

12. How are you praying for ABC this week?



Message #88: The Will of God

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Sermon
Notes

Quotes to Ponder

What is the object of salvation? Is it merely to deliver me from hell? No, it is to make me conform to the will of God.

D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Considering the Scriptural principles that apply is far more clarifying than seeking some subjective feeling or waiting for God to write in the sky or speak some mystic secret. God has already spoken and people long ago wrote it down and we don't need to seek any new fresh voice to tell us what to do.

Mark Vaughan

*Thy way, not mine, O Lord,
However dark it be!
Lead me by Thine own hand,
Choose out the path for me.*

Horatius Bonar

The will of God that we are encouraged to follow is the general will of offering our bodies to God as living sacrifices, refusing to be conformed to the world's ways, and instead being transformed from within by the renewing of our minds. It is this that we are to pursue and thus find to be good, pleasing, and perfect, though, of course, if we do it, we will also find ourselves working out the details of God's specific will for our lives.

James Montgomery Boice

Immerse yourself in the written Word of God; saturate your mind with it. And pray that the Spirit of Christ would make you so new that the spillover would be good, acceptable, and perfect — the will of God.

John Piper

The will of God is not primarily a place. The will of God is not, first of all, for you to go there or work here. The will of God concerns you as a person. If you are the right you, you can follow your desires and you will fulfill His will.

John MacArthur

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1. What in the text or sermon impacted you most? What encouraged you? Convicted you? Confused you?

2. How does this text/sermon apply to your everyday Christian life?

3. Define God's sovereign will after reading the following verses.

Proverbs 16:1 —

Matthew 26:39 —

Proverbs 16:33 —

Acts 4:27-28 —

Proverbs 21:1 —

Ephesians 1:11 —

Daniel 4:35 —

Revelation 4:11 —

4. Define God's will of command or declared will after reading the following verses.

Galatians 1:4 —

1 Peter 2:15 —

1 Thessalonians 4:3 —

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1 Thessalonians 5:18 —

1 Peter 4:19 —

5. What is the difference between God's sovereign will & His declared will?

6. How is God's will described in *Romans 12:2*?

7. What does it mean to *prove what the will of God is (Romans 12:2)*? How do we do this?

8. Can we obey God's will? Explain.

Matthew 6:10 —

Hebrews 10:36 —

Matthew 7:21 —

1 John 2:17 —

Colossians 4:12 —

9. In what area of life are you struggling with God's will for you? What will you do about it?

10. Where is it that we find God's will for us? Do we need signs, fleeces, etc. to know God's will for us? Explain.

11. Compare the reversal of Romans 1 in Romans 12:
Romans 1:25 and *Romans 12:1*

Romans 1:24 and *Romans 12:1*

Romans 1:28 and *Romans 12:2*

Romans 1:29 and *Romans 12:1*

Have you experienced this reversal in your life?