

KNOWING GOD'S WILL FOR MY LIFE

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**“Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.”
Eph.5:17**

It is important for us to recognize that the Bible is the authoritative measure concerning what can be known of God's will. It is not Horoscopes, Ouija Boards, Tarot Cards, Palm Readers or Fortune Cookies! The true God has a “will” (a settled resolve or a gracious design) toward His children and we have a “will”, having been created by God as a rational being. In a state of nature, our will is corrupted by sin and incapable of discerning the will of God, but having been born again, the Lord has given us the desire and ability to pursue and find His will for our lives. When we are enabled by the Holy Spirit to walk in the red-hot center of the flaming will of God, we will accomplish our calling to be “salt and light” to a corrupt and darkened world!

I want to divide our Study into three parts concerning the will of God;

- 1) Creative Fiat (Decree)
- 2) Commanding will
- 3) Concurrence
 - I- Creative Fiat; (Fiat; Latin word meaning “Let it be done”)
 - 1) Secret (hidden)- Dt.29:29
 - 2) Decretive- Gen.1:1-3, Isa.14:24
 - 3) Absolute- Isa.46:10, Pslm.115:3
 - 4) Immutable- Prov.19:21
 - 5) Irresistable- Rom.9:19
 - 6) All-wise- Rom.11:33-36
 - 7) Sovereign- Dan.4:35, Eph.1:11
 - 8) Eternal- Acts 15:18
 - II- Commanding Will of God (Divine intention or desire)
 - 1) Revealed (known)- Dt.29:29
 - 2) Preceptive in nature- Ex.20
 - 3) Commandments- Prov.3:5, Pslm.119:105
 - 4) Conditional- Dt.28:1,15
 - 5) Resistable- Acts 7:51
 - 6) Temporal- IICor.4:18
 - 7) Intentional- Matt.7:21, IThess.4:3, Rom.12:2
 - III- Concurrence- God's will to permit evil acts or afflictions to Accomplish His Holy designs.
 - 1) Pslm.76:10, Rom.8:28, IICor.12:8,9
 - 2) The example of Joseph- Gen.45:4-8, 50:20
 - 3) The example of Job- Compare Ch. 1 and Ch. 23
 - 4) The example of Christian persectution- I Pet.1:6, 2:21,3:17, 4:2
 - 5) The example of Christ Himself- Acts 2:23, 4:28