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Does God Have A Permissive Will?

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There is a calling on the church to raise up new leaders, but those who venture out without Gods true calling on their lives many times will not succeed in their efforts, for if it is not His will for them, they probably won't make it. They must learn to follow faithfully their teachers or mentors, not putting their own agenda ahead of what God is wanting them to do. Is there a permissive will of God, is there is a calling upon your life? Is there a blessing of God upon that permissive will or are we living below the blessings of God? The following scriptures teach that there is, but there are conditions.

Rom 12:1-2 "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And 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." KJV

This does not mean that there are three different wills, but they are all one, we will never know what the perfect will is, if we aren't renewing our minds. As we begin to renew our minds we will begin see the perfect will. If we are unhappy in our life where we are at, it is possible that we are not in the will of God.

Eph 2:10 "For we are His workmanship [His own master work, a work of art], created in Christ Jesus [reborn from above—spiritually transformed, renewed, ready to be used] for good works, which God prepared [for us] beforehand [taking paths which He set], so that we would walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us]." AMP

God has planned a path for us that we should walk in, are we walking in that path? It is possible to veer from the path, usually because of ignorance of what the word says, sometimes however, disobedience will cause us to leave the path. God has already planned the path, a good life for us where we would have the favor and blessings of God as we become more acquainted with Him.

Using Job as a example of the will of God in a life, we find in the final chapters of the book of Job, that he did not have the knowledge of God. Job was probably a contemporary with Abraham, but in the 13th chapter of Genesis we are told that Abraham was exceedingly rich with silver and gold and cattle and livestock, but Job was the richest of all the people. Job got into fear regarding his children, that they may have been sinning, consequently he lost all that he had, including the children. Fear is a powerful force that works the same as faith, Job feared therefore he lost everything. Faith however is based on the promises of God and the things that you are believing for will come to pass. Job began to understand the character of God and as he begin to change he asked for forgiveness, God turned his captivity and blessed Job with twice as much as he had had before.

If we understand the character and ways of God, this is His plan for us to be blessed. The character of God proves us, finding out what is in our heart in good times and during the times of learning to serve, wanting to find out what His permissive will is, He is able to find out what

is in our hearts then, are we really going to seek Him?

The following scriptures are unusual in the fact that they tell the story of Balaam, the prophet that God put in different situations to see what was in his heart, and what transpired with him regarding King Balak who was wanting to destroy the children of Israel. King Balak kept trying to get Balaam to bless his army, but each time that Balaam spoke a curse on the children of Israel, it became a blessing. Balaam would then again ask God what he should do and the word that God gave him was the same, "don't go" but because Balaam was wanting the king to bless him financially, he went three different times to the Lord, asking what he should do. God finally told him to go, but it was not God's plan and He was angered with Balaam's decision, he was no longer in the will of God. Then the angel of the Lord and the donkey came into the picture and through the conversation the donkey had with Balaam, things began to change for Balaam and it was not good. He was interested in the money that he thought he would receive, but because his heart was not right, he was disobedient to God's plan. Balaam tries to continue telling Balak what to do in order to curse the children of Israel in the final chapters of Numbers, however Moses intercedes and in the end Balaam loses his life.

