

The Will Of God

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There was a question raised the other night – what is the will of God?

I have been dwelling on it a bit since then.

To summarise, it's so simple, it's the New Testament – that is the will of God.

Testament means will. It is the will of God. We have the Old Testament and the New Testament or the old will and the new will. Even in human circumstances, when we write a will, if I wrote out a will five years ago and I wrote another will out today, then the will I wrote today would be the one that's in effect.

The old one ceases, unless you can prove I was mad when I wrote the new one. That's how it is in the bible. We have the new will of God, the New Testament.

We'll look at a few of the things that that ushers in for us. When we think about the will of God, I think we need to be careful. The will of God is plain and simple. We'll read a few scriptures later on.

It's to preach salvation. It's to save mankind. We read the scriptures – he so loved the world that he sent his only begotten son to whoever shall believe on him shall be saved.

This is the will of God. I think we can make a mistake in trying to find out what the will of God is in every aspect of our life. We go down the street – do you want me to turn left here or right here Lord, what's the will of God – we can go overboard.

We can go nowhere. The will of God is simply that we live a godly life and that we be involved in the will of God which is preaching the gospel. Another thing that we need to be careful of is making excuses for God. We tend to do that.

Or excuses for ourselves.

One that comes to mind is healing. We quite often hear – it mustn't be the Lord's will yet or it mustn't be his timing yet or one day. When you search the scriptures, it's just not there. When you search the scriptures, it says God heals. When you search the scriptures, it says that we are healed – by his stripes we are healed.

A lot of things in our life you will see have already been accomplished at the cross. I don't pretend to understand why sometimes I don't get a healing or sometimes somebody else doesn't get a healing but I think we have to be careful in trying to explain things away.

We can't work out some things but nonetheless it is God's will that we're healthy. It is God's will that we have an abundant life. It is God's will that we have a good life.

Another mistake that comes sometimes when we are presumptuous and I have been guilty of that in the past. Quite often you'll hear about someone who needs a healing. I recall a case last year. A guy was dying of cancer. I remember someone getting up and giving a testimony and saying I have been praying to the Lord and I know that he's going to be healed.

The guy died.

That's being presumptuous. I've done it in the past. I've felt good. You can't go on feelings. I knew a guy that used to be in the Lord and his wife wasn't. His wife fell pregnant and there were all sorts of dramas and I really worried about it and I had a heap of prayer.

I'm pumped. I'm excited. I remember talking to this guy- look I know that the Lord is going to deliver that child.

I know... nothing.

I remember not long after that reading a scripture about being presumptuous. That's what I was being, presumptuous. It turned out that this pregnancy was a false pregnancy. There was nothing in there anyway.

So much did I know.... You see how we can be presumptuous. I think sometimes we have to be careful in the way we word things and the way we talk about things.

2 Peter 3 v 9

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

There you have what is not the will of God. God does not want anyone to perish. He wants everybody to come to repentance. God is very patient. God is very longsuffering.

If you re-word that scripture into the positive and say it is God's will that everybody lives forever, because that's basically what it's saying.

What is God's will?

That everybody lives forever.

Hebrews 9 v 15

And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

This is the promise laid down for you and I through the New Testament, the new will.

People who have not come to Christ are still in the Old Testament. The blood of Christ does not cover them, the New Testament does not cover them, the new will which gives all of these promises and all these great benefits that you and I have come to.

Hebrew 9 v 16

For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.

We can relate to this. For a will to come in force, if you have a will out there, it does not come into effect until you die. That's what it's saying here. Where there is a will, where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the person who wrote the will.

Hebrews 9 v 17

For a testament is in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives.

Your will is of no effect while it's sitting in your lawyers office or your drawer or wherever it might be. It only comes into effect after you have died. Then that piece of paper all of a sudden wields some power.

So many people get this and so many people get that. Your kids might inherit all your debts ... It only comes into effect after you're dead.

Before you're dead it's a piece of paper – it has no effect. People can know about it – that's a bit like the Old Testament, it leads us up to the new. People can know about it, we can get a glimpse of what is going to come to pass but it's not until Jesus Christ died that that bit of paper became powerful.

