

## God's Will

### I. Introduction.

- A. Is God's will ever prevented or thwarted, why, or why not?
- B. If no, then why is there sin, sickness, sorrow, pain, and death?
- C. What are four different aspects of God's will?
  1. God's **Sovereign Will**—
  2. God's **Moral Will**—
  3. God's **Permissive Will**—
  4. God's **Personal Will**—

### II. Scripture.

#### A. God's **Sovereign Will**.

1. **Eph. 1:11-12**—"11 *In Whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him Who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will: 12 That we should be to the praise of His glory...*"
2. **Col 1:16-17**—"16 *For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him: 17 And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist.*"
3. **Dan. 4:17, 25, 32**—"25 *This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever He will, and setteth up over it the basest of men. 25 That they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to*

- whomsoever He will.* <sup>32</sup>*And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever He will."*
4. **Psa. 66:7** —"*He ruleth by His power forever; His eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah."*
  5. **Psa. 103:9** —"*The LORD hath prepared His throne in the heavens; and His kingdom ruleth over all."*

**B. God's Moral Will.**

1. **Deu. 6:24**—"*And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is at this day."*
2. **Psa. 40:8**—"*I delight to do Thy will, O my God: yea, Thy law is within my heart."*
3. **Rom. 2:18**—"*And knowest His will, and approvest the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law."*
4. **Mic. 4:2**—"*And many nations shall come, and say, 'Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.'*"
5. **1Th. 4:3**—"*For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication."*
6. **1Th. 5:18**—"*In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."*

**C. God's Permissive Will.**

1. **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."*
2. **Mark 3:35**—"*For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is My brother, and My sister, and Mother."*

**D. God's Personal Will.**

1. **Rom. 1:10**—"*Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you."*
2. **1Co. 7:39**—"*The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord."*
3. **Col. 4:12**—"*Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers,*

*that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God."*

4. **James 4:15**—"For that ye ought to say, 'If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.'"

E. The "**will of God**."

1. **Rom. 8:27**—"And He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because He maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God."
2. **Eph. 6:6**—"Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart."

III. Application.

- A. What jumps out to you most about the will of God?
- B. How can you learn, know, and make wise decisions according to God's will?
- C. How will you keep yourself in the center of God's ideal will?
- D. See "**Your Will Be Done**" [Teacher](#) and [Student](#) lessons regarding the 2,856 times the word "**will**" is found in the Bible, a dozen key verses, and 5 applications.