Num 22:6-41 "Come now therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people; for they are too mighty for me: peradventure I shall prevail, that we may smite them, and that I may drive them out of the land: for I wot that he whom thou blessest is blessed, and he whom thou cursest is cursed. 7 And the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the rewards of divination in their hand; and they came unto Balaam, and spake unto him the words of Balak. 8 And he said unto them, Lodge here this night, and I will bring you word again, as the Lord shall speak unto me: and the princes of Moab abode with Balaam. 9 And God came unto Balaam, and said, What men are these with thee? 10 And Balaam said unto God, Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, hath sent unto me, saying, 11 Behold, there is a people come out of Egypt, which covereth the face of the earth: come now, curse me them; peradventure I shall be able to overcome them, and drive them out. 12 And God said unto Balaam, Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they are blessed. 13 And Balaam rose up in the morning, and said unto the princes of Balak, Get you into your land: for the Lord refuseth to give me leave to go with you. 14 And the princes of Moab rose up, and they went unto Balak, and said, Balaam refuseth to come with us. 15 And Balak sent yet again princes, more, and more honourable than they. 16 And they came to Balaam, and said to him, Thus saith Balak the son of Zippor, Let nothing, I pray thee, hinder thee from coming unto me: 17 For I will promote thee unto very great honour, and I will do whatsoever thou sayest unto me: come therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people. 18 And Balaam answered and said unto the servants of Balak, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the Lord my God, to do less or more. 19 Now therefore, I pray you, tarry ye also here this night, that I may know what the Lord will say unto me more. 20 And God came unto Balaam at night, and said unto him, If the men come to call thee, rise up, and go with them; but yet the word which I shall say unto thee, that shalt thou do. 21 And Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab. 22 And God's anger was kindled because he went: and the angel of the Lord stood in the way for an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were with him. 23 And the ass saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field: and Balaam smote the ass, to turn her into the way. 24 But the angel of the Lord stood in a path of the vineyards, a wall being on this side, and a wall on that side. 25 And when the ass saw the angel of the Lord, she thrust herself unto the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall: and he smote her again. 26 And the angel of the Lord went further, and stood in a narrow place, where was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left. 27 And when the ass saw the angel of the Lord, she fell down under Balaam: and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with a staff. 28 And the Lord opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times? 29 And Balaam said unto the ass, Because thou hast mocked me: I would there were a sword in mine hand, for now would I kill thee. 30 And the ass said unto Balaam, Am not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden ever since I was thine unto this day? was I ever wont to do so unto thee? and he said, Nay. 31 Then the Lord opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and

fell flat on his face. 32 And the angel of the Lord said unto him, Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? behold, I went out to withstand thee, because thy way is perverse before me: 33 And the ass saw me, and turned from me these three times: unless she had turned from me, surely now also I had slain thee, and saved her alive. 34 And Balaam said unto the angel of the Lord, I have sinned; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way against me: now therefore, if it displease thee, I will get me back again. 35 And the angel of the Lord said unto Balaam, Go with the men: but only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak. So Balaam went with the princes of Balak. 36 And when Balak heard that Balaam was come, he went out to meet him unto a city of Moab, which is in the border of Arnon, which is in the utmost coast. 37 And Balak said unto Balaam, Did I not earnestly send unto thee to call thee? wherefore camest thou not unto me? am I not able indeed to promote thee to honour? 38 And Balaam said unto Balak, Lo, I am come unto thee: have I now any power at all to say any thing? the word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak. 39 And Balaam went with Balak, and they came unto Kirjathhuzoth. 40 And Balak offered oxen and sheep, and sent to Balaam, and to the princes that were with him. 41 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up into the high places of Baal, that thence he might see the utmost part of the people." KJV

Gods plan and purpose that He has for us is not necessarily based on our obedience or disobedience. When Esther was faced with a decision to make for her people, she chose to seek the Lord and follow with what He told her to do, therefore redeeming her people. If she had not been willing to do this, God would have raised someone else up to carry out His plan. God has put His plan in the hands of man to bring to pass what He wants to be done and if we are disobedient to His plan, He will find someone who will be obedient.

Samuel was the last judge that Israel had and the people wanted a king like the other nations. Samuel tried to talk them out of having a king, because it was not Gods plan for them, but they insisted, God told him to go along with them. Samuel told them in the 8th chapter of Samuel what would happen when they got a king, but it made no difference. Saul became their king, but because of pride, rebellion and not following Gods plan for them, Samuel spoke judgment on Saul and the children of Israel suffered.

We have to be careful that we don't become so stubborn, wanting to do things our way. God will allow us to do what we are wanting, but more than likely we will get out of Gods plan for our lives. There are many people who have chosen to do their own thing even though there was a call on their life, not being led by God and acting before it was time, ending up with nothing. There is a pathway which God has set for us to walk in.

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Gods timetable for our lives and what we perceive to be a good time is not always the same. If we chose to do things our way, we will encounter a lot of difficulty in the way we are going, things will not go well for us. Does it mean that you are going miss heaven? No, we will only miss blessings that God has for us here on earth, the favor of God, His presence or His anointing. The permissive will of God is not a good thing, but He will always allow us to make correction. God is a God of second or more chances, giving us a chance to prove ourselves in obedience, making a true repentance in our heart. Our steps are ordered by God and our paths have been prepared. There is a pathway we can walk even though it is not Gods plan but it is called grace and mercy, giving us a season to make correction

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." KJV