The New Testament, the will...

Isn't it incredible – even in our modern day we have the executor of the will and people gather around to make sure the will is bought into effect. It's almost biblical. Jesus died and you had the executor of the will or the twelve apostles making sure that his will was bought into effect.

All these things have their shadow in the natural of what's taking force in the spiritual. It's great that we can understand it. That's what it's talking about here - the new will and testament being bought into effect had to have the death of Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 9 v 18

Therefore not even the first covenant was dedicated without blood. For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, saying, "This is the blood of the covenant which God has commanded you." Then likewise he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry. And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission. Therefore it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

Sometimes these things can be a mouthful but we need to recognize that when we read the Old Testament, it was a pattern of things to come. It was based on a pattern of heavenly things. It wasn't the heavenly things themselves.

The Old Testament was a shadow, an example, and a type of the real thing, of the heavenly. You and I are now in heavenly places in Christ Jesus it tells us in the book of Ephesians. We sit in heavenly places now in Christ Jesus.

Think about that.

Go home and think about your position, where you are – in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Then think about all the other scriptures you can match up with that.

Where's Satan now?

He's cast out of heaven.

Where are you now?

In heavenly places.

What effect can Satan have on you?

He can't have, he's not in the same place as you. Tie it all together. Be excited about the place that you have come to through the New Testament, through the will of God. When we read the Old Testament, we're seeing a pattern, we're seeing a model. It's almost like looking at a dolls-house, based on the model of a big house.

We read the Old Testament and it is just showing us a shadow of the real McCoy and you and I are experiencing the real McCoy right now.

Hebrews 9 v 24

For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another— He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

To them who look to him. The work of Jesus Christ is so immense it's hard to comprehend what he has done for us. Sometimes when you read the words us or we, how about putting your own name there.

Who did Jesus die for?

Who's sin's did he die for?

Put your name there. He died for Allan Wilson's sins, he died for your sins, he died for everybody in this room's sin. Sit there and read it as an individual. It adds so much more effect when you apply it to yourself rather than to "us".

Jesus bought the New Testament into your life. Part of the will of God is that you had eternal life.

John 3 v 16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Remember how we started. It is not the will of God, God is not willing that any perish. Here we see he loved the world so much that he gave his only son so that whosoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life. This is the will of God.

John 3 v 17

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

There's a very important word in there – believe.

God has presented this opportunity to the whole world, so much that it is his desire that nobody perish he gave his only begotten son for this entire world. Everybody has equal opportunity.

Everybody has the same chance.

Sometimes we complain in life, such and such got a head start, such and such got this.. Here it is – everyone is on equal footing. The same opportunity is there for all. Jesus Christ died for all. All we have to do is believe.

Now if that's the case then it's our job - we're not just here to play churchy, we just don't go through life ho hum (which we do sometimes) – We are here to help people believe. Some people have never heard of Jesus Christ.

Therefore we need to introduce him.

Some people have heard of a different Jesus Christ. Therefore we need to introduce the real one. We need to be helping people believe so that they do not perish. This is our job.

2 Corinthians 3 v 6

Who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

Again put your name there. Who has made Allan Wilson an able minister of the New Testament. Who has made (*insert your name here*) an able minister of the New Testament?

Put your name there. He has made you an able minister of the New Testament, of the will of God. It's our job. We're in his majesty's service. His majesty is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords and in his service we have to try to the best of our ability to teach people to believe in Jesus Christ.

Show them the way. Show them how. We are able ministers. The modern words throw us out. We think of minister and we think of somebody dressed in black with a collar around his or her neck.

You read the terms of minister in the New Testament and it means servant. We read that Peter's wife's mother, was sick and when she was healed she got up and ministered to them.

She cooked them something to eat, maybe got them something to drink. She ministered to them. Don't think that we are not able to minister, to serve. If you look up that word you will find that he has made us able servants of the New Testament, servants of the will of God.

2 Corinthians 5 v 17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new

Again relate this with the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament has passed away and a New Testament has come in. Even in our lives the old person has passed away and all things have become new. We have become new creatures.

