

Today we are going to study about The Will of God; what it means and how it applies to his children.

Genesis 39:2-3 *"The Lord was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master. His master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord caused all that he did to succeed in his hands."*

Definition of Will of God: Everything that God commands will happen both on Earth and in Heaven.

Lesson: We need God's guidance for our lives through His Spirit and His Word.

Matthew 7:21 *"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven"*

What Is Meant By The Will Of God?

Deuteronomy 29:29 *"The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law."*

1.- The Decreed Or Authoritative Will Of God.

VS 29a *"The secret things belong to the Lord our God."*

Acts 2:23 (NASB) *"this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death."*

Lesson: Jesus Obeded His Father's Will In Going To The Cross

John 6:38-40 (ESV) *"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."*

2.- God's Prescriptive Will of God - (Revealed in Scripture)

VS 29b *"but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law."*

UNDERSTANDING THE WILL OF GOD

Galatians 2:20 (NASB) *"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me."*

STEPS TO FINDING THE WILL OF GOD FOR OUR LIVES

Romans 12:1-2 (NASB) *"Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."*

I.- SACRIFICIALLY SURRENDERING OUR LIVES TO THE LORD

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How Do We Surrender To God?

1.- Giving God Authority Over Our Lives

Matthew 4:19 *"Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."*

2.- We Must Deny Ourselves

Matthew 16:24 *"Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me."*

3.- Developing Gratitude and Contentment In What God Is Doing In Our Lives

Ephesians 5:20 *"Always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to our God and Father..."*

II.- LEARNING TO THINK BIBLICALLY.

VS 2a *"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind..."*

Lesson: When We Read And Obey God's Word, Our Hearts And Minds Are Renewed.

VS 2b *"so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."*

James 1:22 (NASB) *"But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not just hearers who deceive themselves."*

PRACTICAL STEPS

1.- Find Scripture That Is Relevant To Your Request

Psalm 86:11 (NIV) *"Teach me your way, Lord, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name."*

2.- Seek God In Prayer

Jeremiah 29:12-14 (NASB) *"Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. 13 And you will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart. 14 I will let Myself be found by you..."*

3.- Express Gratitude To God For His Will

Philippians 1:3-4 *"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, 4 always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all"*