

2013 Basic Doctrines (21)
(The Will of God – Part 3)

The Will of God is one of the few 2013 Basic Doctrines I have chosen to walk through slowly because I feel it is so very important for every Church Age Believer (CAB), no matter what spiritual category of growth they may be in. (1 Pet.1:23; 2:2; Heb.5:13-14).

Parts 3 and 4 of the Will of God will equip you with some great tools for counseling other Believers who are struggling with the Will of God in their lives. (Eph.5:15-17; 1 John 5:14-15).

**This lesson will study three important aspects of the function of
the Will of God in the Christian way of life**

1. Let's begin with a simple but profound formula regarding the Will of God:

The Word of God takes you to Will of God which takes you to Work of God

The Word of God reveals the Will of God that reveals the Work of God.

(Col.1:9-10) "For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God."

Example: Jonah's missionary call (Book of Jonah)

- **Word of God** (Jonah 1:1; 3:1)
- **Will of God** (Jonah 1:2a; 3:2)
- **Work of God** (Jonah 3:3-5; 4:2, 9-10; 2 Pet.3:9)

(1 Pet.4:2) "So as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God." (Eph.5:15-17)

2. There are three important classifications of the Will of God in the Plan of God:

- **Directive**
- **Permissive**
- **Over-Ruling**

(Heb.13:20-21) "Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen." (Eph.4:11-12)

Example: Abraham's offering of his son, Isaac (Gen.22:1-14)

- **Directive Will** (Gen.22:1-8)
 - What God specifically reveals about a Divine Decree in His Perfect Plan to you - Yahweh yirek (Gen.22:8)

- **Permissive Will** (Gen.22:9-10)
 - What God allows regarding volition responding to His Decreed Directive Will - Yahweh yirek (Gen.22:13) (James 1:13; Heb.11:17-19)

- **Over-Ruling Will** (Gen.22:11-14)
 - What God does NOT allow to interfere with the completion of His Directive Will in His Perfect Plan - Yahweh yirek (Gen.22:14) (1 Cor.10:11-13)

3. James uses this same story to teach the completing stage of the faith cycle.

(James 2:21-22) “Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar? **You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected.”**

Hearing
(Rom.10:17) (Gen.22:1-8)
Directive Will

Completing
(James 2:22)
Over-Ruling Will

Believing
(Heb.4:2)
Permissive Will

Applying
(2 Cor.5:7; Gen.22:9-11)
Permissive Will

(Heb.10:35-36) “Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised.”

(Eph.5:17) “So then do not be foolish, but understand what the Will of the Lord is (directive).”