
Destiny Conference

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DESTINY DEFINED

Merriam Webster Definition

- Something to which a person or thing is destined
- A predetermined course of events often held to be an irresistible power or agency (i.e. – Holy Spirit)

Destiny can be stated in many different ways:

- God's will / God's purpose and plans...
- Predestination
 - o No one doubts God has a will, but what does it mean?
What does it look like?

DESTINY OR GOD'S WILL?

Does it really matter?

Ephesians 5:14-17

"Don't be unwise but understand what God's will is!"

We are commanded to know it.

Acts 13:22

"I have found David...a man after my own heart, who will do all my will."

Colossians 1:9

- Paul prayed that we would be filled with the knowledge of His will.

James 4:13-16

- Quit boasting of your own plans independent of God's will!

Psalms 37:23

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord..."

Proverbs 16:9

"A man's heart plans his ways, but the Lord directs his steps."

Everything is subject to and conditional to God's will.

Jesus in the garden: *"Nevertheless not my will but Thine be done."*

DIFFERENT SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT

A fear of God's will.

- God will send me to Africa.
- God will make me marry someone ugly.
- Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not evil, to give you a future and a hope."

God's will is beyond knowing.

- 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

“Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, nor has entered into the heart of man...” Vs. 10 – “But God hath revealed them to us by His Spirit...”

- Isaiah 55:8
 - o God’s ways and thoughts are higher than ours.

God is sovereign and everything that happens to us is His will.

- “God allowed it” mentality.
- Adam and Eve’s sin?
- Whatever is, is; and whatever will be, will be. “Que Será Será”
- God’s will is not automatic.
 - o Matthew 6:10

“Pray God’s will be done...”

- Hebrews 4:2

“The word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it”.

 - o Example – A man falling down a flight of stairs – He looked up and said, “I’m glad that’s over!”
- Romans 8:28
 - o All things are not good or God.
 - o We will be held accountable for our actions.

There are many wills of God.

- Romans 12:2 – *“...good; acceptable; and perfect...”*

- They're always seeking the perfect will; but unhappy in the others.
 - o Even when they get there and fail (God has a pro-rated will)
 - o Unhappy, unproductive, dissatisfied and jealous of anyone else who finds the perfect will of God.
- Legalism preys on this mindset.
- This mindset robs us of the ever glorious now!
 - o God's will is good, acceptable, and perfect today!

NEW TESTAMENT SCHOOL OF THOUGHT

God's will must be perceived as a matter of "being" versus "doing, going, or having".

It's that we are united to Christ and that life is both worked in us and flowing through us wherever we find ourselves.

First and foremost, Christ lives in us and from there our "doing, going, and having" has forever been altered for good.