



Sunday May 21, 2023
This Is God's Will

Introduction:

This is a short exhortation on God's will - for us to seek and pursue it.

God has a purpose and plan for our lives. A blueprint. A roadmap.
When we know God, we can understand His will for our lives. Knowing God is key to knowing His will.

Some questions to ask ourselves:

- Am I aware of God's will in the choices I make?
- Do I actively seek God's will and pursue God's plan for my life?
- Does God's will automatically unfold in my life? ('what will be, will be!', 'que sera sera!')
- Do I need to discover, pursue and make an active choice to walk in the will of God?

Some thoughts on God's will:

1. God's will refers to God's wish, choice, inclination, desire, intention, purpose.

2. God's Word reveals God's will.

God's Word reveals who God is – His nature, attributes & character.

God's Word declares that God is good.

When we know God, we will know His will.

Psalm 34:8

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!

To taste (figuratively) is to perceive

Psalm 100:5

For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.

3. God's will for us is always good.

God's will does not contradict His Word, His Nature & Character

Since God's Word declares that He is good, His will for us is also good.



Jeremiah 29:11

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

Psalm 145:8,9

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy.

9 The Lord is good to all, And His tender mercies are over all His works.

4. God's will is not something that is beyond our understanding.

Romans 11:33-34

33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!

34 "For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor?"

The above scripture leads to Romans 12:2 which exhorts the believer to offer oneself as a living sacrifice and therefore 'prove' the will of God. To prove is to approve after testing, examining and discerning.

Ephesians 5:17

17 Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Unwise – ignorant, without reason, without reflection or intelligence,

Understand – consider, comprehend, put together

1 Corinthians 2:9-10

9 But as it is written:

"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man

The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

5. God's Sovereign will & our free-will

God is all-powerful and there is no one and nothing that's greater than Him.

Yet, in His sovereignty, He has given us free-will.

His sovereign will is that we exercise our free will in choosing to walk in His will.

So, our free will is required to walk in God's will.



Yes, there are some things that God has purposed that will happen without the involvement of our free will eg. His second coming.

SOME OUTCOMES OF SEEKING AND DOING GOD'S WILL:

1. Stability & Endurance

1 John 2:17

And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

Abide = stay, continue, dwell, endure, be present, remain, stand

Matthew 7:24-25

24 "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

2. Receiving the promises

Hebrews 10:36

36 For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:

Faithful endurance in the midst of difficulties to obey God's will leads to seeing the fulfillment of God's promises in our lives.

3. Discernment

John 7:17

17 If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority.



FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD

1. TO DO GOOD

1 Peter 2:15

15 For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men

The context of the above verse is in submitting to the ordinance of man for the Lord's sake. Responses and reactions due to ignorance and foolishness, is brought to nothing by our doing good.

2. TO SUFFER FOR DOING GOOD

1 Peter 3:17

17 For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

1 Peter 4:19

19 Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.

Suffering is there in the world due to the following reasons:

1. The "bondage of corruption"

Romans 8:20-23

20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; 21 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. 23 Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.



2. One's own actions

Galatians 6:7-8

7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

3. Satanic oppression

John 10:10

10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

4. Divine judgment

5. Other people's actions & persecution

Suffering wrongfully

1 Peter 2:18-23 | Psalm 103:6 | Romans 12:17-21

Suffering for doing right

1 Peter 3:13-18

Suffering for striving against sin

1 Peter 4:1,2 | Hebrews 12:3,4

Suffering as a Christian

1 Peter 4:12-14,16,19 | Matthew 10:21-25 | Philippians 1:27-30

3. OUR SANCTIFICATION

1 Thessalonians 4:3-6

3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality;

4 that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,

5 not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God;

6 that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified.



Some keys to sanctified living:

a) *Walking in the Spirit*

Galatians 5:16

16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

b) *Renewing the mind*

Romans 12:1-2

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

4. Our Thanksgiving

1 Thessalonians 5:18

18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

During the times of trials and challenges, our giving of thanks to God is not because He is the author of these trials and tribulations but because He is the author and perfecter of our faith. And our faith overcomes the world.

1 John 5:4

4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

PRAYER - GOD'S WILL

Here are some prayers that we see in the Bible seeking and enforcing the will of God

Matthew 6:10

10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Psalms 143:10

10 Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God; Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness.



Romans 8:26-27

26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

Luke 22:41-42

41 And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed,

42 saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."

CONCLUSION:

The 'I will' of God

Isaiah 41:10

10 Fear not, for I am with you;

Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

The 'He will' of God

Zephaniah 3:17

17 The Lord your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.

Let's be assured of God's will for our lives and seek to carry it out diligently



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full-length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our [sermons page](#) . Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture references:

- 1 Peter 2:15
- 1 Peter 3:17
- 1 Peter 4:19
- 1 Thessalonians 4:3-6

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

1. *Why is it important for us to know God's will for our lives*
2. *How can we say that God's will is always good for us?*
3. *What are some outcomes to carrying out the will of God consistently?*
4. *Am I aware of God's will in the choices I make?*



5. *Do I actively seek God's will and pursue God's plan for my life?*

6. *When was the last time you obeyed God's will despite it being a difficult choice?*

If time permits, each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

1, families to be protected and strengthened

2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.

3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.

Close by thanking God together.



USEFUL RESOURCES



Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

YOUTUBE: <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

CHURCH: <https://apcwo.org>

FREE SERMONS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

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SERMON OUTLINE

This sermon is a short and simple study on God's will.

KEYWORDS

Knowing God's Will, God is a good God, temptations, addictions, negative thoughts, sermon, sermons, sermon notes, sermon outline, free sermon notes, free sermon outlines, Bible study resources

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