

# Freedom of God

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*God's freedom is essential to His nature and character, and it is the foundation of our understanding of Him.*

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## Description

In this experimental sermon, the preacher challenges the congregation to not underestimate their intelligence and to delve into deeper spiritual truths. He emphasizes the incredible gift of God's revelation and presence in our lives, highlighting the importance of not taking it for granted. The preacher explains that God is not limited like humans are, and that He is capable of producing His desired effects. He also discusses the concept of free will and how it sets humans apart from animals, giving them the ability to choose between right and wrong. The sermon ultimately emphasizes the importance of understanding God's nature and relying on the Gospel to comprehend His desires and actions.

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## Transcript

I have an experimental sermon here. The reason why it's experimental is because, well, it's based on the aspect that I don't think you're stupid. I think you're smart.

And often sermons that go from pulpits often remain so shallow and so basic. So it's kind of like you constantly feed the church baby food. Well, I don't want to just feed the church baby food.

I don't want to insult your intelligence. I don't want to insult your ability to comprehend some particular thing. So I'm going to deal with something that is tough.

Something that will be a challenge to you. And so it means you've got to really listen. And I hope I don't get lost because it's kind of an experiment.

What I'm going to do is I'm going to give you some real theology here. I'm going to get down to some nitty-gritty stuff. And you know, I love theology.

I love theology. The reason why I love theology is because when we can get into the Word of God and start really looking at it, we start seeing the glory and the splendor of who our God is. That is the whole idea of what theology is, the study of God.

And so often because we don't get into the Word of God or we don't study it, we don't say, God, who really are you? We are shallow in our understanding. We're weak in it. We don't stand in awe of Him as what we really should.

And I'll tell you what, when you start really digging and you start finding and you start examining the Word of God, you start saying, Man, what a God we serve. What a God. I mean, you can just put you in awe of Him.

I can't tell you how much I just love being able to dig into God's Word and to be able to comprehend a little bit more of what this little brain can comprehend. Just a little bit more of Him. Just because He is such a great and awesome God.

And so He becomes easier to love the more we get to know Him. God is free. I relate to God as free not to the aspect of salvation.

I'm not relating that. I'm relating to the very nature of God. God is free.

He is not bound. He is not limited. He is not controlled.

And this means so much when we start getting into the very aspect of salvation and all that God has done to understand the freedom of God. Something we don't necessarily sit down and think about. We read verses that relate to it and speak of it and ideas that are presented to us scripture, but nothing that we ever sit down and say, Oh, God's free.

Now we'll relate to salvation being free, but let me relate something. If God is not free, if He is bound, if He is limited, if He is a finite being, then He cannot save you. And your faith is in vain.

If He is free, then He has the ability to save. Because it is only He that is free that is able to set the captives free and bring them into freedom. And so if He's not free, He can't do it.

So first I want to look at the aspect of God as a free spirit. And so this means that He is personal or imminent. Imminent means that He is personal, He is near.

Transcendent means that He is totally other, that He is unique unto Himself, that there is none like Him. And so He is separate in heaven, but yet Him being imminent means that He is personal and near. So God is both personal and He is both transcendent.

The further idea of transcendence means that He is not limited nor controlled by His creation. And this becomes so important because with this, I'll probably deal with a few problems I see in prayer that is within the church, where we end up limiting God. We feel that we can take God and make Him to do or to be what we want Him to be.

But God is not limited to His creation. He is beyond and above it, not controlled by it. The only verse that speaks of God as creator in this particular manner is in Revelation 4, the 11th verse, it says, You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they were and have their being.

The idea of God as creator is not just that He has spoken into existence, but that it continues in existence by His very will. So when you get into the freedom of God, you also get into the idea of His will. The will of God.

And I'll relate to the will of God towards the end of us seeking God's will in our life. But when I relate to the will of God here, I relate to His will. It is His will that He chose to create.

It is His will that all things continue as they are. If His will changed, and He says, No more will I keep humanity in existence, humanity would cease. And He possesses that power, it is within His realm of ability, because He is free, He is not controlled by His creation.

