

Walking in His Divine Purpose

Five Dimensions of the Will of God

Genesis 15:8–11 *And he said, Lord GOD, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it? 9 And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon. 10 And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not. 11 And when the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away.*

Romans 12:1–2 *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

The will of God is something every believer must seek to understand and pursue. We desire to know His will, walk in it, and see His promises fulfilled in our lives, but at times, we struggle to discern it. The Bible tells us that God has a will for every believer, and His will is not a mystery hidden from us. Rather, it is something He desires to reveal as we walk in obedience, prayer, and faith.

In the New Testament, we see five types of sacrifices, each corresponding to a dimension of God's will for our lives. If we are to live in His divine purpose, we must understand these dimensions and guard our commitment, just as Abraham protected his sacrifice from the birds of prey.

These five dimensions are:

1. The Sovereign Will of God – Seek God for Salvation
2. The Moral Will of God – Know God in Holiness
3. The Individual Will of God – Accept Your Call to Ministry
4. The Permissive Will of God – Add Value to the Kingdom
5. The Ultimate Will of God – Delight to Do His Will

1. The Sovereign Will of God - our response should be to seek God for salvation.

The foundation of God's will is for you to be saved. The greatest sacrifice ever made was the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross, and through Him, we receive forgiveness of sins.

Hebrews 10:12 *But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;*

2 Peter 3:9 *The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*

Isaiah 46:9–10 *Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:*

- The coming of Jesus Christ was part of God's sovereign will (Galatians 4:4).
- The return of Christ is a part of God's sovereign will (Matthew 24:36).
- The judgment of the world and the establishment of His eternal kingdom is sovereign (Revelation 21:1-4).

2. The Moral Will of God - our response is to know God in holiness and to accept his commands for holy Living.

God's moral will is revealed in His Word. This includes the commands, principles, and instructions that God has given us for righteous living.

1 Thessalonians 4:3 *For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:*

God's moral will teaches us how to live in a way that pleases Him. It covers areas such as:

- Honesty and integrity (Proverbs 11:3)
- Sexual purity (1 Corinthians 6:18)
- Love and forgiveness (Ephesians 4:32)
- Justice and mercy (Micah 6:8)

God's will is not only that we be saved but that we walk in holiness. Salvation is not the end of our journey—it is the beginning. As we grow in Christ, we must commit ourselves to holiness. When we live in holiness, we are fulfilling God's will in our daily lives. Nothing will steal my holiness. This is my reasonable service.

3. The Individual Will of God – His specific plan for each person and our response is to accept our call to ministry.

God's individual will refers to His specific plan for each of our lives. While God's moral will applies to all believers, His individual will is unique to each person.

Jeremiah 29:11 *For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.*

God has a unique plan for every believer, including: Whom you should marry, what career or ministry you should pursue, and where you should live and serve.

Here are some key principles for discovering God's individual will:

- Prayer and Seeking God's Voice – *In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths (Proverbs 3:6).*
- Obedience in Small Things – *He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much (Luke 16:10).*
- Confirmation Through Scripture and Wise Counsel – *In the multitude of counsellors there is safety (Proverbs 11:14).*
- Peace in the Decision – *Let the peace of God rule in your hearts (Colossians 3:15).*

Paul spoke of his own ministry as a sacrifice in **Philippians 2:17** *Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all.*

4. The Permissive Will of God –we must learn to add value to the Kingdom.

The fourth dimension refers to the things God allows even though they are not His perfect desire.

Paul commended the Philippians for their giving, stating in **Philippians 4:18** *But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God.*

Giving is more than just finances. It is giving of our time, talents, and treasure to further God's kingdom. Whether it is supporting missions, helping the poor, or encouraging fellow believers, kingdom-minded giving aligns us with God's will.

5. The Ultimate Will of God - our response should be to delight to do His will.

Revelation 21:6 *And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.* The final and highest dimension is not just doing God's will—but delighting in it.

Hebrews 13:15 *By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.*

The ultimate will of God is His final, sovereign purpose—the fulfillment of His eternal plan. It is the dimension of His will that transcends time, orchestrating all things according to His divine purpose.

When we surrender to His ultimate will, we find peace and purpose in Him.

1. **Trust in God's Sovereignty** – His plan will be fulfilled, and no power can override His purposes (*Isaiah 46:10*).
2. **Align Your Will with His** – Seek not just what is good or acceptable, but what is ultimately God's perfect design (*Romans 12:2*).
3. **Live with Eternal Perspective** – This life is temporary, but His kingdom is eternal. Walk in obedience, knowing that God's ultimate will is unfolding (*Matthew 6:10*).

We must learn to take joy in obeying God. It is one thing to follow Him out of duty, but another to do it with gladness. When we delight in His will, we walk in harmony with the Holy Spirit. David declared in **Psalm 40:8** *I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.*

Protecting the Sacrifice, Preserving the Promise

In Genesis 15, Abraham prepared his sacrifice, but the birds of prey came to devour it. This is a picture of the enemy's attempts to steal our sacrifice and our destiny. The devil will try to rob you of your salvation, holiness, calling, kingdom service, and joy. But like Abraham, you must drive away the birds. Let us stand strong, protect our sacrifice, and walk fully in the five dimensions of God's will.

Declaration

I am walking in the ultimate will of God. His purpose for my life is true, and I trust in His divine plan. No matter what comes my way, I believe that all things are working together for good according to His will. Yes and Amen.