

Guidance Core Seminar

Week 1– Anxious or Restful?

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Class 3: The Will of God



Introduction

I. What is the *will* of God?

A. God’s Will of Decree

(Deuteronomy 29:29; Isaiah 46:8-10)

B. God’s Will of Command

(Deuteronomy 29:29; 1 Thess. 4:3)

If we ask, “How can I know the will of God?” we may be asking the wrong question. The Scriptures do not command us to find God’s will for most of life’s choices nor do we have any passage instructing on how it can be determined... Yet we persist in searching for God’s will because decisions require thought and sap energy. We seek relief from the responsibility of decision-making and we feel less threatened by being passive rather than active when making important choices. – Haddon Robinson

II. What God's Will is *Not*

- A “Choose Your Own Adventure” book
- A fairytale of comfort and happiness
- A target you can miss

III. God's Will for His People

A. For Us to Obey (John 14:21)

- God will never lead you to contradict his word
- Obedience is the path to wisdom
Job 28:28, Romans 12:2

B. For Us to Be Holy (1 Thes. 4:3)

Why does God reveal this and not the “big” decisions in life?

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. – Rom 8:28-29

C. For Christ to Be Exalted (Eph 1:5-10)

In love, he predestined us to be adopted as sons through Jesus Christ according to his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. – Eph 1:5-10

IV. How To *Do* God's Will

Do Not Be Anxious
(Matthew 6:25-32)

Seek First His Kingdom
(Matthew 6:33)

Conclusion