

(Bible Analysis of Man) Man's Will

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Understanding man's will and its relation to God's will and Satan's will is crucial to answering questions about suffering and evil in the world.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher shares a personal experience of being challenged by God to leave a big church in Belfast and go to a smaller place with miracles. Despite the advice of his friends, he chose to listen to God and follow His will. The preacher emphasizes the importance of walking in the will of God rather than following our own desires or the will of Satan. He also highlights the consequences of disobeying God and the love that God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit have for believers. The sermon concludes with a call to consecrate one's life to God and live in ceaseless praise.

Transcript

The subject this evening is Man's Will. Now, when we come to think about man's will, and we come to think about God's will, and we come to think about Satan's will, you know, we're entering into one of the deepest subjects that I know. I know it's not a thing that's easily handled, mind you, although I'm feeling off on the shore just now.

I say this to this company, if you can get a clear understanding of what I'm about this evening, it will answer a thousand questions for you that are always being answered in this world, asked in this world. You know, too many people come to me and they say, why, why does God allow war? Why does God allow bombers to come over and drop tons of TNT on cities where there are harmless little children and blast them to pieces? Why? Another one comes along the next day and they say, why, why these different sufferings and sorrows and tears? Why all this? Why do we have to go through this? Could God not have made this world without all this? Why the pain? Why the disease? Why the suffering? Why the tears? Are these the questions that have been asked down the ages by everyone? And sooner or later you'll come into a place and perhaps you'll look at me and say, why, why? Well, if you get this subject right this evening, you'll get the answer to all these questions. Because if you would allow me now to take you from this meeting, as it were, into eternity past.

Just for a brief second, as it were. Step out of time into eternity past. Before the world was.

Before Satan's hell. Right back down to where God made everything. Where everything came from behind the bars.

When there was only one world. God's world. There were no fears.

There were no wars. There was no death. There was no pain.

And if I could lift this meeting now and take it forward into eternity to come. Into the new Jerusalem. When the saints are gone home.

When there's just one world. There'll be no more death. And there'll be no more pain.

And there'll be no more tears. And there'll be no more nights. And no more toil.

The trouble with our universe is there are more worlds at work than one. If we could only get back in one day, we will. Till there's just the one world.

And the form of things that's puzzled some of you will be wiped away forever. Now I want to look first of all at God's world. I'm commencing at Romans chapter twelve.

The letter to the Romans. Chapter twelve. Verse one.

Romans twelve verse one. I beseech you therefore brethren by the mercies of God that you present your bodies a living sacrifice wholly acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service. 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.

Three things are said about the will of God here that you'll need to note. First of all it's said that the will of God is good. Good.

Then that word acceptable is put in there and it's not the best word for the Greek word that's used. The word well-pleasing would be much better. God's will is always good for man.

And God's will is always well-pleasing to man when man knows exactly how to get about it. And then of course it goes without saying that God's will is perfect. And so here's God's will.

The will of God all the time for all eternity is always good and well-pleasing and perfect. Perfect. Now I want you to turn to the book of Genesis chapter one Try to keep that in your mind as we turn to some scriptures.

Verse one. Genesis one, verse one. In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Now I don't think that anybody in this meeting could date exactly when that was. I feel that all the young ones would need to be brought to understand this that between Genesis one and verse two there's a great gap. They just don't run concurrently like you think they do.

You see it says in the first verse In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And then in the second verse it says And the earth was without form and voice. God doesn't make things like that.

If God made anything it was perfect. If God makes the thing it's good. If God makes the thing it's well-pleasing.

Something has happened between verse one and verse two. The thing's without form now and it's void and it's covered with darkness. Something has happened.

And you want to be careful about these verses because they've made them millions of years between some of these verses. And that's where I stand secure tonight and say it doesn't make a matter what the scientists find out about the rocks of this world. When they find out the rocks are millions of years old I don't mind because God made them in the beginning.

Nobody knows when that date is. It can be as far back as they like to go. But betwixt the first verse and the second one something happens.

