

INTRODUCTION

- * Knowing God – The Quest ... *And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. (John 17: 3)*
- * We have considered The Existence and Exclusiveness of God, The Composition of God, The Attributes of God and the Name of God
- * Our final consideration is the Desires of God – or, as in commonly stated, “The Will of God”
- * In review, the exercise of one’s will is directly proportional to the determination of one’s desires.
- * Each time that we make a decision, which is seen as the expression of our will, we are revealing the priority of our desires
- * God’s “Will” is the expression of His desires which are consistent with His being, composition, plan, and attributes.
- * Psalms 115:1-3; Psalms 135:5-6

INSTRUCTION

I. THE EXPRESSION OF HIS DESIRES

- A. In the New Testament :** 1. DEFINITIONS: * βουλομαι - to will; be disposed; be minded ... βουλη – counsel; advice 2. SCRIPTURES
* θελω - to determine, to will, to be inclined; to be disposed θελημα – will; desire
- B. In The Old Testament :** 1. DEFINITIONS: * רצוה (ra-tson) – delight; desire; will 2. SCRIPTURES
* כפח (khaphets) - to incline; to bend; to delight; to desire; to will
* עצה (etsah; along with ya’ats) – advice; counsel

II. THE EMBRACING OF HIS DESIRES

- A. It’s Importance to Christ** (cf. Matthew 6:9-10; John 4:34; 5:30; Luke 22:42)
- B. It’s Importance to Us** (cf. Mt 12:48-50; 21:28-31; 7:21; Psalm 40:8; Acts 20:27-32’ I John 2:15-17)

SO WHAT IS “THE WILL OF GOD”?

III. THE ENUMERATION OF HIS DESIRES

A. The Exaltation of His Person ... this is His overarching desire

- * John 4:24; Psalms 96:7-9; Romans 11:33-36; Isaiah 42:8; 66:18-23; John 11:1-4; 1 Peter 4:10-11; 1 Corinthians 10:31; 1 Thess. 5:16-18; Ephesians 1:3-14

B. The C_____ation of All Things

- * REVELATION 4:8-11
- * GENESIS 1:26-28 (cf. Psalm 145:10-13; Psalm 8:4-9)
- * PSALMS 139:13-18; ROMANS 9:16-24; ISAIAH 43:6-7

C. The S_____ation of All Men

- * 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7; ISAIAH 53:10
- * 2 PETER 3:9; EZEKIEL 18:23-32; 33:11
- * MATTHEW 18:10-14; JOHN 1:12-13
- * JOHN 4:32-38 ; 6:35-40 ; JAMES 1:18; COLOSSIANS 1:24-28

D. The S_____ation of His Children

INTROSPECTION

- ☞ GOD ALONE IS WORTHY OF OUR PRAISE AND GLORY.
IT IS HE WHO CREATED US ... ACCORDING TO HIS WILL – HIS DESIRE.
- ☞ IT IS GOD WHO ESTABLISHED THE METHOD OF SALVATION AND THEN PROVIDED THE MEANS!
- ☞ GOD DESIRES ALL MEN TO BE SAVED ... THAT INCLUDES EVERYONE HERE!
HAVE YOU ACCEPTED GOD’S PROVISION FOR ETERNAL LIFE?
BELIEVER: HOW DO YOUR DESIRES LINE UP WITH GOD’S DESIRES?
- ☞ WE WILL BE GOING OUT AT 5 PM THIS AFTERNOON TO TELL PEOPLE ABOUT GOD’S SALVATION ... GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN GOD IN HIS DESIRE!