



The Inscrutable Question: The Plan of God & Its System; The Will of God: For the Believer; For Human History

- a. Problem solving. By means of the pastor teaching doctrine systematically and the believer learning it categorically there are developed in the souls of the parishioners biblical problem-solving devices. There are ten major concepts that enable the believer to withstand the assault of outside adversities and thus prevent internal stress in the soul.
 - b. Production and service. Development of wisdom enables the believer to produce divine good and learn how to serve God without becoming involved in the rituals of religion, the slavery of legalism, or the distractions of human good and evil.
 - c. Rewards. The ultimate expression of reciprocity is arrival at spiritual maturity where the believer is recognized for his production and service through the conveyance of escrow blessings in time. These are rewards that are exceedingly abundant beyond anything we could ever ask or think.
 - d. Evidence testing. Imposes upon the believer a test that solicits a lack of faith in the Word of God or, on the other hand, causes him to renounce the plan of God. If so, then Lucifer wins the argument.
2. This divine power system is the energy source for the execution of the plan of God. When this system is learned and its assets are converted into spiritual skills then several principles become evident to the believer:
- a. Divine power must exclude human power.
 - b. Grace must exclude legalism.
 - c. Divine viewpoint must exclude human viewpoint.
 - d. Divine solutions must exclude human solutions.
 - e. Divine good must exclude human good.
- 2) The Will of God:
1. The will of God is expressed in His divine decrees by which He has rendered certain all events of history down to every detail in the life of every person.
 2. The will of God is that all things be brought under His control and made subject to His pleasure and result in His glorification.
 3. He who creates all things, owns all things, and controls all things has all the glory: the responsibility for maintenance, provision, and protection of all that are under His care.
 4. The will of God is achieved by the execution of His perfect plan by those who submit to His system.
 5. The objective of the will of God is to preserve and ultimately deliver believers.
 6. He is glorified when believers do His will and thus fulfill His plan. To these He conveys escrow blessings in time and eternity.



7. Dispensing the contents of the escrow brings glory to God because it is a demonstration before the appeal trial that there are those among the inferior human race who responded to His will and completed His plan.
8. The execution of the will and plan of God is achieved by the winner believer by means of grace through faith. This is true at salvation and during spiritual growth all the way to spiritual maturity.
9. In the life of the winner believer the power and grace of God is perceived, retained, and utilized to take him to the high ground.
10. The believer encounters the will of God in four categories:
 - a. Directive. God has a plan for every believer and it is revealed to him by the mandates and revelations of the Word of God. Man, using his free will, may be either in or out of the plan of God.
 - b. Determinative. Man by means of his own volition can bring himself to a place of either being cursed or blessed by the will of God.
 - c. Permissive. The believer's negative volition is permitted by divine justice. The violation of divine standards results in sin and is reckoned by the administration of divine discipline.
 - d. Preventive. God provides for all believers several restraints whose purpose is to provide guidelines that seek to keep him in the divine will and plan. These include (1) the doctrines of the Word of God, (2) the laws of divine establishment, (3) the royal family honor code, (4) suffering for blessing, and (5) the specter of divine discipline.
11. All of these categories seek to influence compliance with divine mandates and revelations found in the Word of God. God never coerces the believer but He does seek to influence him.
12. In the management of human history God controls His perfect plan by means of three categories of His will:
 - a. Directive: Jesus Christ controls history.
 - b. Permissive: God permits sin to occur as a manifestation of human free will in opposition to His plan and will.
 - c. Overruling: God will protect the positive believer and deliver the client nation in time of historical downtrends.