His creation cannot dictate to Him what He should and should not do, because He is totally transcendent, He is totally other, He is unique, He is separate, He is not controlled nor manipulated by us. We cannot manipulate Him. It's impossible.

We cannot. Because we go and we take the Bible and throw it at Him, doesn't mean He bows down. He is God.

He acts because He is good and because of who He is, not because we're able to manipulate Him or control Him or throw Scriptures at Him and make Him respond. He is always in His creation and active with it. He's always in it.

He's always there. He's a God who, like I said, is being imminent, He is near, He is present. He's always involved in it.

He is not as what deism believes, that God just started it and went on His own way, but that He is present here right now. And He is active in it. Even at the times that we might look at it and say, I don't think God is active, I don't think He's doing anything in my life, I don't feel Him near, I don't feel Him present.

It does not mean because I don't feel Him that He is not present, that He is not there, because He is active in His creation. He is present in His creation, He is working in His creation. But yet He is always independent of its limitations.

Thus, He's totally free. If I could in any way, shape or form manipulate God, or take Scriptures and throw them at Him and say, God, you must, then God is not free. He is limited, He is controlled, He is able to be manipulated.

But it's kind of like anything, when we come into relationship with other beings that are free, and I'll touch a little bit on that, we have freedom. But who likes to be controlled and manipulated here? I mean, who likes to be herded and told what you have to do? I mean, there's this thing within us that says, who are you to tell me what to do? The problem is, we're limited creatures. But God is totally unlimited.

Now, as I grow to understand this God, and how He reveals Himself, I know, according to His nature, how He will respond. And so I can rest in Him. If He did not reveal Himself, I should be terrified, because He would then seem like some arbitrary being that could just do whatever He wants.

But there is a nature revealed with God. There is a God that has showed Himself to act and respond in history, and with individuals in particular ways, so He can be relied upon. I know that this God that is absolutely free, and can do anything He wants to, will not go against His own nature.

So He will not be a God that will be hateful, and lash out at people just because He has a bad day. We know that He will do what is good for His people. And not just that, is that He will be good to all of humanity.

And so when we start looking at what His nature is, we must go to different things when we start seeing the atrocities in life, and say, God has showed Himself good. He is a free creature that is not controlled by His creation. And when evil comes in, where does that come from then? Because God has manifested Himself as good.

He has proven Himself as good. He is self-directing and self-determining according to His own good pleasure. When you look at other accounts of God creating, it says that He did it because He desired to.

According to His own good pleasure, it relates that He brought us salvation. To His own good pleasure, because He wanted to. So that means we are not insignificant creatures.

Because He wanted, according to His desire, He wanted to show Himself to us, reveal Himself as good, and to bring us salvation. Our God is in heaven. He does whatever pleases Him.

It's in Psalms 115. In Ephesians, it says, He predestined us to be adopted as sons through Jesus Christ in accordance with His pleasure and will. He made known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Jesus Christ.

He made known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure. Here is this God that is wholly other, totally different, totally unique, totally separate from His creation, but yet chooses to become involved with His creation, chooses to reveal Himself to His creation, and take the mystery of who He is and make it revealed. If God did not want to reveal Himself, there is no individual who could ever then come to a knowledge of God.

We only have a knowledge of God because He chose to reveal it to us. Think of the privilege that you have today as being a believer, because He chose to reveal it to you. Chose to reveal it to you.

Do you understand how glorious a gift that is when this God that is so awesome chooses to go to an individual and say, I am God, and to make Himself real and present. We take His activity in our life to be so for granted. And one reason why I think we take it so for granted is because it's so easy to kind of reduce Him to just being a man, to reduce Him to actions as what men do, rather than to understand Him as God, as what He has revealed Himself.

He is efficacious. What that means, very simple, that He is capable of producing His desired effect. So let's just pretend.

You sit down and you say, I think I'm going to create a moon. We want two moons out there. Grunt and groan all you want, there will still only be one.

