

Surrendering to the Perfect Will of the King

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The Will of God is the Word of God

The Word of God is the Will of God. You cannot separate God from His Word, His Truth, or His Light. When the Word is revealed for your day by a vindicated messenger, that revealed Truth becomes the absolute Will of God for your life.

The denominational world has taught a false, "powder puff" version of Christianity where love is just human sympathy and emotion. But the biblical definition of Agape God's love is to walk after His commandments and to obey His revealed Will. You cannot love God without loving His Will. Jesus Christ loved the Father by strictly obeying the Father's commandments, stating, "I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me".

The Prerequisite: The Zoe Gene

Can anyone do the Will of God? No. You cannot understand or obey the Will of God without a specific gene the Zoe, the Divine Nature of God.

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61 ...ed... as sure as your gene had to be in your father, before your natural birth, your spiritual gene had to be in God, because you're an expression of the attributes of His thoughts, before the foundation of the world. Right. No way around it. That's right. Now, now we notice, then, that Life being in you, God's Life being in you, from the foundation of the world.

I JOHN 3:9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

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1a) from which a plant germinates; the seed i.e. the grain or kernel which contains within itself the germ of the future plants: of the grains or kernels sown; metaph. a seed i.e. a residue, or a few survivors reserved as the germ of a new race (just as seed is kept from the harvest for the sowing)

1b) the semen virile; the product of this semen, seed, children, offspring, progeny; family, race, posterity; whatever possesses vital force or life giving power, the Holy Spirit, the divine energy operating within the soul by which we are regenerated

The foolish virgin and the message lodges can live clean lives, they can have outward fruits of gentleness and human kindness, but they cannot please God because they lack the gene to understand the mysteries of His Will.

The carnal mind is enmity against God and is not subject to the Will of God. But the true Ephesian church, are given seeing eyes and hearing ears. You were predestinated before the foundation of the world to be conformed to His image, and because He loved you, He gave you the Holy Ghost to cause you to walk in His statutes.

Death to Self-Will

To walk in God's Will, your will has to die. Agape love demands that self-will what I want, what I feel, what I think, what I like must be nailed to the cross. Carrying your cross every day does not mean wearing a piece of wood; it means contradicting your own carnal knowledge and surrendering entirely to the Will of God. When self-will is attacked by God's Will, pride rises. Men become contentious and use grace as an excuse to continue in their own permissive paths. But true faith is saying "Amen" to God's Word, placing yourself on the cross to die to what you think, and submitting to the understanding God is bringing for this hour.

Perfect Will vs. Permissive Will

We must clearly divide God's Perfect Will from His Permissive Will. When men refuse to follow God's original, perfect Word, God will sometimes allow a permissive will. He permitted Israel to take the law, and He permitted Balaam to go curse the people, even blessing him along the way. Today, message preachers take genuine gifts of healing or prophecy and use them outside of the true doctrine, operating in God's permissive will for personal gain and popularity.

But God uses the permissive will to eventually glorify His perfect will. He allows the permissive will to teach us through suffering and trials that there is no better way than God's perfect way.

Enemies and Tribulation: The Wisdom of God's Will

This brings us to the great comfort of the believer. God's Will for you includes trials, suffering, and enemies. You cannot develop character or become adopted as a King and Priest without them. God predestinated every enemy in your life He ordained a Pharaoh for Moses and a Judas for Jesus. Your enemies are the love of God to you. If you try to fight them, wish them evil, or pray for God to destroy them, you are working against the very program and wisdom of God. He put them there to perfect you, to test your reactions, and to conform you into the image of the Son. Therefore, the Scripture commands: "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you".

Conclusion

Let us not major on the minors. Do not offer God a service outside of His Will. We are the translation class, the Enoch class, who are called in this season to walk with God and please Him. Let your light so shine, speak the truth in love, and boldly walk in the Perfect Will of the Father.

Sovereign Will

The *sovereign will of God* is the will that God performs because He is God no one can stop it, change it, or overrule it. In Scripture, this is called His *counsel*, His *purpose*, and His *decree*. Below are the clearest biblical demonstrations of God's sovereign will, with KJV verses.

1. God's Sovereign Will in Creation

GENESIS 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

No one advised Him, helped Him, or resisted Him. Creation itself is an act of sovereign will.

