

## The will of God

What is the will of God? Christians in the past, Nobel men of God have been consumed with the subject of the will of God. In fact I think all Christians should get themselves invested in this matter, anyone who claims to be a follower of Christ and does not indeed desire to do the will of God, is probably not a Christian

### **1 Peter 4:2-3 ESV**

[2] so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God. [3] For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry.

### **Psalm 143:10 ESV**

[10] Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

Even our Lord Jesus Christ was consumed with this matter of the will of God

### **John 4:31-34 ESV**

[31] Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." [32] But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." [33] So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him something to eat?" [34] Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.

In Matthew 6: 10, One of the essential principles of prayer is the will of God

### **Matthew 6:6-10 ESV**

[6] But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. [7] "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. [8] Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. [9] Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. [10] Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

### **Romans 1:10 ESV**

[10] always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you.

### **James 4:15-17 ESV**

[15] Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.” [16] As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. [17] So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

When we look at the word will in the New Testament there are two different words that are translated in English as the word will, so if we want to know which kind of will the text is speaking of in a given situation

### Sovereign efficacious will ( decretive will )

God's power to bring about his will by divine decree, what he will must necessarily come to pass. This is the will of God that is brought about by divine decree. This cannot be refuted, or it can not be disobeyed

#### **Genesis 1:3-4 ESV**

[3] And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. [4] And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness.

#### **Psalm 33:6-11 ESV**

[6] By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host. [7] He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses. [8] Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him! [9] For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm. [10] The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples. [11] The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations.

#### **Isaiah 46:9-10 ESV**

[9] remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, [10] declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,’

### **The Perceptive Will of God**

This is the will of God he brings about through his law, This is the moral law that God has revealed to guide us

(Exodus 20)

### **What is the will of God for us?**

### **To be Saved**

The greatest blessing you have received is the gift of salvation, what does it mean to be a Christian ( John 15:4) God lives in you, and what manifests our presence to the world is his presence in us.

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### **John 6:38-40 ESV**

[38] For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. [39] And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. [40] For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

### **1 Timothy 2:3-4 ESV**

[3] This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, [4] who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

### **To be Sanctified**

Sanctification is to be made righteous, this is the process by which the believer makes an effort, and abstains from sin, and by doing so they are conformed to the image of Christ

### **Philippians 2:12 ESV**

[12] Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,

### **1 Thessalonians 4:3-8 ESV**

[3] For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; [4] that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, [5] not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; [6] that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. [7] For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. [8] Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

### **Romans 13:14 KJV**

[14] But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

### **2 Corinthians 3:18 ESV**

[18] And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

### **Matthew 5:30 ESV**

[30] And if your right-hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

### **Job 31:1 ESV**

[1] “I have made a covenant with my eyes; how then could I gaze at a virgin?

### **Spirit-filled**

### **Ephesians 5:17-18 ESV**

[17] Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. [18] And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,

### **Colossians 3:16 ESV**

[16] Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

### **Galatians 5:16-21 ESV**

[16] But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. [17] For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. [18] But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. [19] Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, [20] idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, [21] envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

### **Suffer**

Suffering is a means by which God accomplishes his purposes, God uses suffering to correct us, to redirect us and to purify us, God has use suffering in the lives of many man of God to bring about his purpose ( Paul Acts 9 16) ( Isaiah 53)

### **1 Peter 3:17-18 ESV**

[17] **For it is better to suffer** for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

[18] For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,

### **1 Peter 4:19 ESV**

[19] Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

### **1 Peter 5:10-11 ESV**

[10] And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. [11] To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

### **To be a servant**

It is God will that we should be submissive, submission has do with humility and obedience. Obedience is key in the christian life, without obedience they is no blessings, blessing s are a fruit of obedience, (Gal 6: 10) if you ripe disobedience you saw the wrath of God and if you ripe obedience you will saw blessing. ( Phili 2: 5-11) ( Mark 10: 45)

### **1 Peter 2:13-15 ESV**

[13] Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, [14] or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. [15] For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.

### **Hebrews 13:17 ESV**

[17] Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

### **Mark 10:45 ESV**

[45] For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

How deal with the devil,

### **James 4:7 ESV**

[7] Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

## **Other things**

### **Psalm 37:4-5 ESV**

[4] Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. [5] Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

When we delight ourselves in the lord ( which is To be saved, to be sanctified and to spirit filled) God changes your desires, and gives you righteous desires

### **Romans 12:1-2 ESV**

[1] I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. [2] Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.