You don't have the ability to do it. You cannot produce what you desire to create. But can you create a painting? Well, that's within your realm of ability.

So you have the ability to complete that which you desire to do because it is within your realm of possibility. Now, if you ask me to paint something that would be as what Rembrandt would paint, it would be outside of my ability. I have a hard time making a straight line.

That is outside of my ability. But can I do something like a five-year-old? Yes, that is within my ability. Well, the thing we have to see with God, He is able to do what He wanted to do.

He is able to accomplish it. He wanted to create heaven and earth, and He did so. And in the Genesis account of creation, it says, and it was good.

Each time He acted on each day when He created, He says, and it was good. He was able to do what He wanted to do. He made it come to pass because of His own desire.

How often is it as people we desire something, we desire a particular occupation or a particular thing in our life, and we don't have the ability to do it? Because it's not within us, the strength. I mean, how many people out there that are alcoholics in the world and want to stop drinking and don't have that power within them? How many of us want to stop sinning and we just somehow keep seeming to stumble into it? But yet, all that God wants to do, He always does because He is able. Always.

No maybes. When He went and said, I am able to finish the work in you which I have begun, that is an absolute of what He is able to do. Just as much as the absolute that God went and said, I am free and I am able to create and do as I will, and I choose to create, and I am able to accomplish it and He accomplished it, that same God with such power, such forth, such independence, is able to complete in us the work He's begun.

Same identical God. Because He is personal. He is unexhausted by His present activities.

I forget the whole story, but when Handel went and wrote his composition, The Messiah, it was almost like an anointing came upon the man. He shut himself up into his room and just wrote and wrote. He wouldn't eat, he wouldn't hardly sleep, and they couldn't get him to do anything because he was just so wrapped up in this work as he wrote and as he wrote and produced it.

And I believe it was like three or four weeks later, finally he comes out of it with a finished product. But yet, he was exhausted. But God is not exhausted.

He does not exhaust Himself. When He created, it wasn't like He was out of breath when it was all done. His work within humanity, it seems overpowering to us.

How can this God communicate to every single individual? How can He make Himself real right here in this church and real in another church over there and real all across this country? All at the same time. How is He able to do that? And He does not exhaust Himself in it. There's not an end.

There's not a limitation to Him. His Spirit is able to go beyond what we even think because He's not limited to us. So He doesn't grow weary.

The God we serve does not grow tired. He doesn't wear out. He does not just say, I need a day off.

We're the limited creatures who need that. Not God. God is sovereign because He is truly free and worthy and able to govern all that He has made.

How could we say that God is free if He was just a part of His creation or a product of His creation? But He's worthy to govern His creation because He is above and beyond His creation. He's spoken into existence. And in all that He's done, it has not exhausted Him.

His power so far surpasses it that there's no limitation to it. And so He is a God that is worthy to govern it. How many people in this world don't even think God worthy to govern their own lives? But yet He is so far beyond that that He is worthy to govern all the cosmos, all the heavens, everything that is in His creation,

He is able to govern.

I would look at the freedom of God in relation to law. When I refer to law, I want to refer to law as the natural law, as gravity and particular things as such, of all the things that would entail within the natural law, civil law and religious law. Law isn't a force.

It's not some thing that just radiates of itself. It doesn't have the ability to be self-propelling or anything else. It is something that was created by God.

Now, contrary to what evolutionists would try to say is that somehow the force of gravity just came about by time and chance. I just don't believe it. I don't believe that somehow all the wonder of this cosmos just happened.

They always get back to how to begin. I mean, they never can answer that. So they got to keep going back to this perpetual thing of redoing itself.

But somehow there had to be a beginning to it all. Somehow there had to be a beginning to it. So law does not begin just on its own.

I mean, we have a constitution. And with the constitution, we have all these laws. Now, many may say we have too many laws.

But did they come into existence just out of its own? Were they just self-propelling? It had to be people with intellect to be able to sit down and to design them and to come up with them. And you want a challenge? Try and read them and understand them. That's a challenge.

Law is not a ruler or the lawgiver. Law cannot rule. Because we have law, it doesn't matter.