2. God's Sovereign Will Over Kings and Nations

DANIEL 2:21 KJV And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: "He removeth kings, and setteth up kings."

God alone determines the rise and fall of rulers.

PROVERBS 21:1 KJV The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.

Even the most powerful leaders are under His direction.

3. God's Sovereign Will Over Human Plans

PROVERBS 19:21 "There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand."

Human plans are real—but God's purpose overrules them.

4. God's Sovereign Will in Salvation History

EPHESIANS 1:11 "Being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will."

God's redemptive plan is not accidental; it is decreed.

5. God's Sovereign Will in Joseph's Life

GENESIS 50:20 "Ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good..."

Human evil cannot overturn God's sovereign purpose.

6. God's Sovereign Will Over Suffering and Testing

JOB 1:21 "The LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD."

Job recognizes God's sovereign hand even in loss.

JOB 42:2 "I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee."

Job concludes that God's sovereignty is absolute.

7. God's Sovereign Will Over History and the Future

ISAIAH 46:9-10 "My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure."

This is one of the strongest declarations of God's sovereign will in the entire Bible.

8. God's Sovereign Will in the Crucifixion of Christ

ACTS 2:23 "Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God..."

The cross was not an accident, it was God's sovereign plan.

9. God's Sovereign Will Over Nature

PSALM 135:6 "Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth..."

Creation obeys Him without resistance.

10. God's Sovereign Will Over Spiritual Powers

DANIEL 4:35 "He doeth according to his will... none can stay his hand."

Even angels, demons, and kings cannot oppose His decree.

I KINGS 22:19 And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left. 20 And the LORD said, Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner. 21 And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will persuade him. 22 And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so. 23 Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil concerning thee.

11. God Allowing Nations to Follow Their Own Ways – **Acts 14:16**

Paul says God "**allowed** all nations to walk in their own ways." This is permissive will on a global scale.

12. The Fall of Adam and Eve – **Genesis 3**

God did not desire sin, but He **permitted** their choice because He created humans with free will.

13. Satan Allowed to Afflict Job – **Job 1-2**

God set strict limits but **permitted** Satan to test Job. This is permissive will with boundaries.

What the Sovereign Will of God means that God's sovereign will is:

- **Irresistible** – cannot be stopped
- **Unchangeable** – cannot be altered
- **Eternal** – established before creation
- **Supreme** – over kings, nations, angels, and history
- **Certain** – always comes to pass

This is different from His *permissive will* (what He allows) and His *moral will* (what He commands).

God's sovereignty is inseparable from His Divine Purpose

He is in absolute control of all things, declaring the end from the beginning, and He does nothing without a specific, intelligent design. To understand God's sovereignty, realise that everything He permits or ordains is purposefully driven toward a specific outcome, and without knowing this purpose, one cannot find the true meaning of life.

The Ultimate Purpose: A Family of Kings and Priests

God's primary, sovereign purpose is to build a family and to conform His elect into the image of His Son, adopting them as kings and priests who will rule in His kingdom. However, to be effective and righteous rulers, sons and daughters must possess profound wisdom, empathy, and character.

The Purpose of Enemies, Suffering, and Evil

Because character and wisdom cannot be developed without experience, God sovereignly uses suffering, tribulation, and enemies as tutoring tools. God foreordains specific adversaries for His people just as He sovereignly raised up Pharaoh for Moses, Judas for Jesus, and Alexander the Coppersmith for Paul.

Your enemies and your trials are an expression of God's love and wisdom,

meticulously designed to test your reactions, expose your weaknesses, and perfect your character. Even things like sickness and injustice are permitted so that God can fulfil His desires to be a Healer and a Deliverer, ultimately bringing glory to Himself.

Free Will vs. Sovereign Outcomes

While God granted free will to certain creations (such as angels, the serpent, and Eve), human free will can never override God's sovereign plan. A person can exercise their free will to do harm, but the *outcome* of their actions is entirely controlled by God. Even events that appear entirely negative such as Eve's fall in Eden or the false accusations that sent Joseph to prison are permitted by God's sovereignty because they serve as necessary vehicles to achieve His perfect will.

