

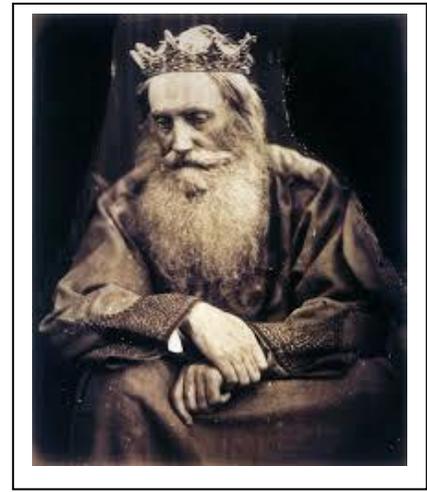
## David: God's Will And My Dreams

### Welcome to Worship

**Spoken Opening Hymn** – O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

O, Lord throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray. Teach us to overcome our sins, and close by You to stay.

Abide with us that when this life of suffering is past, An Easter of unending joy we may attain at last!



### Invocation

P In the name of the Father,

**C who made a covenant with his people,**

P and of the Son,

**C the royal son of David, who shed his blood that we might partake of a new covenant,**

P and of the Holy Spirit,

**C who worked through prophets like Nathan, and has written the covenant on our hearts, and through faith adopted us into the line and lineage of the eternal family. Amen.**

### Confession and Absolution

P In the Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer we say:

**C "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."**

P What does this mean?

**C The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.**

P How is God's will done?

**C God's will is done when he breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let his kingdom come; and when he strengthens and keeps us firm in his Word and faith until we die. This is his good and gracious will.**

P Like King David, the shepherd king, and the prophet Nathan, our sinful natures prohibit us from knowing perfectly the will of God. Yet God provides for us a cure and direction. Together, we pray: O Lord Jesus,

**C We seek your compassion and forgiveness because we too are harassed by sin and helpless to free ourselves from its bondage. We have sinned in thought, word and deed. Though you have called us to be your people, we have lived as if we only needed to answer to ourselves. Even our best intentions to follow your will have met with failure. In your mercy, forgive us our sins. Send us your Spirit to help us live as your holy people.**

P According to the perfect and compassionate will of God, your sins are forgiven through the precious blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Prayer of the Day**

**Almighty God, your plans are beyond my imagining. The hopes and dreams I have for myself—for my relationships and my daily tasks and my future—I hold in open hands before you. Shape my life according to your will, and help me release the good things I have planned so I may receive with joy and thankfulness the good things you have planned, through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.**

### **Children's Message.**

**Old Testament Reading,** 2 Samuel 7:4-29,

**New Testament Reading,** Hebrews 10:1-5

**Gospel Reading,** Matthew 22:41-46

### **Message**

### **Hymn of the Evening – Be Thou My Vision**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart. Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night. Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise. Thou mine inheritance, now and always  
Thou and thou only first in my heart. High King of heaven, my treasure thou art

**Prayers (Loving Lord of all, let us find rest in your plan for our lives.)**

### **Lord's Prayer**

***Our father who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen***

### **Benediction**

### **Closing Hymn – Amazing Grace**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures