

The Will of God

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John 6:37-40

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I would like very much for you to take your Bible this morning and turn to the book of John chapter 6. I am going to bring a message beginning with verse 37.

This is a familiar passage of Scripture. Men quote it different ways; some quote it this way, *“Him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out.”* Others quote it; *“All that the Father giveth me shall come to me. And this is the will of God that of all which He hath given me; I will lose nothing but raise it up at the last day.”*

There are some tremendous themes in these verses of Scripture. I would just like for you (if you will) to take your Bible and open it to John 6:37 and follow as I read the Scripture and as I speak to you on this subject: **“THE WILL OF GOD.”**

I really believe that I have hold of a very important subject. It is a very needy subject and one that will be, I believe, a blessing to you if you are given ears to hear and God is pleased to give me the power to preach with some liberty on this subject, **“The Will of God.”**

I feel very deeply about it and I feel that I have something to say and I want you to listen. Will you take your Bible and turn to John 6:37? Listen carefully while I read each phrase. I will come back in a moment and speak from each phrase in these four verses of Scripture on the **“Will of God.”**

The Scripture says, *“All that the Father giveth me shall come to me and him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out. For I came down from heaven not to do mine own will but the will of him that sent me.”*

“And this is the Father’s will which sent me, that of all which He hath given Me; I should lose nothing but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of Him that

sent me, that everyone that seeth the Son and believeth on him may have everlasting life and I will raise him up at the last day.”

My friend, every word of this text is weighty and powerful. Our Lord is dealing here with tremendous themes. We would need a lifetime to study just these four verses of Scripture. Then, we wouldn't exhaust the riches and the treasures that are found here. We need the Holy Spirit to give us understanding and a will to receive that which the Saviour speaks.

Let's look at each phrase. As I told you before, I am going to try to speak from each phrase. The first one is this: *“All that the Father hath given me, shall come to Me.”*

What has the Father given to the Son? Let me show you five things:

First of all: The Father hath given to the Son all things pertaining to salvation, pertaining to life, pertaining to eternity, pertaining to the new heaven and the new earth. All things are given to Christ.

If you will look at John chapter 3:35, you will find these words; *“the Father loveth the Son and hath given all things into His hands.”* All things are in His hands, *“all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,”* and it dwells in Christ.

In Ephesians 1, Paul wrote this; *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in Christ.”* So, that is the first thing given to the Son, all things pertaining to life, salvation, eternity, the new heaven and the new earth; all things have been given to Christ.

Second: Christ is given all authority, absolutely all authority.

If a man preaches a weak Jesus, he is not preaching the Christ of the Bible. If a man preaches a pitiful Jesus and tries to win sympathy on your part for Christ, he is not preaching the Christ of the Bible.

All authority in heaven and earth, all power over all flesh, has been given to Jesus Christ. Did you know that? I will read you two verses of Scripture:

In Matthew 28:18, before our Lord sent His disciples out to preach, He said to them, *“All authority is given unto me in heaven and in earth,”* all authority and all control. Every power is subject to Christ because He has all power in heaven and in earth.

He has power over principalities and powers and rulers of the darkness. He has all authority. Listen to John 17:2; Our Lord is praying here and saying, *“Father; glorify me with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. Thou hast given me power over all flesh that I should give eternal life to as many as Thou hast given me.”*

The Lord Jesus Christ has been given all authority by the Father. Our Lord is a King; He is *“King of Kings and Lord of Lords.”* He sits on a throne. The Father told Him to *“sit at His right hand (in triumph and victory and power) until He makes His enemies His footstool.”*

Christ is not in your hands or in my hands and never has been. We are in His hands. He has all authority over all flesh.

Third: He said, *“All that the Father giveth me shall come to me.”*

My question is, What has the Father given Him; what is coming to Him?

He has given Him all power. He has given Him all things pertaining to life and salvation. He has given Him all judgment. That is right, in this world and the world to come.

In John 5:22 and 23 the Scripture says, now listen; *“for the father judgeth no man but he hath committed all judgment to the Son that all men should honor the Son. He that honoreth not the Son, honoreth not the Father which sent Him.”* Our Lord has all judgment committed to Him.

The Scripture says, *“We shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.”* All authority, all things, all power, and all judgment, have been committed to Christ; *“that in all things he might have the preeminence.”*

Fourth: Not only that; all praise and glory has been given to Christ.

