

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
- * Last week we began to consider the Desires of God – or, as in commonly stated, "The Will of God"
- * We saw that 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
- * The same is true of God. We talk about the will of God and we break it down into the determined and permissive will of God.
 However, God's "Will" as we will see, is the expression of His desires which are consistent with His being, composition, plan, and attributes.
- * Psalms 115:1-3 ¹ Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but to Your name give glory, because of Your mercy, because of Your truth. ² Why should the Gentiles say, "So where is their God?" ³ But our God is in heaven; He does whatever He pleases.
- * Psalms 135:5-6 ⁵ For I know that the LORD is great, and our Lord is above all gods. ⁶ Whatever the LORD pleases He does, in heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deep places.

INSTRUCTION

I. THE EXPRESSION OF HIS DESIRES

- A. In the New Testament :**
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| 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 :**
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| 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)

III. THE ENUMERATION OF HIS DESIRES

- * Philippians 2:12-15; Proverbs 10:32

A. The E_____ation of His Person

- * JOHN 4:23-24
- * PSALMS 96:7-9
- * ROMANS 11:33-36
- * ISAIAH 66:18-23
- * ISAIAH 42:8
- * JOHN 11:1-4
- * 1 PETER 4:10-11
- * 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31
- * 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18
- * EPHESIANS 1:3-14

B. The C_____ation of All Things

C. The S_____ation of All Men

D. The S_____ation of His Children

INTROSPECTION

- ☞ GOD IS GOD ALONE; THERE IS NONE OTHER. HE IS ALONE IS WORTHY OF OUR PRAISE AND GLORY. AND IT IS HIS DESIRE – HIS WILL – THAT WE GLORIFY HIM IN ALL THAT WE DO.
- ☞ IS IT YOUR DESIRE TO GLORIFY GOD IN ALL THAT YOU DO?
 CAN YOU LOOK AT EACH ASPECT OF YOUR LIFE AND STATE THAT YOUR CHIEF DESIRE IS TO GLORIFY GOD IN THAT AREA?
- ☞ WHAT CHANGES DO YOU NEED TO MAKE IN LIGHT OF GOD'S DESIRE?