Perfect Will vs. Permissive Will

When humans deviate from God's perfect will, God allows them to enter His "permissive will". Yet, God's sovereignty is so absolute that He uses the very consequences and sufferings of this permissive will to teach humanity that there is no better way than His own, ultimately making the permissive will work out to glorify His perfect will.

The Result: From Victim to Overcomer

When you truly grasp the purpose within God's sovereignty, it radically transforms your mindset. You stop viewing yourself as a victim of circumstances, bad luck, or other people's free will, and you become an overcomer. Recognizing that nothing happens by accident and that God controls every microsecond of your life removes fear and anxiety, empowering you to genuinely give thanks in all things.

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E-43 ...ed... So that night, I remember, when I went in to pray. The Angel of the Lord come near me, He said, "Don't go down there." Said, "Don't you go." He said, "You stay right here in Johannesburg for two more weeks. Then go over to your place for a rest, to go hunting." Which the man had already fixed up. Then He said, "You go to Durban, and stay a month." I said, "Yes, Lord."

Said, "Tomorrow they're going to pull you out to a doctor. But don't pronounce him well, because he's not going to get well." And said, "Don't you do that." And said, "Your manager tomorrow is going to show you a peculiar bird, a flying." Said, "And then you're going to find a native bead salesman, setting on the side of the road with a skinned placed on the side of her head." That's just the way it happened the next day, just word by word.

I said, "Brother Baxter, I'm not going down there."

"Well, their national committee," said, "you're... got to go."

I said, "Oh, no, I don't. No, no." I said, "I only do what God tells me to do."

And I said, "I don't go, but where He tells me to go."

"Oh," but said, "you think the Lord speaks to somebody else besides you?"

One of the committee men said.

E-44 Now, now my brothers, I'm not throwing off on preachers; you're godly men. You're doing a lot for this meetings and so forth, there's godly preachers, but if you ever want to get in trouble, just get muddled up with a bunch of preachers. That's right. That's the reason I keep clear of them. That's right. Now, that's right.

They said, "The Lord speaks to us, as well as He speaks to you."

I said, "Korah had that same thought, one day." That's right. I said, "I know..."

He said, "Well, the Lord told us to make that itinerary."

I said, "Maybe He did. But He told me not to take it. Now, you can decide for yourself. I'm not going." And I went on back in. And here done come the cars.

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Brother Baxter said, "Brother Branham, you're--you're going to have to make some kind of a move."

I said, "Well, I'm not going."

And he said, "Well, I'd at least go to this one, then we can get it later," said, "they're already out here waiting."

And I said, "Brother Baxter, remember, in the Name of the Lord I speak. It's not God's will."

He said, "Well, Brother Branham, it's great now."

I said, "I don't care what they say down there; God told me not to do it."

And went on down.

I started in with Mr. Schoeman, the chairman. I said, "Mr. Schoeman look, God is telling me not to do this. You are deliberately taking possession and doing things that you shouldn't do. Remember."

He said, "Brother Branham, I'm just one of the committee. The committee says, we've got to do it. We promised Brother So-and-so, we'd bring you there. We promised Brother..."

There you are. Uh-huh! "No matter what you promised Brother So-and-so, God told me not to do it." And I said, "I'm not going."

E-45 So he kept on, went a little further, about sixty miles out of town, going little Klerksdorp. Is that the name of the little place, Klerksdorp? Going down through there. We was going along. I said, "Stop, Brother Schoeman. Just stop. Let the rest of them catch up." And then here they all come up, caught up.

Brother Schoeman walked back said, "You have to go talk to him. He's still determined he's not going to do it."

Brother Baxter come over there, and he said, "Brother Branham," Brother Baxter is listening at me now, said, "Brother Branham," said, "I believe if they've got that committee already formed, you should go ahead."

I said, "Brother Baxter, listen to me." Now, it goes to show, I will show you the lesson of it. No matter if he's my manager, he's a good man, a religious man, a fine man, a Christian man, full of the Holy Ghost. But God is my Guide. And God was trying to get that to me.

He said, "Brother Branham, as he already, here's what you're saying. You saying you're going out to Jackson's farm to hunt, like that."

Said, "I didn't mention hunting."

