

# *What Is The Will Of God?*

**Introduction:** Mark 3:35 The expression “will of God” is often misused. Here are four ways the Bible uses it.

## **1. What God Causes**

- \* The unconditional will of God
- \* Eg. creation, natural laws, etc. - Revelation 4:11 (NKJV)
- \* Galatians 1:4 - the execution of the eternal plan of salvation
- \* A mistake is made though, to think all happenings are unconditionally the will of God. This is fatalism.
- \* This facet of God’s will cannot be affected in the least by man’s will

## **2. What God Wants**

- \* I Thessalonians 4:3 - God wants us to abstain, but does not make us.
- \* Our freewill is taken into consideration
- \* I Thess. 5:18 - He wants us to give thanks
- \* I Peter 2:15 - God wants us to do good
- \* I John 2:17
- \* “I hope this is the will of God” does not apply here
- \* We can know this aspect of God’s will...it is revealed in Scripture - Romans 2:17-18
- \* God wants us to use the Scriptures to make discernments about good and evil. It is God’s will.

### 3. What God Allows

- \* Romans 1:9-10 - What God permits to happen
- \* James 4:15 - Uncertainty of future life
- \* Is it God's will that I come to this Bible class?
- \* Did God will that I wear these clothes today?
- \* Does God determine where I should go, live or what activities I should involve myself in?
- \* God allows much of our lives to be exposed to time and chance - Ecclesiastes 9:11

### 4. What God Assists

- \* This is providence
- \* Next to impossible to know for certain
- \* Heal the sick, give us our daily bread, provide me a job, reaching the lost, giving us wisdom, etc.
- \* Bringing you a spouse? How about a bad marriage? - Remember Hosea?
- \* Sufferings - I Peter 3:17 - Paul's thorn in the flesh - Jesus cup of suffering
- \* Prosper in all things? - Ill John 2

**Conclusion:** 1. An untimely death - How is it God's will?  
2. Be sure we are doing the will of God we know.