

## 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

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| 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: | * רצונו (ra-tson) – delight; desire; will   | 2. SCRIPTURES |
|                           |                 | * כפחו (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; 5:14-15)

### III. THE ENUMERATION OF HIS DESIRES

#### A. The Exaltation of His Person

- \* 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 Creation of All Things

- \* Revelation 4:8-11; Genesis 1:26-28; Psalm 139:13-18; Romans 9:16-24; Isaiah 43:6-7

#### C. The Salvation 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; 4:32-38; 6:35-40; James 1:18; Colossians 1:24-28

#### D. The Sanctification of His Children

1. 1 THESSALONIANS 4:1-8 (cf. 1 Peter 1:13-16)
  
2. ROMANS 12:1-2 (cf. 2 Corinthians 6:14-18; 1 Peter 2:13-16; 1 Peter 3:15-17; 1 Peter 4:12-19)

## INTROSPECTION

- ☞ GROWING IN YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF GOD ... AND CONFORMING TO THAT KNOWLEDGE IS THE GREATEST PURSUIT THAT YOU CAN HAVE
- ☞ YOUR LIFE SHOULD BE ALL ABOUT GOD – THEREFORE WHETHER YOU EAT OR DRINK, OR WHATEVER YOU DO – DO ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD!
- ☞ DOES YOUR LIFE REFLECT – A LIFE THAT IS SET APART TO GOD?
- ☞ ARE YOU BECOMING MORE CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF THE WORLD ... OR TO THE IMAGE OF CHRIST?