I mean, we could make zillions of laws and put them on the books. I mean, how many laws are there within this town that don't relate to anything? That you can't maybe take your horse in a particular place. You know, you can't do particular things that was relevant back then, but they never took them off the books.

If you don't enforce the law, it's good for nothing. But it must take something outside of law to enforce it. Law is the method or exercise which must come from one who is free and greater than law.

And so we have people who go into Congress, whether it's in the states or whether it's in our government, and they make laws. But it's men that stand behind those laws and enforce those laws. They cannot exist of themselves.

It's the same identical thing with natural law. Natural law just does not happen. It just doesn't happen.

There must be that which is behind it that makes it to happen, that makes it into being. So gravity, though it is a principle we understand, though it's a law of physics, it happens only because there is a lawgiver who has established this to be so, made it to be so, and it will be, and it does happen. And every time somebody jumps out of a plane, they're going to fall to the ground.

Hopefully, they'll have a parachute. But there is a lawgiver that stands behind it and says, this must be because I have created it so. It's the same thing with the Mosaic law or any of the law within the Bible, the law of grace.

The only way that those things are able to be active in our life, that there must be somebody greater than the law that stands behind them and works within it. It says, for the Lord is our judge. The Lord is our lawgiver.

The Lord is our king. It is He who will save us. So though He's made the law, He is able to save us.

And you know, it's interesting because the law actually came from the Mosaic standpoint, came from God. And when it came from God, God went and says, I will stand behind it and I will back it up because I am able to, because I am free and I've made these. And the law went and said, in essence, that is, if you are to be perfect and to be saved, you must fulfill this law in its entirety perfectly.

If not, then you are guilty of breaking the law. And guess who is guilty of breaking the law? All of humanity. All of humanity.

Says there is only one lawgiver and judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you, who are you to judge your neighbor? Only one lawgiver and judge. Why is it that He can only be the one to truly judge? Now, He does grant us the right to judge according to civil needs.

He wants us to. He wants there to be government. He tells us to pray for our leaders so that we can live in peace.

Okay, He wants that. He doesn't want chaos and anarchy. He wants there to be peace.

He wants there to be law and order. But yet, ultimately, there's only one lawgiver and He will hold all accountable before Him. How can He do that? Because He is free.

And He alone will do what He desires because He decrees it. Now, He doesn't do that in the sense of like what we can do as parents when we tell a child do something and say do it because I said so. He's good.

And God doesn't have problems giving us rhyme and reason for many things. There are some things He doesn't give us rhyme and reason for. Sometimes we don't have the answer why bad things happen to good people.

But what we can always know is this God that is free will actively be involved in our lives because He is personal. He will actively be there in the midst of greatest sorrow, in the midst of greatest pain. He said He will take those things and turn them for our benefit.

Not that He is the creator of the disaster, but that He is the God who uses the disaster for the benefit of His people. Whether it's to bring some to salvation or whether it's to draw ones nearer to Him, or whatever it might be, He is the God that is able to do it because He is good and because He is free. Now, there's an interesting aspect of it because God establishes laws.

He establishes particular laws of nature such as gravity. But yet somehow this God walked on water and did that which was against nature. As a lawgiver, He holds the right to do that which is outside of our own natural laws.

He can do the miraculous. The entire Bible is based upon the miraculous. When individuals throw out the possibility of miracles, they throw out all of Christianity, all that it stands for.

Because the whole aspect of a God that does miracles is a God that is above His laws, that is greater than His laws and can say, I can do it because I am God. And so He is able to intervene to heal the sick body. He's able to raise one up from the dead.

He's able to do the miraculous in ways that we can't understand because He is not subject to His laws. He is over His laws because He was the creator of the law. And so the miraculous is possible.

And I don't believe it is just possible. I believe that the miraculous should be that which has some form of regularity. Not total regularity.

If all we did was see miracles all the time, then in essence, and just on an absolute consistent basis, in essence, that would be a new law. But God goes against the natural order to do the miraculous. God does not always raise the dead to life, such as Lazarus.

