

heavens where God has His throne, nothing moves except in accordance with His will, ~~only~~ oh, may it be so in our hearts and lives, may it be so upon earth here. Just as it is in the universe where the stars move in accordance with His laws, and where His regulations direct all things, may we who are conscious beings, we who have wills of our own, may we be enabled to bring those wills in line with His purpose, so that there also His will will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. And His kingdom come.

Now Karl Barth makes the foundation of his teaching upon this statement, our Father which art in heaven. He says God is in heaven and you are on the earth and that is the most important thing in the universe, but that's not the teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ and His church, it's not the teaching of this passage. But says Barth the distance is so unapproachable we can't know anything about Him except that anything we say isn't true. But we can make statements to give us an idea, they are not the truth but in some ways they do bring us toward Him. He is in heaven and I am on earth. With Barth that is the vital foundation of all religion. And I believe he is absolutely on the wrong track. The Lord's prayer here teaches that God is in heaven in the sense that He has all power. ~~All~~ All dominion, but that He is on earth here in the sense that He is nearer to us than breathing. Closer than hands and feet, interested in everything we do, in every thought ~~about~~ of our being, and that what He tells us about Himself in the Bible we can believe and stand on exactly as it is stated, we don't have to say it is so altogether other than we can understand. His great teaching is so tremendously powerful in the world today, it's built on a false foundation, and many people who misunderstand the foundation are helped by the teaching to a misunderstanding of it, and praise God for any help (8)

but unfortunately its basic center is against teaching of the the/Bible rather than for it. And therefore it is bound to be of tremendous harm even though ~~some~~ some good is also done along the way.

Now I believe we could meditate on these two verses. I wish we could think