

**Lord's Day 49**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Our covenant God is the willing God. His will is eternal, unchangeable, powerful, all-comprehending, wise, and good. God's will is always done everywhere. Why then do we make it our prayer that God's will be done? In order that we may consciously submit to His will and obey it in our lives. Notice the beautiful relationship between the first three petitions: when God's will is done His kingdom comes, and when His kingdom comes His Name is hallowed!

**A. The will of God.**

1. Read Ephesians 1:5-12. Find three terms in this passage that have the same approximate meaning as "will." \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is included in God's will?

a. Everything from \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 10:7) to \_\_\_\_\_ (Jas. 4:15).

b. Try to express, in your own words, the most important, or central, idea concerning the will of God. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Read the prayers of Jesus in Gethsemane the night in which He was betrayed (Matt. 26:39-44).

a. To what does "this cup" refer? \_\_\_\_\_

b. What words show that Christ renounced His own will? \_\_\_\_\_

c. What words show that He wanted God's will to be done? \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Our prayer that our will may be conformed to God.**

1. What is man's will? \_\_\_\_\_

a. Is fallen man's will free to do either good or evil, or is man's will a slave of sin, bound to do evil? (See Rom. 8:5-8.) \_\_\_\_\_

b. According to the last part of Art. 11 of the Canons of Dordt, Heads III/IV, our will is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_. The Spirit of God changes our will, making it \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ it, "that like a good tree, it may bring forth the fruits of good actions."

2. Quote Matthew 16:24, and circle the words which mean we renounce our own will.  
“ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_”

3. How do we know what the will of God is? \_\_\_\_\_  
a. What, briefly, is the will of God for us? (See Eccles. 12:13.) \_\_\_\_\_  
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b. Not only must we know the will of God, we must \_\_\_\_\_ that will.

4. Because God’s will is good, we may never murmur against it. That would mean that we pretend to be wiser than God. Give examples of how a man might murmur against God’s holy will.

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

5. We pray that we may attend to and perform the duties of our \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_ in life, as willingly and faithfully as the angels do in heaven.

a. What do you understand by “station and calling”? \_\_\_\_\_  
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b. Why is it important that we find our proper station and calling in life?  
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c. Is it possible to do the will of God in any occupation, or are some occupations in themselves opposed to the will of God? \_\_\_\_\_  
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d. The angels always do the will of God perfectly.

1) What are angels according to Hebrews 1:14? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2) What do they do in heaven? (See Ps. 103:20; Rev. 5:11, 12.) \_\_\_\_\_  
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