“God hath given Him a name (glory which is above, far above and beyond), above every name.” Listen to Philippians 2:9; *“wherefore, God hath highly exalted him and given him a name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus Christ, every knee shall bow in heaven.”*

Every knee shall bow, even the angels and the cherubim’s and seraphim’s. Even the human creatures, even the demons of hell; *“every knee shall bow in heaven, earth, and under the earth. And every tongue shall confess that He is Lord.”*

That has been given to Christ. Our Lord Jesus Christ said, "*My Father hath given me all things,*" all authority, all power, all judgment, all praise and all glory.

Fifth: All the elect have been given to Him.

All of God's jewels have been given to Him. All of God's people have been given to Him. All of God's sheep have been given to Him. They have been given to Him, when? They have been given to Him from the beginning, before the foundation of the world.

They have been given to Him by the decree, the design and the purpose of the Father. They have been given to Him to be redeemed by Him, and to be sanctified by Him. They have been given to Him to be presented in glory by Him and to be made like Him.

Let me read you some Scripture. The one I just read says, "*All that the Father giveth to me shall come to me.*" They shall be Christ's, they shall be His possession. The Father gave these things to Christ.

In John 17:2, He said; "*Thou hast given me all power over all flesh that I should give eternal life to as many as Thou hast given me.*"

In John 17 verse 9 He says, "*I pray for them; I pray not for the world. But, I pray for those whom Thou hast given me.*" The Father gave the Son a people. The Father gave the Son a people in an everlasting covenant of mercy, a covenant of grace.

Many know so little about the covenants. My friend, God's covenants are mentioned in the Bible nearly 300 times and yet many know so little about them.

There is the everlasting covenant, the covenant of grace, the new covenant of which Christ is the Surety and His blood is the blood of the everlasting covenant. He is the priest of the everlasting covenant.

These people whom the Father has given to the Son, He hath chosen "*out of every tribe, kindred, nation, and tongue under heaven.*" Christ said, "*They shall come to me.*"

I love the "shalls" and the "wills" of God's Word. He didn't say, "They might come to me or they could possibly come to me." No sir! The Scripture says, "*They shall come to me. All that the Father giveth me,* (all things, all power, all judgment, all praise, all glory, and all the elect); *they shall come to me.*"

“He shall not fail. The pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hands. He shall see the travail of His soul and be satisfied.” For the joy that was set before Him in bringing many sons and daughters to glory; He endured the cross and He ignored the shame. He gave Himself as a sacrifice for sin. That is a promise!

Let’s go to the next statement; *“All that the Father giveth me shall come to me.”* Watch this statement; *“And him that cometh to me, (Jew or Gentile, male or female, bond or free, white or black, old or young, or whosoever), I will in no wise, (under no circumstances, or for any reason), ever cast him out,”* those that come to Christ.

Sixth: Watch this! What is it to come to Christ?

I’m going to help you here if you will listen. What is it to come to Christ? It is not a physical coming. It is not a physical bodily coming because when He was here on the earth in human flesh many people came to Him to hear Him.

They came to be healed by Him. They came to question Him. They came to try to entangle Him in His talk. So, this coming to Christ, so as to be received by Him, so as to be blessed by Him, so as to never be cast away from Him, is not a physical coming.

It is not coming to His disciples or to those things that represent Him. It is not a coming to His preacher or is it coming to the front of a church. It is not by shaking a preacher’s hand nor is it coming to a church or joining a church.

Coming to Christ is not coming to the baptismal waters. It is not coming to the Lord’s Table; nor is it coming to the law. Coming to Christ can be summed up in three words. It is a spiritual coming and a heart coming. It can be summed up in three words:

The first word is believe. The second word is receive. Thirdly, the word is trust.

What is it to believe on Christ? It is to believe Him as He is revealed in His Word. It is not to believe what I think about Christ or what someone said about Christ or wrote about Christ. It is to believe what God wrote about Him in God’s Word.

You see; *“Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.”* Christ is the object of faith. The Word of God is the only foundation of faith. The Word of God reveals Him as the eternal God, the Creator.

It says in John 1:1; *“In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. All things were made by him and without him was not anything made that was made.”*

In Isaiah 9:6, the Scripture says; *“Unto us a child is born. Unto us a Son is given and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.”*

So, to believe Christ is to believe Christ as He is revealed in the Word without questioning His deity.