You see when God created the heavens and the earth He created Satan. Not our Satan of course. He created him as a wonderful, beautiful, shining angel.

Good. Well-pleasing. Perfect.

Oh yes when we go through Ezekiel we find he was perfect. Thou wast perfect in all thy ways from the day that thou wast created until sin was found in thee. Yet he was good and he was well-pleasing to God and he was perfect.

And then when God had created the perfect heavens and the earth and everything was good and pleasing and perfect it was then that Satan said I will be like God. This is the second will coming into the universe. And the moment that another will reached its head up to that point that God was ruling everything God's will was perfect and good and the only will that was known now a rebel stepped into the front and said I will.

I will. And the moment that happened God turned the universe upside down and it became void and without form and darkness. God judged that will.

God judged. That's a will that came in to be the opposer of God. A rebel will that Satan's will.

Now I needn't go into the details of that because on the night long ago I spent or not the night I think I spent about ten weeks dealing with Satan and I got into these questions in a way then that I can't afford to take the time to go into now. And so the earth became without form and void. Wonderful if you were reading in the French Bible that word without form and void would read like this it became hu hu boo hoo Any French scholars here? You know what it means don't you? It became topsy turvy.

That's what it means. God just lifted it like that and turned it upside down. And he said to Satan alright you're like me fix it.

Thank you. Satan couldn't fix it. It remained in darkness just as long as God left it alone.

You're like God are you? Go ahead and fix it. And when it's upside down Satan couldn't put it right side up. And when darkness came on the face of the deep he couldn't bring light.

Because only God is light. And so Satan was beginning to find out he wasn't a bit like God. And then when God had given him a real poke in the ribs as it were God went on with his plan.

He said alright I'll fix it. He brings light. He begins to dress him.

He brings man on the scene. A man after his own image. Perfect man that's what we dealt with one night.

Did you know when the perfect man came on the scene Satan came around again. And he thought well now if I couldn't defeat God one day I'll defeat him another way. And what he did he came along and he tempted the woman.

You know all about it. Have a look at the temptation again just for a moment. Chapter 3. Genesis 3 verse 1. Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made.

And he said unto the woman yea. But God said ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden. Now he began by asking questions.

And asking that sometimes Satan does the same yes. Hence the last question. And the woman said unto the serpent we may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden God has said ye shall not eat of it neither shall you touch it lest ye die.

And the serpent said unto the woman ye shall not surely die. Now that's flat, blunt, bold contradiction of God's will. God had said ye shall surely die.

Satan said ye shall not surely die. And when you read something in that book it matters not who stands before you. If they say different to that book they're on the devil's side.

Why you hear people who very bluntly and boldly say the opposite to the word of God. Well they're emissaries of hell. They're what this Bible talks about, they're the angels of light.

The ministers of Satan. Ministers of Satan. They're not all dead yet you know.

Some of them have got claws on round their neck. Some of them have got a gesture of reverent this and that and the other. But they're saying things opposite to that book.

And when you find somebody who says anything opposite to this book he's on the devil's side. That's why I've got to be very careful that I'll always keep close to the book. The devil said ye shall not ye shall not act a bold, blunt contradiction of what God says.

And then he went further than that you know, he didn't stop there. Verse 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof then your eyes shall be opened and ye shall be as God, knowing good and evil. You know that's an implication that God was keeping back something from him that was good.

That's an implication. He says you know, God's a soft man. He knows right well if you eat of the fruit you know you'll be far better than you are now.

Now that's the sort of language he's come along with this supple talk. He says God's keeping back. That's an implication that God doesn't give him that which was good to his own children.

And then he went further than that. He says and when the woman saw that the tree was good for good and that it was pleasant to the eyes the words good and pleasant are here. And the devil implied if you do what I want you to do you'll get what's good and pleasant and perfect.

That's very subtle, isn't it? Now the woman was deceived. That's what the book says. The woman was deceived.

But I want you to notice that Adam wasn't deceased. The devil never deceased Adam at all. Here's a wonderful chapter back here in 1 Timothy chapter 2. 1 Timothy chapter 2. 1 Timothy chapter 2 verse 12.