He said, "Them brothers think millions of people laying down here suffering and you go hunting." I said, "If I never seen another gun, or never fired another gun, it doesn't matter to me."

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E-45 ..ed... God said so." He seen that break between there. He kept me under too long, it would be like I was about three years, laid up for eight months. Couldn't stay too long. I said, "God said so. And I must do it."

E-46 So they argued and argued around there. And I walked over there and got hold of some of that, I guess it was wild locust, is it? Is that what? It kind of looks like a locust, I guess. I pulled some branches off the trees, walked back out there, where those ministers was standing. And threw it over their feet like that, and said, "THUS SAITH THE LORD, if we go down, even to Klerksdorp, you'll suffer the results. You got me here. I haven't even got money to pay my way back. You got me here, and I can't go back, 'cause I couldn't go back. He told me to ahead to Johannesburg. You got me sewed up here." I said, "You'll see, as Paul said one day, you should've listened to me." See?

I said, "There God's a blessing, there even the Medical Association called me up the next morning, wanted to take me out to breakfast."

Said, "Brother Branham, you've done more for the people here in South Africa than half the missionaries that come over here in fifty years, already." The Medical Association... They dismissed the hospitals and they come by the stretchers and everything else. Yes, sir. Said, "We believe Divine healing the way you preach it."

I said, "Sir, I'm not a fanatic. I always tell what's truth."

He said, "We like your way of doing it. We believe that that's right." Said, "We're Christian men, and we believe it. And we give you the right hand of fellowship." And there it was. You see the pictures in the books where the ambulances, the nurses, was lined everywhere. Anybody wanted to come could come to the meeting. All right.

E-47 Then I went on, and then we started on down. When we got to Klerksdorp that night, oh, my. It was a discredit to the place. There was the people lined up on the hills and everything else, not enough room to take care of them in the city, no place to eat, no place stay. And I stayed at a ministers house. And just about time they got ready to bring me to the meeting, you know what happened? A tropical storm hit that country. I'm telling you, and from about seven thirty, till about ten thirty, it was one constant roar and flash and lightning. You ain't had no storm around here. You ought to see an African storm, one time. Oh, my. Like to have drowned everybody. We come back up to the building where we was, and I stayed right in the house. After they done dismissed, and Brother Bosworth went over and got some people over in a little building of some sort, was praying for them to come back up, I walked in, and I said, "Do you believe me?" "Well, that was just a storm. That could happen."

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E-47 ...ed... I said, "All right." Let it be like that.

And the next night, they liked to froze to death, a blizzard swept through, come back up there and I said, "Now do you believe me? Tomorrow night we will have an earthquake." See? I said, "We're out of the will of the Lord." I said, "You just might as well..."

They got to arguing. "Well, we promised Brother So-and-so."

E-49 I said, "Brother Bosworth, as long as I've been with you, and you seen those visions and seen how they come to pass, and I tell you now in the Name of the Lord, that it is not God's will for us to do that. We're to go Durban, not down to Cape Town. And you mean to tell me..."

Said, "Well," he said, something or another about I wonder if it could have been a false vision. One..."

I said, "Well, Brother Bosworth." There's nearly my--my--my--my second daddy, the man that I loved, the very bosom. And I looked and I said, "Oh, God, "Have mercy." Fifteen thousand miles away from home, and there my manager and Brother Baxter, and Brother Bosworth, and everybody, I said, "God, what can I do?" I walked back in there, I said, "Brother, I'm trapped. But not in God. I tell you in the Name of the Lord: I shall not take that--that way there."

They said, "Is it..." Well, somebody thought up, "Could it be then the permissive will of God?" Well, when something was named about the permissive...

"Oh, well."

I said, "God might permit it, but it ain't His will."

Well, when the permissive will, you know what happened, Brother Bosworth, everybody, "Well, go in and ask Him. Go in and see."

And I walked in, and my poor little boy setting here behind me, we was sleeping in the same room. Little Billy come in and put his arm around me, he said, "Daddy, don't you listen to them preachers. You listen to what God's a telling you, daddy."

And I said, "Pray with me, Billy." We knelt down. Of course, he got tired, he don't know much about it, so he went to bed. I stayed there. Along towards three o'clock in the morning, I raised up. I felt It just like a man standing there. He moved around this side.

