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The Will of God

As we come to the last meditation on Romans 12:1-2, take a moment to look back over the previous meditations to review the things we have learned. Everything that we have studied so far, leads up to this last phrase, “what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. The first thing we need to understand is the will of God is not something mysterious or hard to understand. The will of God is often very plain and easily discerned. The problem is our flesh does not want to see it or more importantly, obey it. Many Christians are afraid of the will of God. They are afraid it will cost them their friendship with the world, and they would be correct. James 4:4 “...whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.” To stand in the center of God’s will, will place you at enmity with the world. Unfortunately, Satan has deceived many into believing that the world is better than the will of God. This is a lie. There is nothing on earth that can compare to the joy and blessing of being in the center of God’s will for your life.

First, God’s will is good. The word good means beneficial. Psalm 68:19 “Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits...” Psalm 103:2 “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.” The psalmist then goes on to list some of the many benefits or the goodness of God toward us. Read **II Thessalonians 1:11-12**. God can only fulfill His goodness toward you when you are in the center of His will. Romans 2:4 warns us not to despise the riches of His goodness. Take a moment to make a list of some of the benefits that God has bestowed upon you. Then take time to thank Him for His goodness.

Second, God’s will is acceptable. The word acceptable means well-pleasing. The will of God is pleasing to the soul, it is a pleasant place to be. Job 36:11 “If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures.” Psalm 16:11 “Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.” In the presence of God, in the center of God’s will, we find fulness of joy and pleasures for evermore. Now take a moment to make a second list. What things bring you joy and pleasure? Now go back and highlight those that are spiritual in nature. If you didn’t find that many, you are living for the wrong pleasures and missing out of the greater joys of life.

Third, God’s will is perfect. The word perfect means complete. God created you for a purpose. If you are saved, God saved you for a purpose. Which means you will never be complete apart from the will of God for your life. Hebrews 13:20-21 “Now the God of peace... Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.” God is working to complete you according to His will and purpose for your life. Have you surrendered to the will of God for your life or are you fighting against God’s will for your life?

I would like to close with **Ezekiel 22:30**. God is looking for individuals who are willing to stand in the gap, the good, acceptable, perfect will of God. In Ezekiel’s day, God found none. What about today? God is still looking. Are you willing to be one who would stand in the gap for the Lord?