

The will of God

The known will

The unknown will

The permissive will

The providential will

The sovereign will

Romans 12: 2

Be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know God's will for you, which is good and acceptable and perfect. NLT

The known will of God

The Salvation of your soul

1 Timothy 2:4 Who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Matthew 16:26 What will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

Is anything worth more than your soul?

The known will of God

1 Thess. 4:3 For this is the will of God for you, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality

Be holy for I am holy

The Holy Spirit in us produces a clean lifestyle and making us more like Christ

The Known will of God

1 Thess. 5:16-18 Pray without ceasing; giving thanks in everything; for **this is the will of God**

Pray and be thankful

The Known will of God

1 John 5:14

And this is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything **according to His will**, He hears us.

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1Peter 3: 17 For it is better, if God should **will it so**, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong.

Hebrews 10:36 for you have need of endurance (perseverance), so that when you have **done the will of God**, you may receive what was promised.

That you persevere, strong in faith through suffering and trials

MacArthur

“When a person is saved, sanctified, submissive, suffering and thankful, he is already in God’s will.”

Ephesians 6:6-7 But as slaves of Christ, **doing the will of God from the heart.**

The Providential will of God

Esther 4:15

who knows if you have attained royalty for such a time as this?

The Permissive will of God

Genesis 50:20 you meant it for evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.

Acts 4: 27-28 for truly in this city there were gathered together against Thy holy servant Jesus, whom Thou didst anoint, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, to do whatever Thy hand and Thy purpose predestined to occur.

The unknown will of God (inscrutable), for no man may understand it, any more than he may comprehend the being of God himself.

- When Jesus will return?
- Will your relative will be saved?
- Why you lost your child, or your job, or why your spouse has cancer?
- Why the holocaust?

The unknown will of God

20:24 Man's steps are ordained by the Lord; how then can man understand his way?

“The Lord directs our steps, so why try to understand everything along the way?” NLT

Ryrie, “Gods sovereignty over mans ways is beyond our full comprehension.”

The Sovereign will of God

Baker's dictionary of theology

“God’s will is absolute, unconditioned by anything outside himself, but it is in complete harmony with his holiness, righteousness, goodness, and truth.”

“All that which is not God exists by his sovereign will, which is therefore the basis of all existence. God is under no obligation to man, and he rules over all according to His free counsel and determination.”

The Sovereign will of God

***Ps. 115:3** God is in the heavens, and he does as he wishes.*

***PS. 103:19** The Lord has established His throne in the heavens; and His sovereignty rules over all.*

***Ps. 135:6** Whatever the Lord pleases, He does, in heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all the deeps.*

***Rev. 4:11b** for thou did create all things, and because of Thy will they existed, and were created.*

***Daniel 4:17** The Most High rules over the kingdoms of the world. He gives them to anyone he chooses.*

The Sovereign Will of God

Daniel 7:14

And to Him was given dominion, Glory and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations, and men of every language might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion which will not pass away; and His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed.

The Sovereign will of God

Believers are to submit to Gods will, to determine to do it, and in doing it discover how good God's way is.

James 4:13-15

“You ought to say, **If the Lord wills**, we shall live and also do this or that.”

God's will

The will of God will never take you,

Where the **grace** of God cannot keep you. Where the **arms** of God cannot support you,

Where the **riches** of God cannot supply your needs, Where the **power** of God cannot endow you.

Where the **Spirit** of God cannot work through you, Where the **wisdom** of God cannot teach you,

Where the **army** of God cannot protect you, Where the **hands** of God cannot mold you.

Where the **love** of God cannot enfold you, where the **mercies** of God cannot sustain you, Where the **peace** of God cannot calm your fears, Where the **authority** of God cannot overrule for you.

Where the **comfort** of God cannot dry your tears, Where the **Word** of God cannot feed you,

Where the **miracles** of God cannot be done for you, Where the **omnipresence** of God cannot find you.