Sermon Notes – 04.26.2026 – Knowing and Living The Will of God

John 6:37-40 "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. 38 "**For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me**. 39 "**This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day**. 40 "For **this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day."**

Exploring "That which is good, Acceptable" (Well- Pleasing), and Perfect (Complete)

Romans 12:1-2 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, **so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.**

> **"Prove"** - commonly applied to metals, to the operation of testing, or trying them by the severity of fire, etc. Hence, **it also means to explore, investigate, ascertain**." Albert Barnes

We need a renewed mind and a heart that desires to obey God so that we can 'explore, investigate, and ascertain' what is 'well-pleasing to God'.

Colossians 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, 10 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;**

Don't Drift into Thinking of "The Will of God," as Merely Devine Fate.

As We Prove the Will of God We Bear Fruit and Increase in the Knowledge of God

There is an Old Bible Study Called "The Shorter Catechism" that Asks and Answers Questions

The First Question Is: "What is the Chief End of Man?"

The Answer Is: "Man's Chief End is to Glorify God and to Enjoy Him For Ever"

God Created Us to Glorify Him – It's Not Simply Cold Obedience –

There is Joy in Living Life in Loving Obedience to His Will

1 Peter 1:3-9 Describes the Will of God and the Joy of Living What We Know to Be His Will

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to *obtain* an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 **In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, 7 so that the proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold which is**

perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ; 8 and **though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,** 9 **obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.**

The Mystery of His Will – God Makes it Known

Ephesians 1:7-10 **In Him** we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace 8 which He lavished on us. **In all wisdom and insight** 9 **He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him** 10 with a view to an **administration suitable to the fullness of the times**, *that is,* the **summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth."**

We Were Created Because of His Will

Revelation 4:11 "Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for **You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."**

He Who Does the Will of God Lives Forever

1 John 2:16-17 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. 17 **The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.**

Relationship With God – God Hears Us

John 9:31 "We know that God does not hear sinners; but **if anyone is God-fearing and does His will, He hears him.**

Understand the Will of the Lord Is – Increasing in the Knowledge of God and His Will

Ephesians 5:15-17 Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, 16 making the most of your time, because the days are evil. 17 So then **do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.**

Not Just a Show, Not Just Knowing, But Doing the Will of God from the Heart

Ephesians 6:6 **not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers**, but as slaves of Christ, **doing the will of God from the heart.**

Those Who Do the Will of the Father Will "Enjoy Him Forever"

Matthew 7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but **he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven *will enter.***

Hebrews 10:36-37 **For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised**. 37 FOR YET IN A VERY LITTLE WHILE, HE WHO IS COMING WILL COME, AND WILL NOT DELAY.