

S. By the Holy Scriptures, and by the works of His providence.

T. Should not those who offer up this petition be careful to live according to its meaning?

S. Yes, they should believe and obey what the word of God declares and requires,—they should be thankful for all His mercies,—and they should submit with patience to His will in the heaviest afflictions.

T. How are we to do the will of God, so far as it is known to us?

S. “As it is done in heaven” by the holy angels.

T. In what manner do they perform His will?

S. Perfectly; constantly, and joyfully.

T. Have you thus done the will of God?

S. No,—I have come very far short of it.

T. Though neither you nor any other person can be as perfect as the angels of God, should you not desire to imitate them?

S. Yes, I am taught to pray that God’s will may be done by me as it is done in heaven.

T. To what do the three remaining petitions of the Lord’s prayer relate?

S. To our own necessities.

T. What is the *fourth* petition?

S. “Give us this day our daily bread.”