But says Paul I suffer not a woman to teach nor to usurp authority over the man but to be in silence. It's a tight one for you, isn't it? Oh, I could nearly pick off the brethren minded ones in the meeting. You've got to be fair to God's word, you know.

I wouldn't like to be on the devil's side no matter what happens. This group before me says but I suffer not a woman to teach. Does it mean exactly what it says, of course it does.

This group before me says but to be in silence. Does it mean exactly what it says, of course it does. Now there's some of you wavering now, aren't you? I think I've changed my mind in the last two weeks, not a bit of me.

Now watch down in the next chapter just for a moment. Chapter 3 verse 15. But if I carry long verse 14 these things write I unto thee but if I carry long that thou mayest know how thy office shall behave thyself in the house of God which is the church of the living God.

You know, the teaching that he's teaching here, it's for the church. Now always please remember that when he talks about the church he's not talking about four walls and a roof. That's a building.

This is the town hall. And all the places ever I've preached are halls. Even the baptist hall, yes.

The church is composed of living members and they rest upon again one too. How could you be in the church of Jesus Christ if you hadn't a new life? There's no dead things in his church. Now the great point is here.

When does the church meet? And I live bold to say of course that the church meets only on Lord's Day morning around the table. That's when the church meets. And there's no woman to speak at the morning meeting.

That's your teaching of your book. Now some folks try to argue with me. They say, is a prayer meeting not the church meeting? No.

And my plain answer is, come and argue afterwards if you want to. Did the church begin then? Yes, chapter two, that's right. Holy Ghost came down and formed the body, the church.

There was a prayer meeting in chapter one. The church. It was informed.

Happened to be a prayer meeting. Some people say, is the gospel meeting not the church meeting? Philip went down to Samaria and preached the gospel one month. Is that the church? I'd love to have a word with some of you, you know.

I would kill you, my dear. Send one man preaching the gospel. It's not the church.

Paul stood up at my first answer and no man stood with me, all alone. Is he the church? No. Gospel meeting is not the church meeting.

Prayer meeting is not the church meeting. This is a Bible meeting. This is not the church meeting.

We're met around the book tonight. Look, on Thursday night we are meeting around the truth. On Sunday night we meet around the cross.

Tonight we meet around the Word. On Sunday morning we meet around the Lord. That's the church meeting.

And you know there's order in the church meeting. Because the Lord is the head of the church. That's why he's supreme on Sunday morning.

The man is the head of the woman. That's why he's supreme. And never any of you women ever be caught guilty of getting up to pray on a Sunday morning.

If you do, I'll get up and stop you. The teaching of this book is you're the best man. You should be in subjection.

You are not to usurp authority over the man in the church. But there's nobody keeping your back from praying in the prayer meeting. And there's nobody keeping your back from preaching the gospel away or not.

In the church. How thou oughtest to behave thyself in the church. That's what it was written for.

These things write I unto you that you might know how you ought to behave yourself in the church. And that order comes for this reason. Now watch your book now.

1 Timothy chapter 2 and verse 12 is where we were reading. But I suffer not a woman to teach, not to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. Now if the word silence there had meant that a woman was to be silent right through life as far as the things of God were concerned.

Would you come up and tell me why God gives some woman the gift of prophecy? Well you could say nothing else and God was a fool. If he wanted to keep women silent why did he give them the gift of prophecy? Bless us all you couldn't keep them silent even when the hob and dust began. I'll get into trouble for this now.

Now look there was real wonderful order here. God says there's to be silence in the church. And then comes in verse 13.

For having your thirst called, there need. You know my dear sister the man thirst and the same order prevails in the church. Then she meets him Sunday morning.

Christ is the hand and then the man's neck. And to show that you're subject unto the teaching of God's word you're asked to be silent. In the church.

Less than with silence in the church. Then he goes on to say this. And Adam in verse 14.

And Adam was not deceived. But the woman being deceived was in the transgression. Now I want you to get that bit.

Adam was not deceived. That's the bit I'm after. You know when I come through this part of the head.

