

Your Will Be Done

Walking with God

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Matthew 26:39

Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

1 Introduction

- When we talk about will, what do we mean?
- There is will power
 - The idea that if I will something, it will happen
 - Or, if I work hard enough at something I will accomplish my purpose
- A will is often a document of what we wish to leave behind when we die.

- We document our desires then leave it up to the executor of the will to carry it out correctly.
 - Often times, disputes occur and it is no longer your will that is being carried out.
- Will can also mean purpose
 - In other words, it is my will that my dog does not bark during service
- It is good to have a purpose when completing a task
- When your will involves others,
 - we often find disappointment
 - because the other person's purpose was different than our own.
- Today – I want to help you better understand The Lord's Will and how we step into His will

2 Free Will

- The first thing to understand as it pertains to will is that we have been given free will.
- The first indication of this can be found in the creation story of Genesis

Genesis 2:16-17 (NIV)

16 And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

- Although God stated His will for Adam and Eve, He did not enforce His will.
- He gave them a choice, but with the choice came consequences
- God gave Pharaoh numerous chances to change His ways and let Israel go
 - Pharaoh did not conform to God's will
 - Consequences were carried out

- We have been given a choice to choose salvation or deny the Son of God
 - The consequences of our choice our death and eternal separation from God

John 1:12-13(NIV)

12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

3 God's Will is Not Forced

- It is important to understand that God's will is not forced upon our decisions.
- He gives us a choice to accept Him or to not accept Him
- He gives us a choice to do His will or not do His will
- Even as a Christian, you have to make a daily choice to step into God's will or to stay out of God's will

3.1 Parenting

- As parents, we may want our adult children to make healthy choices.
- Sometimes they do not make healthy choices.
- It is still our will that they do, however, they have the free will as an adult to make those choices.
- When we make choices that our not God's will
 - Why are we so quick to blame Him?
 - We have to learn to take responsibility for our decisions

4 So What Is God's Will

- God's will is clearly made known throughout the Bible

Romans 1:18-20 NIV

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

Ephesians 5:17 (NIV)

Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

- If we want to fully understand His good and perfect Will, the first place to start is the Bible.

Romans 12:2 (NIV)

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

- God never contradicts His Word, therefore Scripture is our guide to understand God's will.
- Let's look at a few examples of God's will

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

- This is one verse that everyone should memorize

- God did not create you for destruction
- He created you for a good purpose
- His plans for you are good plans

James 1:16-18 NIV

16 Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters.

17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. 18 He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

- It is not God who is out to harm you.
- Only good things come from God.
- It is His will that you be reconciled to Him

John 10:10 (NIV)

10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

- Jesus Christ came to give life
- It is the devil who comes to kill and destroy

1 Peter 2:15

For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people.

James 4:17(NIV)

If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

- God's will is that we live fruitful lives
- His will is that we live in peace with others
- The people will come to recognize Him through you

Philippians 2:13 (NIV)

for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

5 Stepping Into God's Will

- If we are walking closely with the Lord
- and truly desiring His will for our lives,
- God will place His desires in our hearts.
- The key is wanting God's will, not our own.

Psalm 37:4 NIV

Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalm 37:23 (NIV)

The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him

- It is God's will to use you for His purposes

James 4:8 Says

Come near to God and he will come near to you.

- It is God's will to draw near to Him.
- He is simply waiting.
- Our will has to line up with His will

Matthew 6:33

***But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness,
and all these things will be given to you as well.***

- When we truly draw into God and seek His will for our lives
 - Things begin to happen
 - God will provide what is needed to accomplish His will
 - When our desires become Godly desires,
 - It will be done

1 John 5:14-15

***14 This is the confidence we have in approaching
God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he
hears us. 15 And if we know that he hears us—
whatever we ask—we know that we have what we
asked of him.***

- Jesus died on a cross to reconcile you back to Him
- Because of Christ, you have direct access to God
- Your sins have been washed and cleansed by the blood of
Christ

- We can approach and ask God
 - Notice it does not say
 - We can ask for anything
 - We can ask according to His Will

References

Here is a list of Bible verses regarding God's Will

http://www.openbible.info/topics/gods_will

Quote

When God bolts the door, don't try to get in through the window.
The will of God never will lead you where the grace of God cannot keep you.

