Your Will Be Done

- I. Introduction.
 - A. What aspect of man grants the ability to reject or receive God?
 - B. Why do most choose to reject God, when they know God exists?
 - C. How many believe God is all-loving, all-wise, and intimately knows and designed us, and our future?
 - D. How many believe God's Word provides us with a roadmap for our best life, with unfathomably promised rewards?
 - E. How many always do/obey God's Word/will?
 - F. Why is that?
- II. Scripture.
 - A. Word Study.
 - "Will" found 2,856 times in Bible, only 470 are in the NT. "I will" 1,535 times, "Thy will" only 7 times. "Wilt" 208 times. "Willing" 31 times.
 - Hebrew (Ratson)—56 times KJV Translates: "favor" (15), "will" (14), "acceptable" (8), "delight" (5), "pleasure" (5), "accepted" (4), "desire" (3), "acceptance" (1), "self-will" (1).
 - 3. **Greek** (*Thelema*)—44 Times KJV Translates: "*will*" (42), "*desire*" (1), "*pleasure*" (1). What one wishes, has determined, the purpose, commands, choice, inclination.
 - 4. Dictionary says will expresses desire, choice, consent, refusal, habitual tendency, or future plans.
 - B. Select Scripture on God's and Man's will.
 - 1. Psa. 40:8—"I delight to do Thy will, O my God: yea, Thy law is within my heart."
 - 2. **Psa. 143:10**—"Teach me to do **Thy will**; for Thou art my God: Thy Spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness."

- 3. Mat. 6:10—"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."
- 4. Mat. 26:39, 42—"39-And He went a little further, and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, O My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me: nevertheless not as I will, but as Thou wilt. 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."
- 5. Mar. 14:35-36—"35-And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him. 36-And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what Thou wilt."
- 6. Luk. 11:2—"And He said unto them, 'When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth."
- 7. Luk. 22:42—"Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done."
- 8. Heb. 5:7-8—"7-Who in the days of his flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him that was able to save Him from death, and was heard in that He feared; 8-Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered."
- 9. Heb. 10:7, 9—"7-Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the Book it is written of Me,) to do Thy will, O God. 9-Then said He, Lo, I come to do Thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that He may establish the second."
- 10. Mat. 21:31—"Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto Him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you."
- 11. Exo. 15:26—"And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His sight, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee."
- 12. Rom. 9:16—"So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy."

III.	App	licat	ion.
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- A. Do you desire to do God's will even above your own will?
- B. What really keeps you from doing God's will?
- C. How do you learn to accept God's will, even when it is very painful?
- D. Ponder areas in your life, things you do not want to do God's will. Will you pray, "Father, not my will, but Your will be done?"
- E. Will you close your eyes and pray now, "Father, not my will, but Your will be done?" Let's do that.