

## The Will of God

**Mark 3:35- For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.** (KJV)

Believers are challenged to discern the will of God for their lives and adhere to it. The Lord Jesus Christ defines the blessed value of doing the will of God each day. Jesus Christ describes the close relationship He has with those doing God's will. Believers make choices throughout the day regarding embracing the will of God. The choices made daily determine earthly life's direction, effort and outcome.

**John 1:13-Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.** (KJV)

The will of God is central to the Gospel reading during the Paschal Divine Liturgy. Believers are expected to be fully attentive and to consider the Gospel on Pascha. The Gospel reading on Pascha unites believers with the Resurrected Jesus Christ. Adhering to the will of God keeps believers on the narrow path to God's Kingdom. Abandoning the will of God and adhering to one's own will puts the soul in peril.

**Romans 12:2- And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.** (KJV)

Believers seek God's will to be done when fervently reciting the Lord's Prayer. The Lord's Prayer is a transforming prayer when consciously a part of daily life. The believer and the Lord unite when the believer prays fervently and attentively. Renewal occurs when the believer's mind resolutely focuses on the will of God. Believers earnestly embracing the will of God resolutely address life's challenges.

**2 Corinthians 8:5- And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.** (KJV)

Believers experience peace when fashioning daily life according to the will of God. Keeping the mind actively focused on the will of God shapes personal behavior. Relationships are affected by the way the will of God is perceived and received. Personal faith and beliefs determine the prevailing attitude about the will of God. Each person does well to examine the heart, mind and soul about the will of God.

**Galatians 1:4- Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:** (KJV)

Important lessons for life are learned when studying Jesus and the will of God. Strength and guidance come to believers seeking to abide by the will of God. Jesus Christ is due unending gratitude for His suffering and death on the Cross. Great Lent is the foremost opportunity to learn more about the will of God.

Holy Week brings Jesus Christ and the will of God sharply into focus. (Luke 22:42)

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