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## **2013 Basic Doctrines (19)** **(The Will of God – Part 2)**

(Eph.5:17) “So then do not be foolish, but (alla) understand (suniemi) what the Will of the Lord is.”

(Col.1:9-10) “For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.”

(Eph.6:6) “**Doing the will of God from the heart** (psuche).”

**Eph.1:3-14 is one Greek sentence.** It sets the stage for a book of key Christian doctrines. Just pay attention to the use of the English **us, we, you, and our** as Paul personalize these basic doctrines in this Greek sentence (NAS).

**This Greek sentence** declares that the **Plan of God was decreed** before the “foundation of the world” (Eph.1:4) At the Eternal Life Conference (ELC).

**This Greek sentence** declares that all three members of the Godhead were involved in the **design** as well as the **function** of the Plan of God in human history (Eph.1:3-6) [God the Father] and (Eph.1:7-12) [God, the Son] and (Eph.1:13-14) [God the Holy Spirit].

**This Greek sentence** declares that every Church Age Believer (CAB) enters into the Plan of God through salvation and into “the riches of His grace which He has lavished on us.” (Eph.1:7-8)

**Our lesson text comes from this Greek sentence** and declares that the **Plan of God** (prothesis) [purpose] is broken down into **decrees** (boule) [counsel] revealed by the **Directive Will** of God (thelema).

(Eph.1:11) “Also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will.”

**This lesson will study four aspects of the doctrine of the Will of God.**

### **1. There are three Wills on earth that are worth mentioning.**

- **God’s Will (divine viewpoint)** – Since mankind was created in the image according to likeness of Godhead (Gen.1:26-27), mankind has free will (volition) after the divine model (Mark 3:35).
- **Satan’s Will (cosmos diabolicus)** - Satan’s will is identified in Isa14:12-15 by the famous five “I wills” directed against the revealed will of God. Human volition (free will) is the target in the angelic conflict (2 Tim.2:26).
- **Human Will (will power)** - The other two spheres of wills influence human will (**Adam and Eve**). Adam and Eve were created with human volition to believe either God or the Devil (Gen.3; Gen.2:17; Rom.5:12; Gal.1:4; **Matt.21:28-32**).

## 2. The word of God (Canonized Bible) reveals the Decreed Will of God regarding the Plan of God.

(Ps.143:10) “Teach me to do Your Will, for You are my God; Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground.”

### Jesus prayed:

(Luke 22:42) “Father, if (1cc) [true] you are willing (boulomai / p.m.ind.2ps) [Decree], remove (paraphero / a.a.impv.2ps) this cup from Me; yet not My will (to thelema), but Yours be done (p.a.impv.3ps).” (John 4:34; Heb.5:7; Phil.2:8; Heb.12:2)

(Phil.4:6-7) “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts (kardia) and your minds (noema/ thoughts) in Christ Jesus.” (1 John 5:14-15)

**The struggle** is often bringing volition to surrender to the revealed directive will of God (Eph.6:6). Inner peace comes with obedience to the revealed will of God through the faith cycle.

(1 John 5:4-5) “For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith. Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.” (2 Cor.5:7; Num.14:1-4, 9-10) [Language of the wilderness] (John 7:12-17)

## 3. There are three classifications of the Will of God in the Plan of God (Gen.22:1-19) [Abraham offering Isaac].

- **Directive Will of God** What God specifically revealed about a decree of the Plan of God to you (Gen.22:1-8).
- **Permissive Will of God** What God allows regarding volition responding to the Directive Will (Gen.22:9-10; **Heb.11:17-19**).
- **Over-ruling Will of God** What God does not allow to interfere with the function of the Plan of God (Gen.22:11-18). “Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar? You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected.” (James 2:21-22) [Faith Cycle]

Why didn't God over-rule Cain killing Abel? (Gen.4). God's Omniscience knew Seth was decreed at the Eternal Life Conference (ELC) to be the seed of Christ in the Plan of God (Luke 3:38; 2 Pet.1:20-21).

## 4. There are three important categories to the fulfilling the Directive Will in the Plan of God.

These are never in conflict with each other in the Plan of God. They must all line-up with the Directive Will.

- **Geographical will of God** Where God desires the Directive Will to be performed (Num.13:1-3).
- **Operational will of God** What God desires the believer to do in the Geographical Will (JNum.13:17-20).
- **Mental will of God** How God desires the believer to think about the revealed Directive Will of Plan of God (Num.13:23-25; 14:22-24, 38; Luke 22:42).