

WEEK 4 DAY 1: Wanting what pleases him

Your will be done.

Fixing our eyes on Jesus. □ This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. □ I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. □ I always do what pleases him.

You are my friends if you do what I command. □ Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

Useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work. □ I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart. □ We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts.

Submit to God and be at peace with him; in this way prosperity will come to you. □ I have calmed and quietened myself, I am like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child I am content. □ You are good, and what you do is good.

MATT 6:10.

Heb 12:2 □ Matt 3:17 □ John 6:38 □ John 8:29.

John 15:14 □ Matt 7:21.

2 Tim 2:21 □ Ps 40:8 □ 1 Th 2:4.

Job 22:21 □ Ps 131:2 □ Ps 119:68.

WEEK 4 DAY 2: Discovering God's will

Understanding what the will of the Lord is.

We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way.

May the God of peace equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him. □ Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfil his good purpose. □ I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. □ The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives for ever.

Eph 5:17. Col 1:9, 10.

Heb 13:20, 21 □ Phil 2:12, 13 □ Jer 31:33.

Rom 8:26. John 13:17 □ 1 Jn 2:17.

WEEK 4 DAY 3: The Jesus prayer

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy. □ My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise. □ Our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he shows us his mercy.

I spread out my hands to you; I thirst for you like a parched land. Answer me quickly, LORD; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me or I will be like those who go down to the pit.

The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people.' But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them. □ Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.

*LUKE 18:38. Jas 5:11 □ Ps 51:17 □ Ps 123:2.
Ps 143:6-7. Luke 18:11, 13. Ps 32:1, 2 □ Jude 21.*

WEEK 4 DAY 4: Waiting on God

Blessed are all who wait for him!

Will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth? □ In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.

It is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. □ Woe to those who say, 'Let God hurry; let him hasten his work so that we may see it.' □ Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret – it leads only to evil.

You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. □ Those who hope in me will not be disappointed.

I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

*ISA 30:18. Luke 18:7, 8 □ Ps 5:3.
Lam 3:24-26 □ Isa 5:19 □ Ps 37:7, 8.
Isa 26:3 □ Isa 49:23. Ps 27:13, 14.*

WEEK 4 DAY 5: Prayer – place and time

Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

When you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen.

Isaac went out to the field one evening to meditate. □
When Daniel heard that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened towards Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. □ Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.
□ About noon ... Peter went up on the roof to pray.

From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the LORD his God.
□ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.

Evening, morning and noon I cry out in distress, and he hears my voice. □ On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night. □ The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their prayer.

LUKE 5:16. Matt 6:6.

Gen 24:63 □ Dan 6:10 □ Mark 1:35 □ Acts 10:9.

Jon 2:1 □ Acts 16:25.

Ps 55:17 □ Ps 63:6 □ 1 Pet 3:12.

WEEK 4 DAY 6: Prayer changes things!

On earth, as it is in heaven.

This is what the LORD says, he who made the earth, the LORD who formed it and established it – the LORD is his name: ‘Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.’

[An angel] was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all God’s people, on the golden altar in front of the throne. The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of God’s people, went up before God from the angel’s hand. Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and hurled it on the earth; and there came peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake.

Have faith in God. Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them.

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. □ We have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

*MATT 6:10. Jer 33:3. Rev 8:3-5. Mark 11:22, 23.
2 Cor 10:5 □ 2 Cor 4:7.*