I said, "My Lord." I said, "What are these men telling me out here?"

E-50 He said, "Go with them, go on; but," said, "you'll pay for it." Said, "You're trapped, but you'll pay for it. Go on with them, and I will give you the permission to go, but remember, you'll pay for it." And said, "For that, go, wake up your boy." He honored Billy.

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E-50 ...ed... He said, "Go, wake up your boy," because Billy had the truth. And He come said, "Go, wake up your boy, and tell him in the morning, it's going be a pretty day. The storm and things will clear away. And in the morning it'll be a pretty day. And they'll want you to go pray for the sick at Sunday school. I will bless it." He said, "And Billy is going to come after you, and a man, a young fellow in a little black car, and he's going to pick up another boy on the road. On a road back, there's going to be a native, a colored man, we'd call it here, standing by a eucalyptus tree, near a bridge, fixing to strike another one. He has got a white safari suit on, fixing to strike another one with a stick. Tell your boy that. And tell those men that, so that they'll know that it's THUS SAITH THE LORD."

I woke Billy up and I said, "Billy, boy, God has honored you, son. And here's what shall come to pass. And I told him." I went into Brother Bosworth. Is that right, Brother Bosworth? If that's right, raise up your hand so the people can see.

I walked into Brother Bosworth; I said, "Brother Bosworth, Brother Baxter, all the rest of you, Brother Stadskev, all of you here. THUS SAITH THE LORD, God told me to go ahead with you, but it's His permissive will, and it'll never be successfully. God wants me to go back to Johannesburg, then up to Brother Jackson's, then over to Durban for a month." Little did we know then that they had the segregation all through there, didn't know it until we got to Durban. They didn't have the segregation in Durban, the only place in South Africa they didn't have the segregation; where the natives could come in. Then that's what we went for. And then, when we got...

We started off the next morning. It was a pretty morning. Got up, they went down, and sure enough they sent back for me to come in Sunday school, I done preparing myself, didn't eat, and waiting for the Spirit of the Lord.

And when Billy come in, he said, "Daddy," and I looked out there.

I said, "Where did you pick up that boy?"

Said, "Just as you said, standing down on the corner."

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E-52 And then when they brought me home, I suffered. I suffered with it. When a little doctor, lives across, Doctor Sam Adair to me... I spoke to him about it. He said, "Billy, that thing can kill you in ten hours." Said, "Gets in the blood stream. If it goes to the liver, you die, or goes to your liver, it'll burst. If they can drain you, you live. If it goes to the heart or to the brain, it kills you... If finishes you in ten hours. You take a real heavy fever and you're done": African ameba. ...

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E-52 ...ed... It's not a bacteria; it's a parasite, like little barnacles that gets into the intestinal tract, and comes from the Indians. And they stick right in there and suck the blood, or the mucus out of the tracts, until they bury themselves. There's no medicine can touch them hardly. They haven't got a treatment, hardly... And then on and on, and worse, and worse, and worse, and worse, I got and on and on, and on and on. And now, you wonder why I've been out in meetings for eight months. And Brother Bosworth, here's another thing. I speak this in the Name of the Lord. When I stood at Shreveport, Louisiana, God knows I'm saying this.

I said, "Satan has a trap set for me," when I prophesied under the Spirit. Then I said, "In Africa, there's something. You all pray for me." Little did I know that it was among my brethren. But there was a trap. And then when we left there, the colored south, I said, "If I'm taking this, but we'll probably be out of meetings between six months and a year." You remember saying that, Brother Bosworth? Is that right? Seven months has passed, this is going in the eighth since the meeting.

E-53 A dysentery, couldn't hardly stand up, so sick. I'd pray. I'd pray. I'd walk the floor and I'd cry. I'd pray. I'd walk the floor. And I'd cry. And people would come. There come Hyman Appleman friends, and all them; they leaned across the table and said, "Brother Branham, this ministry," said, "we've been to the schools, but we believe the teachers are wrong." Said, "We want to know the supernatural." And here I was so sick and trembling myself, I couldn't hardly move.