I'll thrash out this woman business then with a real vengeance. I only have to explain the verses I pass by in case some of you thought I was afraid of it. But what I'm really after is this.

That Adam was not deceived. You know the devil came down and deceived the woman. But Adam's standing quietly in the shadow here now and he knows all about it you know.

His memory is working. He remembers what God said. And his imagination is working.

He knows what will take place. He's never seen anybody dead yet but he can imagine what it's like. God said thou shalt truly die.

And he's looking at the truth of God and he's understanding it. That they know we can say thou shalt truly die little Zolobot. And with every faculty working.

He boldly. Most despisedly. Made a decision.

I disobey God. And it was then he entered. It was just then.

This book says not because of the woman shall he die. For I found man's disobedience. Tremendous.

Poor woman was deceived. Adam wasn't deceived. That's what I'll show you now.

He just said I'll go my own way. I'll just go my own way. That's another world coming into the universe.

That's the third world. We've seen God's world. Good.

Pleasant. Perfect. We've seen Satan's world.

I will be like God. Now comes in Adam's world. That makes a triangle in the world tonight.

That's where all the trouble comes from. You know friends. God wants man to do his will.

And Satan wants man to do his will. And the trouble is man wants to do your will. Satan wants to obey Satan.

Not that he wants to obey God. He's got a way of his own. All we, that sheep have gone astray.

We have turned everyone to our own name. We wear the robe. You know friends.

Satan would love to get the world into a place of false religion. Where they would actually worship him. He's bent all the time.

He said to Christ, I'll give you everything if you fall down and worship me. When the Antichrist comes he'll give him all his power that the world will fall down and worship him. And I'll tell you this.

You're nearer to the devil's side when you're a hypocrite playing about with religion and you don't want Christ. That's very severe, isn't it? You see these poor drunkards that go drinking every Saturday night that tumble out onto the street. They're not going the devil's way.

They're going their own way. Their own way. It's their choice.

The devil doesn't want them like that. He would rather have them speak in a form of religion without power. And the bitterest thing said and not booked by our Lord Jesus Christ was fed to empty, dead, form of religion.

He said, you hypocrite. Rolled up on religion. It was to that very people.

Keep the religion, he said. We are of the power of the devil. He said that to the harlot woman, you know.

It's not a difficult thing. He said that to some of the old hypocrites and he said, yes. Some of you are stuck in churches.

You have no fame for Christ. You know, you love to just be fiddling about with religious toys, don't you? Well, God puts it. If you can't bow your knees and accept Christ then God knows you're only playing about with an old thing the devil wants you to play about with.

But you know a man that goes drinking and a man that goes running after women and a man that only lives for pleasure dancing and eating. Remember him? Couldn't must be. That man is going his own way.

Going his own way. Well, this brings a real jangle into the world, doesn't it? Some of us why we just live for the lusts of the flesh. Other folks are deceived by Satan.

And so very few of us ever consider exactly getting to the place where God's will is evident. No wonder those tears and pain and wars and trouble and sorrow and death down here. There are three wills at work.

Now, let's have a look at the man going his own way just for a moment. Have a look at 1 Peter. 1 Peter chapter 4, verse 1. 1 Peter 4, verse 1 For as much then as Christ has suffered for us in the flesh and when he says us, he means the believers all yourselves likewise with the same mind for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath faced some sin that he no longer should live the rest of his time the rest of his time that's before him, as a believer in the flesh through the lusts of men but through the will of God.

He's an expert. For the time past, the time before you suffered the loss of all life may suffice us to have lost the will of the Gentiles. You see, we walked then.

We walked in the lusts of the flesh. See friends, there are people in this world tonight and they're walking just in the lusts of the flesh. That's their own way.

We just have our own way. We'd rather have the pictures. We'd rather have the sport.

We'd rather have the drinks. We'd rather have the woman. That's our own way.

That's the will of mind. You see, when Adam disobeyed God his understanding became darkened. Remember I showed you that last week? Yet his imagination became clouded, fogged.

His memory, friend, it's prison fixed. It doesn't want to remember him. And he can just see one path.

