



# Dv

Proverbs 27:1; 16:33

Isaiah 46:1-11

James 4

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## Dv

- There are at least 572 meanings for the abbreviation “Dv”.
- The longest used one is an abbreviation for *Deo Volente* which is Latin for “God Willing” or “If God wills”.

## Pressing Forward into 2022

- Goals - objectives to pursue
- Growing as disciples with catechism, memorization, meditation.
- PRIMARY GOAL: Grow into a deeper relationship with God
- Praying for each other.

## Doing the Will of God (Last three sermons)

- (1 John 2:15-17) Those who **do** the will of God have eternal life.
- (John 10:27-28) Those who hear Christ’s voice **and follow** Him have been given eternal life. (Luke 9:23)
- (Matthew 7:21-23) Only those who **do** the will of God enter into heaven.  
REMEMBER: **Doing** the will of God is a “natural” response to being “born-again”.
- (Matthew 12:50) Those who **do** the will of God show themselves as being part of the family of God. The family of God does the Father’s will.
- (Ephesians 6:6) Saints do the will of God from the heart.
- (Matthew 6:10) Saints pray, “Your kingdom come. Your will be done.”  
(Colossians 1:9; 4:12; Hebrews 13:21)
- (Romans 7:22) Saints delight in doing His will. (Psalm 40:8)
- (1 Peter 4:2) Saints now live their lives doing God’s will rather following the desires of their own hearts. (2 Corinthians 5:15; Galatians 2:20)

## The Pastor’s/Congregation’s Responsibility (Ephesians 4:11-16)

- God has given churches pastor/teachers to equip, teach, edify and train disciples of Jesus Christ in doing the will of God.
  - ✓ The standard is:
    - ① Unity of **the** faith and knowledge of the Son of God.
    - ② To perfection (Hebrews 6:1; Philippians 3:12-14)
    - ③ The stature of the **fulness** of Christ.

- The pastor is answerable to God in how he pursued the above goals. The pastor must pursue these goals whether or not people obey or disobey.
- The pastor is accountable to God for the souls given to him. (Hebrews 13:17; Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:2-3; Ezekiel 3:16-21)
- Your pastor wants you to grow in the knowledge of God and grace because 1) your growth will glorify God and 2) your pastor cares for you.

## “I AM GOD” (Isaiah 46:9-11)

- Disciples of Christ grow in their knowledge of God and His grace (2 Peter 3:17-18). There is no such thing as a non-growing disciple.
- To grow in a relationship one must continue to grow in knowing the other person.
- Some absolute **basic truths** that God has revealed in His Word:
  - ① GOD is who He says He is. GOD is GOD. He is **not** the god of many people's opinions. God is not who you think He is but who He says He is. Remember Isaiah 46:9-11.
  - ② GOD created the **universe** (all space, all matter, all time [history]). (Genesis 1:1; Hebrews 1:1-3; John 1:1-3)
  - ③ GOD is Lord over ALL His creation. (Acts 17:24; Psalm 24:1; 50:12; 89:11; Deuteronomy 10:14; 1 Chronicles 29:11; Job 41:11; Rev 4:11)
  - ④ GOD created the universe for Himself. (Proverb 16:4; Romans 11:36)
  - ⑤ GOD is working out HIS plan for His creation/world/universe. He has shown that His counsel/plan/purpose shall stand and He does whatever He wishes. (Psalm 115:3; 135:6; Daniel 4:35; Proverbs 19:21; Isaiah 46:9-11; 14:24-27)
  - ⑥ **NOTHING happens by chance in GOD's world.** (Proverbs 16:33; Lamentations 3:37-38; Daniel 4:35)
    - Join us in our study of the book of Ruth!
  - ⑦ GOD rules over the nations. (Psalm 22:28; 47:7-8; Daniel 2:21; 4:17, 25; 2:21; Job 12:18, 23; 1 Chronicles 16:31; Proverbs 21:1; Rev 17:17)
  - ⑧ GOD is Lord over your life. GOD created you. You belong to God. God created you for a purpose. (Psalm 139:1-16; Jer 1:5; 1 Cor 6:20) **GOD formed you!**
    - God decides when we are born, to whom we are born, where we are born, our whole lives, and the moment and circumstances of our death. (Psalm 139:1-16)
    - GOD gives life and takes life because all creatures belong to Him. (Deuteronomy 32:39; 1 Samuel 2:6; 2 Kings 5:7)
  - ⑨ Every person, all 7.9 Billion, knows that God exists. (Rom 1:18-21)
  - ⑩ GOD is UNIQUE. You cannot compare Him with anyone or anything. (Job 23:13; Isaiah 46:5; Deuteronomy 33:26)
- **There is NO GOD besides GOD!** (Isaiah 44:6, 8; 45:5-6, 18, 21-22; 46:5, 9; Deuteronomy 4:35, 39; 32:39)

## So, Who Is in Control?

- Mother Nature?
- The Universe?
- Chance?
- Nations?
- Man?
- You?

