

God's Sovereign Will

Sovereign will, which includes His permissive will,(Eph.1:11 Rom.11:36 Mat.13:24-30; Acts 4:27,28),

Eph 1:11 (KJV) In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who **worketh all things after the counsel of his own will**:

Rom 11:36 (KJV) **For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things:** to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

Matt 13:24-30 (KJV) 24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: 25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. 26 But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. 27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? 28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? 29 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. 30 **Let both grow together** until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

Acts 4:27-28 (KJV) 27 For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, 28 For **to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined** before to be done.

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God's Moral Will

His moral will (law) i.e. what is good and right in contrast to what is wrong and evil (Rom.13:8-14 , 12:9-21)

1 Pet 3:17 (KJV) For it is better, if **the will of God** be so, that ye **suffer for well doing**, than for evil doing.

1 Ths 4:3 (KJV) For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, **that ye should abstain from fornication:**

Rom 13:8-9 (KJV) 8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. 9 For this, **Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet;** and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, **Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.**

Rom 12:9-21 (KJV) 9 Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. 10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; 11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; 12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; 13 Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. 14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. 15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. 16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. 17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. 18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. 19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. 20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. 21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

Gal 6:10 (KJV) As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

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His will from the desires of His heart

His will from the desires of His heart of love, mercy and compassion (2Pet.3:9; 1Tim.2:1-4; Acts 17:30; Ps.145:8,9).

2 Pet 3:9 (KJV) The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, **not willing that any should perish**, but that all should come to repentance.

1 Tim 2:4 (KJV) **Who will have all men to be saved**, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

Acts 17:30 (KJV) And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but **now commands all men every where to repent**:

Ps 145:8-9 (KJV) 8 The Lord is gracious, and **full of compassion**; slow to anger, and of great mercy. 9 The Lord is good to all: and his **tender mercies** are over all his works.

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