Then, it is to believe the incarnate God-man. That Word which was *“in the beginning with God and was God; that Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. He took on Him the likeness of sinful flesh.”*

It is to believe Him as our representative and our righteousness, *“As in Adam we die; in Christ we are made alive. As we bore the image of the earthy, we shall bare the image of the second-Adam, the heavenly, the Lord from heaven.”*

“By one man’s disobedience we were made sinners; so by the obedience of Christ, we are made righteous.” He is our representative; *“He is our righteousness”* revealed in the Scriptures.

He is our crucified Saviour. *“He was wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon Him. By His stripes we are healed. He was numbered with the transgressors and bare the sins of many.”*

He is our risen justifier. *“He was raised for our justification.”*

He is our enthroned Mediator. The Scripture says, *“There is one God and there is one Mediator;”* there is one Intercessor; there is one great High Priest and that is the Lord Jesus Christ, the God-man.

So, this thing of coming to Christ is a heart move, a heart expression and is a heart union. It is to believe; *“Abraham believed God. It was not written for his sake alone that righteousness was imputed to him through faith, but for our sakes also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.”*

All right, it is to receive Christ. *“To as many as received him to them gave he power to become the Sons of God.”*

In what way do we receive Him? We receive Him in His office. He is a prophet to reveal God; *“no man knows the Father save the Son and he to whom the Son will reveal Him.”*

He is the priest to offer up a perfect sacrifice, to reconcile God by His blood.

He is the King to reign over us. We receive His prophetic office. We receive His priestly office and His sin-offering. We receive His scepter as our King, *“my Lord and my God,”* as Thomas summed it up when he fell at His feet.

To come to Christ is to trust Him. Seek or swim I go to Him; I trust Him. I trust no other; I trust Christ.

I lean on no other but Christ; I trust Him. Paul said, *“I know whom I have believed and I am persuaded, (confident, beyond a shadow of a doubt), that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him.”*

It is a committal, (yes it is) it is a committal. I’m saying that those whom the Father hath given to the Son and this is what Christ said, *“All that my Father giveth me, will come to me. And him that cometh to me, (and I am saying that they will come); they will be made willing in the day of His power.”*

They shall hear the Gospel. They will not be saved without the Gospel. They won’t be saved whether or not they believe. They will be saved by hearing the Gospel and they will receive the Gospel.

They shall bow to Christ, believing Him, receiving Him, and trusting Him.

The hymn writer put it this way; *“I will never, no never, no never, forsake.”*

*“That soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to its foes
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake
I’ll never, never, never, forsake.”*

Our Lord said; *“I will in no wise cast him out.”*

Watch this next line: *“I came down from heaven.”* This ought to settle the issue of the deity of Christ. He said, *“I came down from heaven.”*

You didn't come down from heaven. I didn't come down from heaven. No one else came down from heaven but the Lord Jesus Christ.

He was born of Mary. He was laid in a manger but He came down from heaven. He said in John 3:13; *“No man hath ascended up to heaven but He that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.”*

Our Lord Jesus Christ is God. He speaks of Himself as none other but God. He said, *“Behold; the Lord himself will give you a sign, a virgin shall conceive and bring forth a Son and you will call His name Immanuel,”* God with us.

He said, *“I came down from heaven.”* He was in heaven. He is in heaven. He came down from heaven. Now watch the next line; *“I came down from heaven.”* Paul said, *“This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world.”*

He came down from heaven into this world through the virgin's womb. That is how He made His entrance. He came down from heaven.

Why did He come? Look at the next line: He said, *“I came down from heaven not to do my will, (not to do the will of men), but I came to do the will of God.”* That's what I am talking about! He came to do; He came not to try to do, or not to attempt to do it but to do it, the will of God.

Hebrews 10:9 says this; *“Lo I come; in the volume of the book it is written of me.”* What Book? I'm talking about the Bible. *“Lo I come to do thy will O God.”*

My friend; do you want to know what Christ came to do? He came to do the will of God. You will read it in the Scriptures.

It says in 1 Corinthians 15; *“He died for our sins according to the Scriptures. He was buried and rose again according to the Scriptures.”* What Scriptures are we talking about? We are talking about the Old Testament Scriptures.

