. We want only His plan. We desire only His will.

Some mornings I get so caught up in this opening portion of the Lord's Prayer that I don't get to any other concerns. I've come to realize that God's great blessing to us is not giving us what we want in our selfishness, ignorance, and shortsightedness. His blessing is helping us to want only the best, to want only what He wants, knowing that He will gladly give it. He doesn't so much change reality to fit our desires. He changes our desires to fit His reality.

Therein is the secret of Jesus' relationship with His Father: He wanted only what His Father wanted. This prayer that Jesus taught us fuels that same desire in us.

*Father, today
no glory but Yours,
no control but Yours,
no will but Yours.*

Hymn: [God Alone](#)