

The Will of God

The term 'will' in this context is defined by the Merriam-Webster dictionary as 'something desired,' especially; a choice or determination of one having authority or power.' also the archaic meaning is "request, command."

We often hear of the will of God for our lives, but do we really understand what it means? If we should define this in relation to the aforementioned definition of will, we could safely say that it is God's desire for our lives.

Now according to the scriptures, we can clearly see that the will of God for many of his patriarchs was different. To name a few, let's look at Abraham and Hosea for example.

Abraham was given an instruction from God to separate from his family, the Chaldeans, and to go to a place that, he the Lord, will guide him towards. Genesis 12: 1-2; Niv "Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing"

I don't know about you, but just getting up and leaving one's nativity, one's roots so to say, and to venture into unknown territory can be a fearsome endeavour. But Abraham was very obedient and it was clear that he trusted God and was willing to embark on this new conquest. This was God's will for Abraham's life, who was first known as Abram prior to his name change.

Hosea was another patriarch to consider concerning God's will for his life. This was a very interesting one. He was told by God to marry a harlot, a whore, and to have children with her and to also love her. Hosea 1:1-2, KJV, "The beginning of the word of the Lord by Hosea. And the Lord said to Hosea, Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms: for the land hath committed great whoredom, departing from the Lord."

He was commissioned by the Lord to do this as a symbolism of the state of Israel, God's nation.

The nation of Israel had departed from their God and went off to serve other gods, idols and hence have committed the sin of idolatry. This angered the Lord, but he was merciful and wanted to redeem his people, by first showing them their state, and also showing them that he was willing to take them back, despite their sins, if only they would repent. What love.

Accepting God's will for our lives can be very challenging and it requires submission, even when it either coincides with or contradicts our own personal will. Mark you, in most cases, the latter happens more often than the former. As a way of solacing our minds, we should reflect on the fact that we did not create ourselves, but we were made by God and although we were given permissive will, we were made for his purpose. Colossians 1:16 (Niv) could not have said it any better, "For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him." It is a fact. So, on this account, wouldn't it be rewarding if we may find out that God's will for us within a particular person's life may be for restoration of that person, or maybe for salvation, and/or many other plans? One thing for sure is that whatever the purpose is, it always drives us. Yes, it does, even when we feel at times like giving up. It is as if God himself places a resolute pursuit within our spiritual DNA. That is why even in the face of impossibilities; when the odds are very much against us, we tend to see the brighter side and press through to the end that we somehow innately see. And might I say, I can attest to that.

So we see that God's will for our lives may not be what we wanted to do or even planned to do but because we were made for and by him, his will stirs us into purpose, ultimate fulfillment, and accomplishment which is at the pinnacle of Maslow's Law.

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Reference

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