Biblical Priorities

Knowing the Will of God

***Overview of entire series***

BIG IDEA: The Will of God will define our priorities, our priorities will define our practices and help us lead us a balanced life.

1. The Priority of Knowing the Will of God
2. The Priority of Loving God
3. The Priority of Family
4. The Priority of the Body of Christ
5. The Priority of Outreach
6. The Priority of Sanctification

***Outline***

1. A ­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to know God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   1. Eph 5:17
   2. Rom 12:1-2
   3. Eph 1:9
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ what we mean by God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - “Theologians describe as the ‘decretive will of God’ that will by which God decrees things to come to pass according to His supreme sovereignty…when God sovereignly decrees something in this sense, nothing can prevent it from coming to pass.
      1. Eph 1:11
      2. Rev 4:11
   2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
      1. When the Bible speaks of the will of God, it does not always mean the decretive will of God. The decretive will of God cannot be broken or disobeyed. It will come to pass. On the other hand, there is a will that can be broken: “the preceptive will of God.” It can be disobeyed. Indeed, it is broken and disobeyed every day by each one of us.
      2. The preceptive will of God is found in His law. The precepts, statutes, and commandments that He delivers to His people make up the preceptive will. They express and reveal to us what is right and proper for us to do. The preceptive will is God’s rule of righteousness for our lives. By this rule we are governed.
      3. It is the will of God that we not sin. It is the will of God that we have no other gods before Him; that we love our neighbor as we love ourselves; that we refrain from stealing, coveting, and committing adultery. Yet the world is filled with idolatry, hatred, thievery, covetousness, and adultery. The will of God is violated whenever His law is broken.[[1]](#footnote-1)
      4. Exodus 20 – Ten Commandments
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   1. 2 Peter 3:9 – Preceptive Will not Decretive
   2. Ezekiel 33:11
   3. Matt 18:14
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
      1. Jam 1
      2. Prov. 3:5-6
      3. Prov 2
   2. Read \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
      1. 1 Peter 2:2
      2. Heb 5:11
      3. 2 Tim 2:14
      4. Psalm 119:1-16
      5. Psalm 1
   3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for God
      1. Mark 12:30
      2. Psalm 16
      3. Psalm 119:57-64
   4. Seek \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
      1. Prov 11:14
      2. Prov 15:22
      3. Prov 24:5-6
   5. Look for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
      1. Proverbs 16:1-9
      2. Providence - J. Vernon McGee – Providence is the means by which God directs all things – both animate and inanimate, seen and unseen, good and evil – toward a worthy purpose which means His will must finally prevail.
      3. Rom 8:28
   6. Does this make \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ?
5. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   1. Col 1:10

1. Sproul, R. C. (2009). *Can I Know God’s Will?* (Vol. 4, pp. 10–11). Lake Mary, FL: Reformation Trust Publishing. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)