

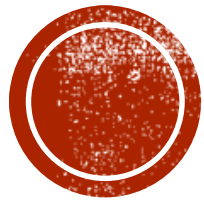
# THE WILL OF THE LORD

Ephesians 5:17



**WILL THE WILL OF THE LORD BE DONE?**





# **GOD'S SOVEREIGN WILL, WILL BE DONE**

God is sovereign and His will cannot be thwarted

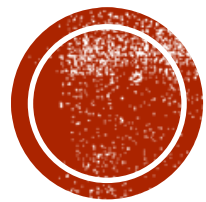


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Basically, God's sovereignty means that He is the Supreme Ruler who immanently and personally rules over all the affairs of the universe. Even Satan had to ask before he acted.

- **Psalm 103:19**  
The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, and His sovereignty rules over all.
- **Psalm 115:3** (NASB)  
But our God is in the heavens;  
He does whatever He pleases.
- **Psalm 135:6** (NASB)  
Whatever the Lord pleases, He does, in heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deeps.
- **Acts 4:27–28** (ESV)  
... for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, 28 to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place.
- **Ephesians 1:11**  
In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of His will





# GOD'S GENERAL WILL, MAY BE DONE, **AND IT MAY NOT**

aFulfillment is condition on the volition of man



- **Matthew 7:21 (ESV)**

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the **one who does the will** of my Father who is in heaven.

- **1 Thessalonians 4:3 (ESV)**

For this is **the will of God**, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality.

- **1 Thessalonians 5:18 (ESV)**

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the **will of God** in Christ Jesus for you.

- **1 John 2:7 (ESV)**

And the world is passing away along with its desires, but **whoever does the will of God** abides forever.

## GOD'S GENERAL WILL, MIGHT BE DONE

### Joshua 24:15 (NASB)

If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the Lord, **choose for yourselves today** whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."



Let God's  
Will Rule



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## “Not My Will”

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- **PURPOSE**



**John 4:34**

Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the **will of Him** who sent Me and to accomplish **His work.**”

**John 6:38**

“For I have come down from heaven, **not to do My own will,** but the **will of Him** who sent Me.”



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So Jesus said, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and I do **nothing** on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me. 29 And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I **always** do the things that are **pleasing** to Him.”



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“He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; **the word** I spoke is what will judge him at the last day.”

49 “For I **did not speak** on My own **initiative**, but the Father Himself who sent Me has **given Me a commandment** as to what to **say** and what to **speak**.  
50 I know that His commandment is eternal life; **therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me.**”



# ACCOUNTABILITY

## **Romans 14:12**

So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God.

## **2 Corinthians 5:10**

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive his due for the things done in the body, whether good or bad.



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# III. UNDERSTANDING GOD'S WILL IS POSSIBLE

**Don't be foolish.**

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**Ephesians 5:17**

**Do not cease to pray**

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**Colossians 1:9**



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John 7:16-18 (ESV)

So Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me. 17 If anyone's will is to do God's will, **he will know** whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority. 18 The one who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood.