That's the path for me. That path. That's the will of mind.

The lusts of the flesh. And then some of them, you know, they get into a deeper thing where the devil has deceived them and they're playing about with ecclesiastical toys and they have no time for Christ. If you would ask them to come to this platform on Sunday evening to give their testimony, they'd die with Christ.

They haven't got any testimony. They wouldn't know what you're talking about. You'd ask some of the old dead ministers how many were saved last year they would drop dead at your feet.

They wouldn't know a thing about it. Remember, friend, you can be deceived by the devil. So, take care of where you are tonight.

Are you walking in the devil's will? Or are you walking in man's will? Or are you getting into the temple of God's will? Mind you, you'll only get into God's will through God's words. You shall see that in a moment. Now, here's something else that comes in with the crash.

John chapter 6. John's gospel. Chapter 6. Verse 35. The Lord Jesus is speaking here and here's what he said.

Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life. He that cometh to me shall never hunger and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. But I said unto you that ye also have seen me and believe not.

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me and him that cometh to me I will in the white cross. For I came down from heaven not to do mine own will but the will of him that faced me. Say, the trouble between the Father and the Son? Did the Father want one thing and the Son want another? Totally yes, isn't it? Jesus said, I came down from heaven not to do mine own will but the will of him that faced me.

Was his own will opposite from the will of him that faced me? Quite one, isn't it? It almost looks like that on the page of Scripture. Let me tangle it up for you. The Father's will is always good and well-pleasing and perfect.

But when the Father looked down, he saw the Son, he said, this is my beloved Son in whom I am well-pleased. So he's all right up to this. And then, friend, this Son, you remember one day he said to the rich young girl, why callest thou me good? There's none good but God.

And what he was teaching the young man is this. Just because I'm the absolute essence of goodness, I'm God. Or if you would like to point out to me where our Lord Jesus quite wasn't good, I'll be glad to meet you.

It's an open challenge to this. Anybody here like to put their finger on them, say Mr. Morley wasn't good? Would you? Because I defy you. I just stand before this audience and I defy every living being in this town to show me one spot where Christ was not good.

And then the Father took him out of the grave, up through the clouds, and set him at his own right hand. And then he gave him a name that's above every name, that's the name of Jesus. Every knee shall bow.

Do you think he wasn't perfect? And so friends, I wouldn't need to take very long to prove that he was good and well-behaving, until then we'd need to get the meaning of this thing. And the meaning of this thing is very simple, but it's very wonderful. You know, the Father and the Son dwelt together in eternity past.

He was on the bosom of the Father. That speaks of the very sweetest and deepest fellowship they ever communed. And you know, the Father could see all that was going to happen down through the ages.

The old devil of sin, he's deceived the woman, and then the man will take her on church, and then bring sorrow and shame and sin to that world and fill it with sinners. But I want to save sinners, I want to save sinners. The cry of the Father.

And Son, Son, there's only one way I can save sinners, and that is you go into the darkness and go out of fellowship with me. Isn't that dreadful? Seems as if the Father, in his love for the world, is going to push the Son down into the depths of darkness at Calvary, where the Son will cry, my God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? No, the Son never willed to leave the Father. If it was never my will.

I never wanted to go out of fellowship with you. But if that's the plan, and if that's the only way of salvation, then I'll come not to do mine own, but thine. No rebellion there.

He never came to rebel against God's will. He came as a perfect son to submit to God's will. And he has become so.

By one man's disobedience, listen to it, penance. Here's the other verse. By one man's obedience.

Oh, praise Him. Praise God for the Father and the Son. You know the Father so loves sinners.

So loves the world. Oh, that that would touch us this evening. Oh, that we could see it in the greatest, deepest reality, what it meant to God.

And God wanted to save you. He sent his Son. Gave his Son.

So loved. Gave his Son. Jesus, so loved.

But He gave Himself. All right. That's the Son's will.

That's another will. But a blessed one, isn't it? So that we have God's will. We have Satan's will.

We have man's will. We have Christ's will. I tell you, friends, it gets deeper as it goes on.