The will of God in reference to the coming of Jesus Christ the Messiah, the Redeemer, is revealed from Genesis to Malachi. Almighty God says, *“I will have a new heaven and a*

new earth.” Almighty God says, “A new heaven and a new earth will be inhabited by a holy people.”

Did you ever notice this verse in Isaiah 45:18? I want you to listen to it; *“For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it, created it not in vain.”*

He didn't create the heaven and earth in vain or the new heaven and earth in vain. He formed it to be inhabited. Almighty God has purposed to have a people. He has purposed to have a people who will be just like His Son.

He has purposed to have a holy people just like His Son who will reign with Him forever and praise Him forever. It will be accomplished by Jesus Christ who came down from heaven in His glorious, redemptive work, to accomplish the will of His Father.

The Scripture says; *“I came down from heaven (not to do the will of men) but I came to do the will of Him that sent me.”*

Watch the next line: *“And this is the will of Him that sent me.”* This is it and it is two-fold. You see, it just flows. *“All that the Father giveth me shall come to me. Him that cometh; I will in no wise cast out.*

“I came down from heaven.” I came down from heaven with a mission. I came down from heaven to accomplish a task. *“I came down from heaven not to do my will but the will of him that sent me.”*

He says, *“This is my Father's will which has sent me;”* it is two-fold. Will you look at it? Here it is, *“that of all which He hath given me”* in that blessed covenant of grace, those people who are innumerable as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore.

“They are out of every tribe, kindred, nation and tongue, under heaven.” Those people whom the Father gave to the Son says, *“I will lose nothing,”* not a one of them.

People talk about losing their salvation, losing that vital union with Christ and being saved today and going to hell tomorrow. Christ didn't teach that; He did not teach that. He said, *“All that my Father giveth me shall come to me.*

“I came down from heaven not to do my will but the will of Him that sent me and this is the will of Him that sent me, that of all which He hath given me; I will lose nothing. My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me.”

“I give them eternal life and they will never perish. No man can pluck them out of my hand. My Father which gave them me is greater than all. No man can pluck them out of My Father’s hand.”

In Isaiah 46:9 through 11, it says; *“I’m God; there is none else. I declare the end from the beginning. And from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying; my council shall stand. I will do all my pleasure. I have spoken it; I will bring it to pass. I purposed it; I will do it.*

The Lord says, *“this is my Father’s will which is sent me. And of all which He hath given me (in that covenant of grace, in that purpose of mercy; those that the Father gave to the Son, for whom the Son came to this earth, and suffered and bled and died who are called by the Holy Spirit and have the Gospel revealed to them), I will lose not one of them,”* not one of them. *“I will raise them up at the last day.”*

In that day when Christ shall come and the dead shall be raised, He said; *“I will raise every one of them (my people); not a one of them will be lost.”*

Here is the second part of the Father’s will: He said, *“This is the will of Him that sent me that of all which He hath given me; I will lose nothing but raise it up at the last day.”*

Then He said in verse 40: *“This is the will of him that sent me that everyone, (Jew or Gentile, white or black, rich or poor, old or young, learned or ignorant); everyone, whoever, that seeth the Son.”*

Is this to see Him in a vision or is it a dream or maybe in a picture? Oh no; this is seeing Him with eyes of faith, seeing Him in His Word, seeing Him as the God-man. It is in seeing Him as the Redeemer, seeing Him as our Righteousness, seeing Him as our Substitute. It is in seeing Him as our risen Lord and seeing Him as our Mediator.

This is seeing Christ with eyes of faith as the Holy Spirit takes the Word and anoints these eyes and opens them to behold Christ. This is hearing Him with ears of faith.

Whosoever? He said, *“Everyone that seeth the Son and believes on him, may have eternal life.”* Do you believe? He said, *“I will raise him up at the last day.”*

Here is a sad note at the end of this passage; it says, *“And the people began to murmur.”* They said, *“Well; isn’t this the carpenter? Is this not Jesus? Do we not know his mother*

*and his father? How can he be the bread of life? How can he be the Lord from heaven?
How can He be God?"*

He said to them; *"Murmur not among yourselves, no man can come unto me; (believe, receive, or trust), except my Father which sent me draw him and I will raise him up at the last day."*

He is drawn by the Father's mercy and taught by the Father's spirit!