## What Does God Say?

### Catechism Question #9 - What are God's works of providence?

- ANSWER: God's works of providence are His most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all His creatures; ordering them, and all their actions, to/for His glory.
- (Ephesians 1:11) God works all things according to the counsel of His own will.
- (Romans 8:28) God works all things for good for those who love Him and are called according to His purpose.

## Either Or

### Our Choice: Submission or Boastful Arrogance (James 4:13-16)

- (James 4:13) "LISTEN, all you who say . . ."
- (James 4:16) Boastful arrogance is evil. (The Greek word for "evil" is used for Satan in Matthew 13:38; John 17:15; Ephesians 6:16 - see Isaiah 14:13-14 for Satan's boasts.)
- DAILY ignoring ① - ⑤ above is considered **boastful arrogance** toward God. God calls it **EVIL**.
  - (James 4:13) Five evil arrogant boasts:
    - ① "today or tomorrow" - boasting of timing.
    - ② "such and such a city" - boasting of place.
    - ③ "spend a year there" - boasting of duration.
    - ④ "engage in business" - boasting of one's activities.
    - ⑤ "make a profit" - boasting of one's future achievements.
- (James 4:14) Don't you know . . .
  - ❶ You have no idea what will happen tomorrow! How many forces, events, people, weather, circumstances, etc. you have no control over. (Proverbs 27:1) **BUT GOD does!** (Psalm 115:3; 135:6; Daniel 4:35; Isaiah 46:9-11 - Proverbs 16:33)
  - ❷ What is your life?
    - ① Your life, compared to all eternity, is nothing more than a vapor. (1 Peter 1:24; Isaiah 40:6-8; Job 14:1-2; Psalms 90:10; 102:11; 103:15-16; Romans 8:18; **2 Corinthians 4:16-18**)

- ② Compared to God you are less than less than nothing. (Isaiah 40:15, 17; Daniel 4:35) Take your rightful place in the universe!!!

## Providence/Sovereignty and Us

- Tomorrow brings with it many uncertainties. (Proverbs 27:1)
- Our lives, next breath, tomorrow, time, destiny, future, health are all in God's hand. (Acts 17:25, 28; Daniel 5:23; Job 12:10; 34:14-15; Psalm 104:4)
- (Proverbs 16:9) We all have plans for tomorrow, but the LORD directs our steps for His glory and for our good. (See Jer 10:23; Proverbs 19:21; 20:24)
- God's plans are wiser and greater than yours. Glorify God by acknowledging His rights over your life. Pray daily, "Your will be done."
- Meditate on the lives of Joseph, Job, the Prophets, Paul and Christ.

## How Long, O LORD? (Psalm 13)

- It is easy to praise and trust God's providence when things are going my way, BUT when difficulties come then our faith is tested!
- It is in difficult times that we must remember Daniel 4:35; Ephesians 1:11; Romans 8:28. Pray, "Increase my faith!" (Luke 17:5; Mark 9:24)
- **FIRST**, think about and meditate on those who are suffering more than you!!!! Pray for them and thank God you are suffering as they.
- **FIRST**, remember what Christ did for you in His suffering!!!
- (Psalm 13) A prayer of a person in a difficult situation or circumstances:
  - ★ NOTICE the phrase "How long, O LORD?" - Time belongs to God.
  - ☆ (vv. 1-2) A cry of a \_\_\_\_\_ heart. In times like this it takes discipline to "Set your mind on things above" rather than the things here on earth. Memorize Colossians 3:1-3; Isaiah 26:3-4
  - ★ (vv. 3-4) A cry to be "heard" and for strength.
  - ☆ (vv. 5-6) A faithful saints praise.
- Learn for **Jesus** (Matthew 11:28-30) --
  - John 12:27-28 - MEDITATE!
  - Matthew 26:37-42 - MEDITATE!
  - Matthew 6:10 - Pray as Christ taught, "Your will be done."

## Pressing Forward into 2022

- ① Affirm the basic truths of who God is. Know that God is God.
- ② Submit to His will for your life. (James 4:13-15; Proverbs 19:21)
- ③ Do not be arrogant in your planning for tomorrow. (James 4:16)
- ④ Learn to say, "If the Lord will . . .". Sign your texts and emails with "Dv" in so doing acknowledge God in all your ways! (Proverbs 3:5-7)
- ⑤ In difficult times follow the example of Christ. (John 12:27-28; Matt 26:37-42)
- ⑥ PRAY - PRAY - PRAY - PRAY for your brothers and sisters. Struggle for them in prayer - Colossians 2:1-7.