

## KNOWING GOD'S WILL WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?

Is it really all that important for me to know God's will for my life?  
I know a lot of people who don't give God a second thought.  
They seem to do just fine figuring things out on their own.  
It looks to me like they have it all together.  
If I want to know God's will, will that not just give me more to worry about?  
Won't that just make my life more complicated?  
Can't I be successful in life using my own judgment?  
That certainly sounds simpler than trying to figuring out what God wants.  
What's the big deal about God's will?  
Well I won't argue with that approach to life.  
It is true that most people live their lives without consulting God.  
So why not find your own spouse, career, values, finances, home, family?  
Why drag God into all these decisions?  
All I can tell you is what we read in Psalm 19 about God's will.  
God reveals His will to us in many different ways.  
He makes His will abundantly clear.

**I** Firstly this Psalm shows us two things about God.  
It shows us His glory (vs. 1ff) and secondly, it shows us His goodness.  
How does God's goodness become evident?  
The **law** of the Lord, the **testimony** of the Lord (vs. 7).  
The **precepts** of the Lord, the **commandment** of the Lord (vs. 8).  
The **fear** of the Lord, the **ordinances** of the Lord (vs. 9).  
These are all God's self-revelations.  
He wants us to know His will for our lives.  
He really does not make His will obscure or complex.  
He simplifies His will for us.  
And every revelation is accompanied by an adjective.  
His will is perfect, sure, right, pure, clean, and true.  
I wish we had the time to explore each of the adjectives in detail.  
It is the way I want to live my life.  
But suffice it to say that they reveal God's goodness.  
He reveals His goodness because He wants to share His goodness with us.  
Every revelation is described with an adjective.  
But every revelation also has an action that results in the receiver's life.  
Knowing God's will revives the soul - nourishes us from the inside.  
Knowing God's will makes the simple wise - see life with clarity.  
Knowing God's will brings joy to the heart - life is worth living.  
Knowing God's will enlightens the eyes - eliminates confusion.  
Knowing God's will has enduring results - brings stability.  
And knowing God's will brings righteousness - the best in life.  
When we know God's will life becomes amazing.  
We are set free from worry, confusion, guilt, anxiety, futility.  
When we enter God's will amazing things happen in us.  
It transforms our lives and impacts others.  
It brings the reality of heaven into this world.  
The character and activity of God flow through us.

II David shows us one more quality.

This is a quality not about God but about us.

Bottom line - there are a lot of things we don't know about ourselves.  
I know the worst times of my life came when I tried to do it my way.

That is when people were hurt around me.

And I didn't even see it coming.

I had no idea the hurt or damage I would inflict.

I wasn't interested in nourishing or caring for others.

I wasn't concerned about creating confusion or their quality of life.

And I didn't know what was going on in my life.

Contrast verses 12 and 13 with verses 10 and 11.

We don't know ourselves so we can't discern our errors.

But other people sure notice them.

And beyond that, God knows us better than we know ourselves.

God knows us perfectly.

He knows our innermost parts.

We have hidden faults which God clearly sees.

We commit presumptuous sins.

These are sins that receive the stamp of approval from our will.

These are sins that steal life from God.

These sins can dominate and decimate everything in our lives.

Our will agrees with these sins because we have a hard heart.

Willful sins extinguish God's Spirit within us.

The unpardonable sin is the quenching of the Spirit.

Rejecting God's will is excluding the Holy Spirit from life.

Rejecting the Holy Spirit separates us from God.

That is why presumptuous sins lead to great transgression.

God cannot forgive the person who presumes against His will.

While we blaspheme against the Holy Spirit we cannot be pardoned.

But that is the very thing David sought forgiveness for.

God can deliver us from those sins when we yield in repentance to His will.

God is able to redeem us.

He is able to make us blameless before Him.

**"How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God! (Hebrews 9:14).**

(Call worship team to platform) - Romans 1:19-22

What's the big deal?

You can appear to get by in this life without God's will.

But much will be forfeited if that is your choice.

You will forfeit the best in life.

And you will forfeit the great reward, eternity with God.

Read Romans 2:4-10a

Knowing and doing God's will brings great reward.

God's will posts warning signs that protect us and guide us.

And His will makes our lives of great worth and attraction.

His will is to be desired more than the finest gold (Ps 19:10).

His will flavours our lives with the sweetest taste.

God's will - what's the big deal? - just everything.

If you have been rejecting God's will, I implore you to embrace Jesus.

He makes an amazing exchange in your life.

Without Jesus - wrath, fury, tribulation, and distress.

With Jesus - glory, eternal life, honor, and peace.

The choice is yours, I invite you to seek God's will.

It starts by knowing His word.

**"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer."**