And the wonder of it all is this. That because God gave His Son, and because Christ gave Himself, that the Father can stand tonight and say, Whosoever believeth in Jesus shall have eternal life. That's the life that they're going to live right down yonder.

It doesn't begin away in heaven, you know. It begins here. The life that desires only the will of God As a friend, that's new life.

That's not going my own way. That's being born again so that I desire the will of God. That's wonderful, you know.

I'll show you how that happens, isn't it? Watch it. John's Gospel, chapter 1. John's Gospel, chapter 1, verse 10. He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not.

He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name, which were born. Now watch this.

Which were born. Not. This is the way you don't get born again.

Not of blood. Nor of the will of the flesh. Nor of the will of man.

You can't get born then. Three ways you can't get born again. Have a look at the three ways you can't get born again, folks.

You're looking at God's Word now. You be careful with this. You can't get born of blood.

It doesn't make a matter what blood runs in your veins tonight. I hear them talking about royal blood, and blue blood. I know nothing about it.

And I know the blood that's in a negro's veins is the same blood that's in mine. You like to fetch, then go and get the medical folk to fetch it, and they'll tell you that they're just the same. And if I didn't know anything about medicine, I know this book behind me, that of one blood, God has made all nations.

The color of a man's skin doesn't matter, you know. Well, it doesn't make a matter who your father is. Just because he's your father, doesn't mean to say that you can be born again because there's blood in your veins.

You're not born again of blood. Then you can't get born again of the will of the flesh. You know, you can't walk down the street one day and put your arms in your pocket and say, well, I'll just get born again.

No, you can't. Oh, no. Friends, the point is, if you won't accept God comes and moves and convicts you and breaks you down, you'll never want to get saved.

You don't get saved by the will of the flesh. I hear the tape that's bit in the meeting tonight. You can't get born again by the will of man.

You know, there's an old duke and he was on the wireless last night. Tell him I said that to him. And he talked, you know, about baptismal regeneration, didn't he? Good for him.

Well, that just means that he thinks this, that he can say to a woman, you bring your baby on the second morning at the second time to the second place, and I'll drop, drop, drop to water and I'll be born again. That's the will of the flesh. That's the will of man.

Does he think he can do it? Does he think that he can just give you new birth when he selects the date? Cool joke, isn't it? And there's the book, line open. You can't be born again by the will of man. That's God's authority.

And when somebody says something that's opposite to that book they're on the devil's side. Have you got it? Keep the hold of it. You can't be born again by the will of the flesh.

No, it's not. No, it's by the will of man. It doesn't make a matter what man he is.

You could select the date and the time and the place for your new birth. Who could? It'd be a joke, the topic. This book before you says this.

Watch it now. Then that we're born, verse 13, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. Ah, that's how you get born again.

You know, this thing's all of God. Watch it. You know, God loves the world.

Where's the God? In his great big heart of love. He loved it, he stole love. It'll give you five.

And God sent his Son. God sent his Son. And God crushed his Son.

It pleased the Lord. Mind you, it pleased the Lord. That was God's will.

For it was good that it pleased the Lord. And it was perfect. It was done.

God crushed him. Then God brought him back from the dead. Then God the Holy Ghost came to present him.

And it's God that moves and uplifts and touches and reveals Christ and drives you to Christ. For you can't come except the power of God. And when God has done all that, and he shows you the whole thing in your understanding of one thing, that God loves you, and that God sent Christ to die for you, and that the work done is a good work, and it's a perfect work, and it's well pleasing to God.

When you understand all that, and then you hear the sweet training of the Gospel brought to your heart by God, whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. You can make a decision. And you could do it now.

You could look at the Saviour full in the face, by faith. And you could say, Christ only. You could do it with your whole heart.

You could put your whole being into the hand of the taker, and pass from death to life. That's what you think. And be born again.

Born of God. Oh, it's wonderful. I was there when it happened.

Praise God, I'll never forget it. It's amazing. It's not something that happens that you don't know about.