But He does at different times. And you go throughout the history of the Christian church and find different times where God has done the miracle of raising the dead. He is a God that is able to do it.

In Acts 2.22, it relates to the situation. And I'll just read this real quick. It says, Men of Israel, listen to this.

Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did among you through Him as you yourselves know. Jesus Christ was attested to be who He was because He could do the miraculous. Because He could do the miraculous.

What did He tell His disciples to do? He says, do the miracles in my name. What does this mean? The aspect that Jesus did miracles in His name is a statement of divinity. It's a statement saying, I am God.

I made these laws and I am greater than these laws. If He was not God, He would have been subject to the laws and He could have only done them through the power of something else. But He could do it by His own power.

And as a result, He went to His disciples and says, do it in my name. Because God was in flesh and blood. The lawgiver was there saying, I am greater than these laws.

The miraculous proved who Jesus Christ was, proved His divinity because He was above the law because God is free. Now we have to see that Jesus voluntarily took upon Him limitations as a human. Voluntarily put Himself in that.

But as God being free, He could have at any time, if He so chose, took Himself out of that because He was still totally divine. But He chose to voluntarily empty Himself. Because He's free, He is able to answer prayer.

He's able to answer prayer because He's free. Pray to me sometimes. See what I can do for you.

Won't get nothing from me. I mean, you get on your knees in your room and say, Oh Glenn, raise this one from the dead. And they'll start stinking.

You know, I mean, it's just, it won't be long. It's just, don't have the ability. It's outside of my realm of possibility.

I don't possess the miraculous. I don't possess that of myself. But God answers prayer because He is free.

He is not limited to the laws of this world. He's not limited to space and to time. He is able to answer prayer because He is unique.

He is wholly other. And as a result, He is able to, but He is personal. So that means He cares about my prayer.

If I make God wholly other and don't understand the personalness, then I say, God, why would you hear me? And if I make Him so personal, He just becomes a good buddy that really can't do much. I need to understand Him as a God that is so awesome, but then a God that is so personal. He cares about your prayers.

How often I've heard individuals go and say, why would God be concerned about this? It's just a little problem. God's concerned about it all. Somehow, this God that is so awesome, that is so fantastic, that is so powerful, is so personal that He cares how many hairs are on our head.

And He's able to do that because He's free. Not controlled, not bound, but able to do as what He wills. And do you know what He wills? He wills to be active in your life.

Chooses to be active in your life. Chooses that. What an astounding thought.

God chooses to work in your life. He chooses to answer your prayers. Now, how He answers your prayers, we must allow Him to do that.

Now, I don't think it's wrong for us to say, God, we need this miracle, do it. But we still, we have to believe and trust God, do this miracle. But yet we still have to go and say, You are sovereign and I will submit to Your infinite wisdom.

Though it may be contrary to what my wisdom says. How many times have people been angry at God because they lose a loved one or they have some disaster happen in their life and they say, God, why didn't You intervene? What they basically say, they say, God, You have to do what I say. And because You didn't do what I say the way I wanted it done, now I'm mad at You.

What it comes down to be is God is not controlled by my prayers. He is God. And so I must come under His lordship and say, God, I make my petitions known.

God, heal. God, do the miraculous. But God, I submit to You.

I absolutely submit to You. I submit to Your perfect sovereign will and allow You to accomplish all that You want. That's difficult.

You know, it's just easier to put God in a little box. But when we begin to understand who He is, we understand He's much bigger than our box. I don't want a God like Jehovah Witnesses.

I don't want a small God. I don't want a God that is able to be controlled and manipulated and just thought through. I want a God that is beyond my understanding.

A God that as I sit and I think about Him, I come to the point and just it boggles my mind because I see how great He is. Not some God that is unintelligent, but a God who is just so fantastic that I can just say, God, there's so much of You. I can only grow more and more and more and know more of You as I seek You.

It says, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. You know, Jesus taught us to submit to the will of the Father. But we also find that He submitted to the will of the Father when He says, not as I will, but as you will.

