

GOD'S WILL IS NOT SUPPOSED TO BE A MYSTERY

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1Co 1:30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, **who became for us wisdom** from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

Does God want us to have wisdom, understanding, and knowledge of His Will? There are those who cannot answer this question and point to scriptures that say we can't know God's will or ways—it is a mystery such as:

Isa. 55:8 "**For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,**" says the LORD.

"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, **so are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.**"

And/or,

Romans 11:33 "Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! **How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!**"

From the Isaiah passage we can answer by simply remembering its context. Look at the verse prior to it:

7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.

When these verses say His thoughts and ways are past finding out it is speaking about the unrighteous and wicked man.

Romans 11:33 however must be placed in another context. Paul is exclaiming the depth of God in worship and awe and we are to know that we will never fully grasp the wisdom and knowledge of God! This is absolutely true for all eternity God will always be beyond full or complete understanding. Yet let us keep this in proper perspective and in tension with other verses that say we are to know Christ, the wisdom and understanding of God, such as these verses:

Lu 8:10 And He said, "**To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God**, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.'

1Co 4:1 Let a man so consider us, **as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.**

We cannot worship and know God or have an intimate relationship with Him if He cannot be known—this is the fundamental problem with Islam. We cannot reason with Him, converse, obey, and be sons and daughters of God without experiencing **revelation knowledge** and wisdom of who He is! Fundamental to our faith is this understanding that Christ is in us and we have been given the **mind of Christ** (Col. 1:27; I Cor. 2:16). With this mind we must fully grasp that God does want us to know Him and His will and not be like the mule that has no ability to understand (Ps. 32:9).

It is easy or convenient for us to relieve ourselves of responsibility by discounting our ability to know God's will for us or His wisdom. In fact, it is a demonic deception to keep us in a state of not knowing so that we don't exercise faith. Faith is what

overcomes the world, not power, and not might, but faith that works through love in the Spirit of God (I John 5:4).

God's plan is for us to know His will, understand His wisdom, and be led God's Spirit.

Romans 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

Gal. 5:22-25 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

We are building our Christian lives on something very vague if we doubt God wants us to know His will. We are supposed to build upon the rock of God's Words not some vague sense of sinking sands (Matt. 7:24). Our lives would tend to be based upon a type of ***fatalism*** that says in our hearts, "*Whatever happens must be God's will and He will give me the grace to go through whatever it is.*" If I were Satan that is exactly where I'd want every Christian to be; **in a state of not knowing** ... Another common Christian statement is, "*God is in control and I will rest in whatever comes.*" Jesus then must have had it wrong when he taught the disciples to pray saying, "Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come, **Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**" The fact remains that our world is fallen and cursed and heaven is not. God's will is NOT being done on the earth therefore pray that it is. However, there is one problem with trying to pray that God's will be done on the earth as it is in heaven, if one doesn't know the will of God (or can know).

If we don't know God's will or we are between opinions about God's will **we ARE in doubt**. This doubt can source from ignorance, misguided teaching, or from a denial of God's Word-unbelief. God's Word reveals God's Will. Jesus' life is the very image of God in nature and focus. Studying God's Word in light of the ministry, teaching, and revelation of Jesus reveals God's will.

2 Cor. 4:4 “whose minds **the god of this age has blinded**, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.”

Col. 1:15 “**He is the image of the invisible God**, the firstborn over all creation.”

Hebrews 1:3 “who being the brightness of His glory and the **express image of His person...**”

If we want to know God's will study the life of Jesus. Jesus is God's will, action, nature, and revelation of God. Someone might say, “But that was Jesus and He is God; we, however, are not God.” This is true; yet, the very purpose of salvation **is Jesus in us** who is (himself) the light of world shining through us (John 8:12)!

1Cor. 15:49 And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we **shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man**.

Jesus said that God the Father did the works through Him and now in turn this very same Jesus and the very same Holy Spirit dwells in us. It is God's will that we be conformed into the image of Christ doing the very same works.

John 14:12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, **he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also**; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father."

Col. 1:27 "To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: **which is Christ in you**, the hope of glory."

God's grace has been poured out to us through His Son. God's Spirit has been poured out upon His Church; we've been given His name and His authority and commissioned to do His work (Luke 10:19). If we understand God's plan of Jesus living His life in and through us how can we doubt that it is God's will for us to **KNOW GOD'S WILL?**

Gal. 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, **but Christ lives in me**; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

God wants us single minded upon His Word and Will—that is God's will. **For us to remain in between or in doubt is NOT GOD'S WILL.**

Faith comes from hearing God's Word taught with faith—someone who believes it (Rom. 10:17). Faith is our response to God's grace found in His Word and promises. Faith comes from being convinced and single minded about God's Word.

The fundamental truth is that without God's Word and the understanding of the counsel of His will we have nothing to base faith on! If we don't know God's will we are in doubt and

will receiving nothing from the Lord (James 1). We are supposed to pray according to His will and we have this promise:

1Jo 5:14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if **we ask anything according to His will**, He hears us.

1Jo 5:15 And if we know that He hears ~ whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

This is further substantiated by the promises of praying anything in Jesus' name!

Joh 16:23 "And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father **in My name He will give you**.

Joh 16:24 "Until now you have asked nothing **in my name**. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full."

Joh 16:26 "In that day you will **ask in My name**, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you;"

Whatever we ask in the name of Jesus it means that it be **according to God's will, His Word, His purposes**, according the counsel of His Word ... nothing prayed contrary to Jesus' nature, way, truth, or life is heard as in being answered!

Eph 1:11 "In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him **who works all things according to the counsel of His will**,"

So, again, it is **THE father's will that we KNOW HIS WILL:**

Co11:9 "For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask **that you may be**

filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding”

Eph 1:18 **“the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know** what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,”

If there are any there are many such verses that exclaim the clear and certain will of God that we **KNOW HIS WILL.**

It is through faith in God's grace already provided for us that we find rest, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. When we know that God forgives us; know that God loves us; this revelation knowledge comes when we believe God single mindedly about His Word and the Holy Spirit confirms it in our hearts. We will NOT receive anything from the Lord if we doubt His Word or His promises by believing something else along with it.

When we study, meditate, ponder, and deliberate over God's Word being drawn to single minded conclusions faith rises in our hearts and our doubts are eliminated. When we realize that God's grace has already been poured out upon our lives (which includes all that Jesus is and all that the Holy Spirit is), how can we doubt that God will give it to us if He already has? We must be convinced about our salvation before we can call out for Christ with our whole heart! We hear the gospel and respond to what God has already done. Our faith manifests because we believe and act upon it calling out for salvation. We receive what God has already given ... so it is with everything in God's promises.

Conclusion:

God's Spirit doesn't want us **NOT KNOWING** (doubting). Jesus lived a life of intimacy full of the Holy Spirit and what characterized his ministry more than anything else was His knowing. He knew God's will and taught, spoke, acted in authority of that Will. Jesus was secure in God's Will **not from a doubting point of view where he guessed and gave himself up to whatever will be; but from a knowing point of view fully resting in the revelation knowledge of the Spirit. Jesus lived in and through faith!** The just shall live by faith (Rom. 1:17). We often live by doubt and call it faith-that is twisting things around. We are not supposed to take life circumstances and make the word agree with it. We are supposed to take the Word of God and let it rule. We are to let the Spirit of Christ rule in our lives and the by-product of this relationship is knowing God's will.

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