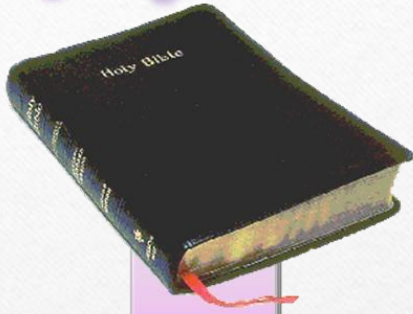


**“FAITH COMES BY HEARING”**

Romans 10:17; 1 Corinthians 2:12



*When God Speaks...*



**FAITH**

**Conviction!**

1 Corinthians 2:12

**"I know"**

*Pleasing to God*

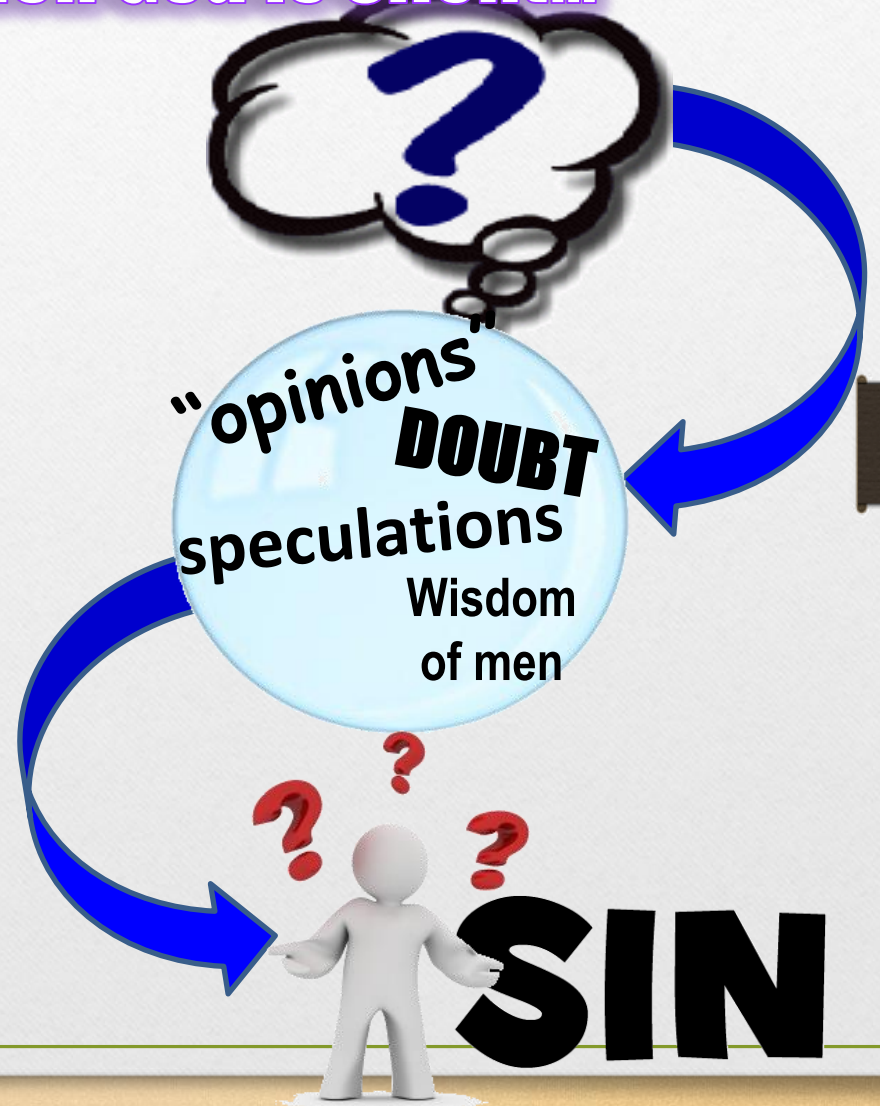
Whatever you do in word or deed, **do all**  
in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving  
thanks through Him to God the Father.

Colossians 3:17

# When God is Silent...

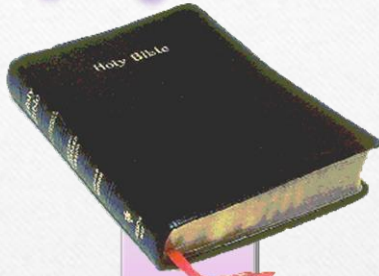
Romans 14:22, 23

The faith which you have, have as your own **conviction** before God. Happy is he who does not condemn himself in what he approves. <sup>23</sup> But he who **doubts** is condemned if he eats, because *his eating is not from faith*; and **whatever is not from faith is sin.**



# What will I do?

*When God Speaks...*



**FAITH**

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"I know"

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*When God is Silent...*



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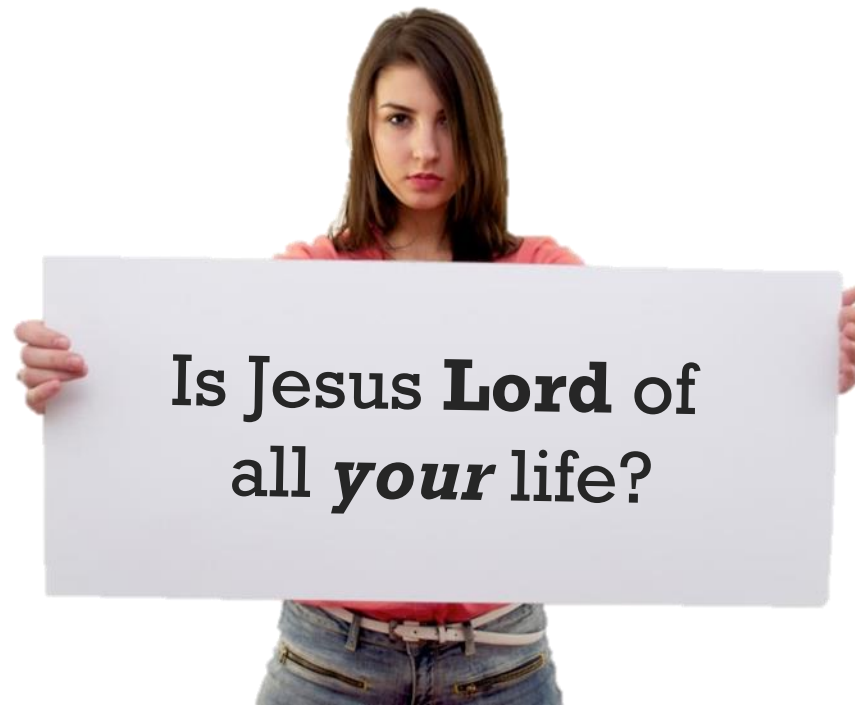


**SIN**

Romans 14:23

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Is Jesus **Lord** of  
all *your* life?