Jesus both spoke of this will of the Father that should be adhered to and He Himself submitted to it. Now, I want to deal with an aspect of divine purpose. As a free spirit, God does not act arbitrarily.

He does not just do whatever He wants to do just because it's a whim in His mind. He has purpose in everything. And so, He gives each aspect of His creation unique purpose in meeting.

Each aspect of His creation, He gives unique purpose to. How about you? Each aspect of His creation, He gives unique purpose to. He gives unique purpose to you as an individual.

Unique purpose. Do you know, it's just not arbitrary. You aren't here arbitrarily.

It doesn't mean that God went and says, You will be here. He knew that your parents would come together and that there would be a child. He knew that.

But it is all with purpose. And then He says, With unique purpose I have for this individual. Now, of course, it's a matter of whether that individual submits to God.

And His divine purpose is that God desires to reveal Himself as good and that all of His actions are good within His creation. All of His actions. And now that must put us to a point to sometimes question, Bad things happen to us.

Difficulties happen to us. What is going on then? If God has shown Himself as absolutely good, if He's shown Himself as free, not bound, then I must evaluate the evil that happens in my life and not blame God. Because God has revealed Himself as good, always good.

He will take the worst of situations and turn to our good as we learn to submit to Him. We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose, according to His purpose, according to His will, who have been called according to His will. This does not mean that all the bad is going to disappear.

When somebody is going through the agony of a loss of a loved one, we can go and say, Oh, God said all things work together for good. Right there they're saying, Yeah, right. Tell me about it.

I'm hurting so bad. I just lost my loved one. I'm miserable today.

What we have to do is help them to understand that God will take the suffering in your life and as you submit to Him, He will work it out for your benefit. That He will work it out for their good. It's only through the gospel that we can begin to understand who this God is.

The gospel is what brings the knowledge to us of what God wants to do and how He operates. God will never contradict Himself. God will never decree that He will do one thing that will be contrary to His being.

So He will never decree a person to sin, never decree such a thing, but He will decree that people can sin if they choose to. The idea is that He decreed us free will. Now there's something that is interesting here because He says that we're made in the image of God.

We're made in the image of God and He gave us free will. Something so unique that no animal has. The free will is what we have.

The ability to choose right and wrong. I'm created in God's will through sin. That free will has been distorted and twisted, but it's still there.

We still have the ability to choose right or wrong. We still have the ability to come unto God and say, God, I will repent of my sins or we have the freedom to say, I don't want nothing to do with you. We have that freedom.

We have that power within us because it's God given. If God wanted to be the only one to have a say in all of creation, He wouldn't have created everything. He wouldn't have created people.

What He did is He created a lot of little wills. Each of us have our own will. Think of all the billions of wills that's been out there.

All these people who will things contrary to God, but God allowed it to be so. He allowed it to be so. I don't understand.

Would you have done that? If you were a creator, would you have created people with a will that they could have willed things totally contrary to you? But yet He knew that was the only way that people could come to a true loving relationship with Him. So He chose to give people a free will. Within the ability of a free will, He gave the opportunity for them to reject Him.

So sin came into the world not because God made sin, because God did not do it. It would be contrary to His very nature. But He created human beings with a free spirit that had the ability to choose it.

Sorry to say they chose it. That's how sin came in the world. It's not that hard.

It becomes difficult sometimes for us to think about it. And people always want to argue about it. And they always want to attribute God, the meaning that created it.

And if He's so good, why do all these things happen? They happen because God gave people a free will and people took their free will and perverted and distorted it and now chase after the things that they ought not to and do the things that they should not do. And so that, excuse me, that is why that it's in the world. It says, as a result, He does not live the rest of His earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God.

Adam made a choice to live his life not for the will of God, but after earthly human desires. And now He calls us the other way. He's calling us back.

He says that we don't live our lives anymore after earthly human desires, but now after the will of God. Now, this God who is absolutely free makes His will known to us. All you have to do is look in a record sometime and look up will and good pleasure and anything that refers to will.