I went down to see Brother Bosworth; we knelt and had prayer, and so forth. Nothing, looked like God had shut the heavens up. I walked back and forth across the floor. And seemed like He'd say, "Now, the next time you'll listen." For months after months, and finally, Dr. Sam come over to where I was one night; we was sitting there talking. He said, "I want you to pray for a certain fellow, down here, Billy, that's got a... He's a neurotic. He set in my office, started talking." He said, "What about the ameba, how's things getting along?"

I said, "Oh, it's... Told him the symptoms of it; and he said, "Oh, Billy. My boy." He said, "You... There isn't nothing can touch it now. It's gone."

I said, "Oh, my." I said, "God have mercy, have mercy." I walked the floor.

GENESIS 18:19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

GENESIS 50:20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

2 SAMUELS 6:1 KJV Again, David gathered together all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. 2 And David arose, and went with all the people that were with him from Baale of Judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God, whose name is called by the name of the LORD of hosts that dwelleth between the cherubims. 3 And **they set the ark of God upon a new cart,** and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that was in Gibeah: and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drave the new cart. 4 And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab which was at Gibeah, accompanying the ark of God: and Ahio went before the ark. 5 And David and all the house of Israel played before the LORD on all manner of instruments made of fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals. 6 And when they came to Nachon's threshingfloor, Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it. 7 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God. 8 And David was displeased, because the LORD had made a breach upon Uzzah: and he called the name of the place Perezuzzah to this day. 9 And David was afraid of the LORD that day, and said, How shall the ark of the LORD come to me? {Obededom blessed} 10 So David would not remove the ark of the LORD unto him into the city of David: but David carried it aside into the house of Obededom the Gittite. 11 And the ark of the LORD continued in the house of Obededom the Gittite three months: and the LORD blessed Obededom, and all his household. 12 And it was told king David, saying, The LORD hath blessed the house of Obededom, and all that pertaineth unto him, because of the ark of God. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obededom into the city of David with gladness. 13 And it was so, that when they that bare the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed oxen and fatlings.

{Will of God}

NUMBERS 7:9 "But unto the sons of Kohath he gave none: **because the service of the sanctuary belonging unto them was that they should bear upon their shoulders.**"

Perfect Will for Israel (a nation)

EXODUS 32:10 Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and **I will make of thee a great nation.** 31 And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. 32 **Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin; and if not, blot me, (portraying Christ)** I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written. 33 And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.

NUMBER 14:19 Pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of this people according unto the greatness of thy mercy, and as thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:1 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; 2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; 3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat; 4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. 5 But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

Ephesian pattern

The contrast between the Ephesian pattern and churches that operate under God's permissive will is one of the most critical warnings. It highlights the difference between completely submitting to God's provided way and using spiritual gifts for personal gain while rejecting the absolute truth.

The Ephesian Pattern (The Perfect Will of God) The Ephesian pattern represents the perfect will of God, characterized by a church that is **entirely teachable and capable of taking supernatural instructions** from a vindicated apostle. These believers have absolute confidence in their God-sent leadership. They do not look for alternate routes or question the instructions given to them.

Furthermore, an Ephesian church possesses profound discernment. They test the spiritual origins of anyone claiming to be born again. They ensure that every believer holds to the exact same doctrines and message.

The Permissive Will What "Permissive Will" Means (Biblically) **God's permissive will** is when He *allows* people to choose a path, He does **not** desire, yet He remains sovereign over the outcome. This is shown in Scripture when God says yes to what He does **not approve**, allowing people to learn through consequences. On the other than people and churches can operate under God's permissive will when they **refuse to surrender to His perfect will**.

The prime example given is the prophet Balaam. Balaam insisting on Going with Balak's Men – **Numbers 22**. God first said NO (**Numbers 22:12**). Balaam pushed again, and God said GO—but in anger (**Numbers 22:20-22**). This is permissive will: God allowed Balaam's stubborn desire, but not with approval. Balaam had a genuine gift of faith and prophecy, but he operated entirely in God's permissive will because his primary motive was to create a following and seek the honour of men.

Today, ministries operating in the permissive will often share these characteristics:

Magnifying Gifts Over the Message:

These churches may operate with genuine gifts, performing miracles, healings, and casting out devils (as seen in **Matthew 7:21-23**), but they use these signs to bypass the perfect will of God. They may magnify signs and wonders but reject the messenger of the age, or they make the true message secondary to their own programs.