2 Corinthians 5 v 18

Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,

Put your name there. I won't read out anyone else's name – you can relax! Put your name there where it says he has given us the ministry of reconciliation. He has given you the ministry of reconciliation. What is it?

2 Corinthians 5 v 19

That is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

There's a big battle going on. You know when somebody's in a fight and there's a big argument. It's terrible if you're in the middle trying to reconcile them. It's hard work isn't it. I am sure we can all relate.

There's big strife in the world. In general the world is separated from God and what has separated the world from God is sin. This is the great barrier. But he has given us the word of reconciliation where we can reconcile people back to God because sin can be dealt with through Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 5 v 20

Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Put your name there. I'll put my name there. For God has made Jesus Christ to be sin for Allan Wilson who knew no sin that Allan Wilson might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Put your name there.

A lot has happened for you. Jesus Christ was made sin for you and he knew no sin. So that you might be made the righteousness of God in Jesus Christ. You are ambassadors of God.

We see it in this world – we want to be true, real ambassadors. There's nothing worse to see the ambassador of another country come and exploit it and be corrupt. This is what happens in human nature. An ambassador goes to another country. He's corrupt, he's caught out and he gives the country he comes from a bad name.

We have to make sure we're not like that. We're heavenly ambassadors. We really are. We're ambassadors of heaven. That is our country. We even do speak a different language!

Where are you from?

Heaven.

This is the position we're in. We've come down from heaven or heaven's come down to us and we are sitting in heavenly places in Christ Jesus and we're ambassadors of Christ, we're ambassadors of heaven.

That's exciting.

It's also a huge responsibility.

We speak funny languages because we come from a different place. We act differently. We should act differently to the world. We should have hope and promises and this conviction.

We should be overcomers.

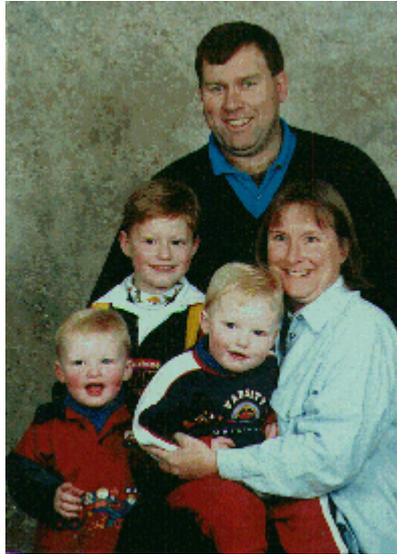
We should be strong believers and be a partaker of the will of God, the New Testament. Sometimes it's so simple.

We think what's the will of God – the New Testament is the will of God.

We see the early Christians live it out through the book of Acts. We see the epistles written to the early Christians.

This is the New Testament. We want to be living and partaking of the will of God. Let's lap up the word of God. Let's lap up the New Testament and take it on board and live it.

Our Lord Jesus Christ Is The Same Yesterday, Today & Forever And In These Modern Times Miracles Still Happen...



A special thanks to Our Lord Jesus Christ for his powerful healing hand which enabled us to have children and to my church [The Revival Fellowship](#) for all their prayers and support...

Let me explain...

My name is Allan Wilson and in December 1986 I became a born again Christian, I was [baptized](#) by full immersion and received God's [Holy Spirit](#) with the Bible evidence of [speaking in tongues](#)...

I once was a compulsive gambler, however through the power of Jesus Christ my life changed dramatically, with gambling, smoking cigarettes, drinking alcohol and swearing all ceasing within the first few weeks of my conversion...

In 1990 my wife Michele was also born again.

After 10 years of marriage we seemed never likely to be able to have children, however through the loving prayers of our brothers and sisters in the Lord we were blessed with our first born son Samuel in 1995...

It was then the doctor discovered she had very advanced endometrioses (a condition which can cause infertility and miscarriages), despite this medical condition the Lord was doubly gracious, with Michele giving birth to twins Benjamin and Nathan in 1998... To learn more about our fellowship click [here](#)