It's really wonderful. Now, we've got on a bit now. We've got God's will, and Satan's will, and man's will, and Christ's will, and now we've got the person who was lost, fallen creature, born again.

Now, what about him? Friends, there's something very deep about him that we would need to really consider. So, let's have a look at Philippians, chapter 2. The letter to the Philippians, chapter 2. But Paul's writing to those who have trusted Christ, who were really born again, he says in verse 12, Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my present only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who has it, which worketh in you both to will and to do of his See the two words together, with pleasure. You know, friends, that's the wonder of being saved.

You become a child of God. And now the God who sent his Son and the Christ who left you and saved you, the Holy Ghost takes up the work now to work in you both to will and to do of God's good pleasure, God's good will. God's good, pleasing, perfect will.

The Holy Ghost comes to work. Now, it's not all as easy as that, of course. You see, you're born again, you've got a nature that wants to go God's way and God's Holy Ghost works in you to will and to do, but you know, you've still got an old nature that would love to have its own way.

Now, watch Romans chapter 7 now. Romans 7, verse 15, for the sake of time. For I know that in me, that is in my flesh, dwelleth no good thing.

For to will is present with me. But how to perform that which is good, I find not. What's the next verse? For the good that I would, I do not.

But the evil that I would not, that I do. Ah, that's the problem with all us believers. You know, we're born again through, we were there when it happened, we've accepted Christ, we've got new birth, new life.

We want to go God's way. Do you know, we know what is good and perfect and acceptable. We know that good, pleasing will of God.

But friends, there's something in here that's really going contrary to God. And I have a will with me because God has wrought that will in me to will and to do. But when I would do the good, well, evil is present with me.

You know, there's an old nature there and it wants to go its own way. So many young believers stand in between the two points and they're confused. They really know they're saved.

They really know that they want to do God's will. But how to perform? They find that they don't know how to do it. The trouble is that they try to make the old man do God's will and he won't do it, you know.

But there's a way out. Paul went through this thing until he cried, O wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me? Here's the answer at the end of Romans. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

There's the answer. That's always the answer. The answer to everything.

Jesus Christ. He didn't only come to die, to be the sacrifice and the Savior. He lived to be your life.

And when you know God's way is that way, and the old flesh wants to go that way, you'll never burn your head to rise and go that way. You'll need to come to Christ and say, O Lord, give me grace, give me strength, give me power. Let the Savior let me conclude my words.

Only then you'll walk in the center of the King's highway doing the will of God from your heart. God said to this, Heaven will begin down here. You know, there's no sorrow about it.

Bless God. It brings a song into your very soul within the center of the will of God. And everything's good, and it's well pleasing, and it's perfect.

One day, four and a half years ago, God challenged me in a big church in Belfast with a crowd as big as this to leave it and go down to a little place in America. And all my best friends said, Don't go. You've just got a wee bunch down there.

Don't go. But I don't listen to my best friends. I listen to God, what God wills.

And His will was to go, and I can say honestly to the rest of my heart, it has been good, and it has been pleasing. Get into the center and shall we pray? Let's pray. Let's be still just for a moment.

Just in these moments, try to claim that's where you are. Are you walking in the will of man? You're just having your own way. It doesn't make a matter what God will bring you here.

Are you walking in the will of Satan? Friend, are you coming to the place of my protection and the spirit protection and the will of God to take you and turn you into the center of God's will? Dear believers, get there. And all you kids trained at this moment, think how much God loves you. He gave His Son.

Think how much Christ loves you. He said, Father, I'll do it. I'd rather be with you, but I'll do it.

Think how much the Spirit loves you when He's knocking at your door now. And you can be born again if you'll come and trust Christ with your whole heart. We're saying that I believe God's working and I know that Christ is waiting.

My saints get roused with God and my sinners get saved. Lord, blessed are you for Christ's glory. Amen.

Just three verses. 616. 616.

Just three verses. Take my life. Let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

Take my moments and my days. Let them flow in ceaseless praise. The first and last two verses.

First and last two. 616. 616.

Dear Lord, part us in Thy fear and with Thy blessing through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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