Israel Demanding a King – 1 Samuel 8

Israel rejected God's direct rule and demanded a king "like all the nations." God told Samuel:

"They have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me." (1 Samuel 8:7)

God warned them of the consequences, yet **He permitted it**. This is the clearest example of permissive will in Scripture.

Explaining Away the Truth:

When leaders in the permissive will are confronted with the absolute truth or specific doctrines (like the proper way to conduct an altar call or the true Godhead), they do not conform to it.

2 JOHN 1:9 KJV Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

Instead, they will cleverly bypass the truth with an "explanation" or completely sidestep the issues just to maintain their following.

Choosing Law Over Grace:

GENESIS 15:13 (God speaking directly to Abram) And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years.

Joseph's Brothers Selling Him Into Slavery – *Genesis 37; 50:20*

Their act was sinful, but God **permitted** it and used it for a greater purpose: **"Ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good."** (**Genesis 50:20**)

The children of Israel in the Exodus.

When God wanted to bring them back to an Edenic condition through His perfect will, they refused to let Him speak to them directly and chose the law instead. From that moment on, they lived under God's permissive will.

The Illusion of God's Blessing The profound deception of the permissive will is that **God will still bless it for a season.**

just as God permitted Balaam to go on his mission

Gave Israel manna and healing in the wilderness while they were in His permissive will,

He will bless churches today that magnify gifts outside of His true order.

However, the stark warning: entering the permissive will is ultimately an act of sin, and in the end, just like Balaam, those who refuse God's perfect Ephesian order will lose.

How to Recognize the Permissive Will of God in Scripture

People are in God's permissive will when:

- **They insist on their own desire** instead of God's command.
- **God allows the choice**, but consequences follow.
- **God remains sovereign**, turning even wrong choices toward His purpose.

These patterns appear consistently in the stories of **Saul, Balaam, Israel, Adam and Eve, Job**, and others.

Surrender to the King: Navigating the Perfect and Permissive Wills of God

The Perfect Will (The Ephesian Pattern)



The Word is the Will
Revealed Truth is the absolute Will of God for a believer's life.



Driven by the 'Zoe' Gene
Only those possessing the Divine Nature can truly understand or obey God's mysteries.



Sovereign and Irresistible:
God's ultimate purpose is certain and cannot be stopped by human or spiritual powers.

The Permissive Will & Sovereignty



Permission vs. Approval

God may allow stubborn desires, like Israel's demand for a king, but with consequences.



Death to Self-Will

Walking in God's Will requires nailing personal desires and carnal knowledge to the cross.

Sovereign Will	Permissive Will
<p>Nature: Irresistible & Eternal</p>	<p>Nature: Allowed but not desired</p>
<p>Source: God's Decree</p>	<p>Source: Human insistence/choice</p>
<p>Outcome: Always comes to pass</p>	<p>Outcome: Leads to lessons through trials</p>



Trials as Tutoring Tools

God ordains enemies and suffering to perfect character and develop spiritual wisdom.

Surrendering to the King: Understanding the Will of God

God's Will is inseparable from His Word. While His Sovereign Will is absolute and irresistible across history, believers are called to move beyond "Permissive Will" and instead walk in His "Perfect Will" through total surrender.

The Sovereign Will (The Immutable Decree)

Absolute and Irresistible

God's sovereign decree is eternal, unchangeable, and supreme over kings, nations, and nature.

Purposeful Design

Everything permitted or ordained is driven toward the goal of perfecting a family of kings.

Sovereignty in History

From Creation to the Crucifixion, human plans cannot overturn God's established counsel.



The Perfect Will

Characterised by total submission to the revealed Word and absolute confidence in divine instructions.



Trials as Tutoring Tools
 Enemies and tribulations are foreordained by God to test reactions and develop character.



The Permissive Will

The Detour of Desire

When humans insist on their own paths, God may permit it, leading to suffering.



Comparing Paths: Nature and Outcomes

Aspect	Perfect Will	Permissive Will
Motive	Surrender to the Word	Stubbornness or personal gain
Experience	Walking with Bed	Learning through consequences
Outcome	Conformed to His image	Suffering and eventually glorifying the Perfect Will