

The Will of God

Will: Greek *thelema*, desire, intention or purpose.

God's sovereign will is God's absolute control and authority over all events and outcomes. God's moral law guides human behavior and assists in the responsibility to act in accordance with God's revealed commands.

How is the will of God known?

How important is spiritual discernment in knowing the will of God?

Discernment: the ability to distinguish between good and evil, truth and error and highlights the ability in making wise decisions and understanding God's will. Mature believers' senses are trained to discern both good and evil, indicating spiritual discernment grows with spiritual maturity (**Hebrews 5:14**)

Does the will of God change from generation to generation?

God's will for man in the beginning:

Genesis 1:28- And God blessed them, and God said unto them, be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Jesus' fulfillment and example of fulfilling the will of God:

- Obedience
- Surrender
- Submission
- Faith
- Fellowship
- Relationship
- Servant

John 6:35- And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

36- But I say unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not.

37- All the Father giveth me shall come to me, and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

38- For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of Him that sent me.

39- And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which He hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

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40- And this is the will of Him that sent me, that everyone which seeth the Son, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

God's will:

- It is not God's will that any believer falls from grace (*Galatian 5:4*)
- That no believer be separated from His will or perish (*2 Peter 3:9*)
- That none fails to come to the truth and be saved (*1 Timothy 2:4*)
- God teaches us to do His will (*Psalms 143:10*)
- Continually pray that God's will be done in earth as it is in heaven (*John 6:35*)
- Do not use the will of God as an excuse to be passive or irresponsible with respect to the call to battle sin, evil and lukewarmness. Satan is responsible for this evil, cruelty, injustice, pain and suffering in the world.
- Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil (*1 John 3:8*)
- Believers are to put on the whole armor of God and do spiritual warfare (*Ephesians 6:10-20; 1 Thessalonians 5:8*)

Remember: The will of God is to complete His purpose placed in us before the foundation of the world. We are here on an assignment.

Romans 8:28- And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.

Jesus prayed because He knew His assignment was coming to completion. "It get's hard sometimes before things get better. Just remember that God's will must be fulfilled.

Matthew 26:41- Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

42- He went away again the second time, and prayed saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

FATHER, LET THY WILL BE DONE!!!!