And you'll find so many scriptures that relate to what God desires in your life. His will is not hidden from us. It is plain.

It is simple. I mean, the scripture is full of it on how He wills us to walk wholly before Him and wills us to act in particular ways and live a particular lifestyle. You know, one of the greatest things of this God that is free

is that He wills us to come into relationship with Him.

Wills us to come in relationship with Him. I mean, think of it. If you were God, would you will humanity to come into fellowship and friendship and into association with you? I mean, would you want what humanity is to be part of you? Would you want to align yourself with humanity? I don't think I would, but He chose to.

He willed to come into fellowship with us. Willed to. Does that mean God comes into fellowship with you because you are good? Who's here is good enough to be in fellowship with God? Who is good enough? But He willed it.

His will. He says, I will that you enter into relationship with Me. He does not force it because He will not contradict Himself.

He gave us free will ourselves to choose or reject it. But He says, I will because I will Myself to be known of you. I will reveal Myself to you.

God wants us to know Him according to His own free will. He says, I choose to reveal Myself to you. We have to see this is what He wants to do in our own church here.

He wants to reveal Himself in greater glory than what we've ever seen before. Because He desires it. He desires Himself to be exalted within the midst of His people.

It says, He chose to give us new birth through the word of truth. He chose to give us new birth. Do you know, you only have new birth because He willed it.

He willed it. How astounding. What a gift that we have from God.

I just want to touch on one more section before I close. God is the ultimate basis for moral obligation because there is nothing higher than God. The divine will is the only means by which right and wrong is determined.

And according to His will, we will become accountable for what He has determined to be right and wrong. And so, God is the source of morality. He's free.

Nobody restricts Him. But all of the ideas of right and wrong flow from who He is. Flow from who He is.

He doesn't make arbitrary things right or wrong. They flow from who He is. And so, He chooses and says, this is right because this is true to who I am.

Hate is wrong because it is contrary to who I am. Murder is wrong because it's contrary to who I am. To lust is wrong because it's contrary to who I am.

The world says, I can do those things because that's what I want to do. But God doesn't go by that because He is free. He is above His creation.

He says, these are the laws. This is what I established and this is what is true. And so, there is right and wrong.

And as Christians, when we're pushed in a world that's trying to push us into things that are not right and wrong, we have to be able to say, there is a higher law that flows right from God that is for our benefit. God's Word is the ultimate revelation of His nature. And all that was climaxed in Jesus Christ.

I want to just close with a couple of verses. First one's in Ephesians 5. It says, Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not be foolish, but understand it.

Like I said, as God reveals His will, He reveals it. This God that is so unique reveals who He is to us. It becomes our responsibility to seek after Him and say, God, let me know Your will.

I guarantee you, He has a will for your life. It's predominantly revealed within God's Word. You don't have to go and say, God, what's Your will for me today? He has it predominantly right there.

Now, I do believe that we need to seek the personal will of God in aspects of ministry and calling and so on. But that's a whole different sermon. But how God wants you to live is guaranteed within the Word of God so that you can know that you don't have to walk around in question saying, God, who are you or what am I to do? He reveals it clearly to him because God has chose to, because He chose to love us.

In Colossians, the last verse I want to look at is Colossians 1.9. It says, For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through our spiritual wisdom and understanding. To fill you with the knowledge of His will. This was Paul's prayer for the people.

And it's my prayer for you as a church that you become filled with the knowledge of His will. Because that's the most important thing. That's the only way in which we can come and enter the kingdom of God.

Enter into the relationship that we should be by knowing His will. By entering into it, this is one reason why you should know this, study this, love what God has given you. We're not to exalt it.

It's not to be an idol. But man, this is a gift. What an astounding gift that He has given us, that we can know His will of this God who is free, that has freely decided to love us, freely decided to bring salvation to us, freely limited Himself to become a man and to die on a cross.

And through that freedom rose again from the dead, conquered death and hell for us, who freely wants to reveal Himself to our lives personally, desires us to seek Him and to know that He is God. Let's look to the Lord in prayer.

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