

HE CAME to Fulfill the Father's Will

John 4:1-8, 27-38

Psalms 40:6-9

John 6:33-40



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God's Eternal Purpose: The Father's Business

- God's will, plan, purpose. God, the Creator, planned His Creation from start to finish!
 - "In the beginning God created . . ." Genesis 1:1. And at the *moment* God created ALL TIME - ALL HISTORY - EVERYTHING that would ever happen!!!! Down to the smallest detail!!
 - (Revelation 21:1-6) "It is done!"
- (Ephesians 3:9-11) God's will was that **He would accomplish** His will through/by Christ Jesus our Lord, His Son.
- "I will put enmity . . ." (Genesis 3:15) - 4,000 years before He sent the "Promised One".
- Seven hundred years before Him sending the Christ Isaiah prophesied, "The LORD Himself will give you a sign . . ." (Isaiah 7:14)
- "The zeal of the LORD will perform this!" (Isaiah 9:7)
- "God so loved the world that **HE GAVE His Son.**" (John 3:16)

Prophecy = Promises

God Planned; God Does (Isaiah 46:10)

- Consider Daniel 4:34-35 with Psalm 115:3; 135:6.
- ★ **NOTHING HAPPENS BY CHANCE IN GOD'S WORLD (UNIVERSE; HISTORY).**

In the Fulness of Time (Galatians 4:4)

- A look at Luke 2:1-7 - a picture of God moving history to accomplish His purpose.
 - "And it came to pass" - theater term - the Script - Daniel 10:21
 - A decree - a decree that put all people in motion to fulfil God's purpose.
 - Caesar Augustus - Proverbs 21:1

- “the world” - the Roman Empire. (not the same word as John 3:16 or Hebrews 1:2)
- “all should be registered, everyone to his own city.”
- Quirinius of Syria - another reason to be a student of secular and biblical history. (Daniel 4:17, 25, 32; 2:21)
- Joseph - in Nazareth to Bethlehem - Micah 5:2
- (v. 4) Lineage of David - Matthew 1:20
- (v. 5) Mary - “who was with child” - but not Joseph’s!! (Remember Isaiah 7:14; see Matthew 1:20, 23; Luke 1:26-35)
- (v. 6) While **THERE** - in Bethlehem - “house of bread” - see John 6:35, 41, 48, 51, 58.
- (v. 6) The **days were completed** - Galatians 4:4

God Has a Will (Psalm 115:3; 135:6; Job 23:13)

- God’s will is His Word, His Plan, His Counsel, His Purpose, His Law (which is the expression of His will). (Rom 8:28; Eph 1:11; Isa 46:10; Exo 16:4; Deut 10:12-13; John 14:15, 21, 23-24; 15:10, 13-14; 1 John 5:3)
- God’s will was “decided” in eternity “past”. (Acts 15:18)
 - God’s plan/will/wish/desire/purpose is “written down” in the “Scripture of Truth” settled in heaven for all times. (Daniel 10:21; Psalm 119:89)
 - (1 Peter 1:20) The CROSS was “foreordained **before** the foundation of the world . . .” **MEDITATE, BE IN AWE, TREMBLE.**
 - EVERYTHING - literally EVERYTHING - small or great - that will ever happen happens because it is the will of God.
 - God’s will is UNCHANGING because God is unchanging! (Malachi 3:6; Numbers 23:19)
 - **Consider carefully: James 4:13-16 - “If the Lord wills . . .”**

Christ Came to Fulfill the Father’s Will

- Christ came to glorify His Father. (**John 12:27-28**; 17:1, 4-5)
- Christ came to magnify and honor God’s Law. (Isaiah 42:21)
- John 5:30; 6:38-40; 9:4; 18:11; Psalm 40:7-8; Isaiah 61:1-3; Hebrews 10:7-9.
 - **He knew the COST!** - Luke 12:50; Matthew 16:21-23; 26:38-39, 42; John 13:27; John 12:27; 18:11; Acts 8:32
 - **He came to FINISH IT!** (John 17:4; 19:30)
- Christ came to fulfill **every jot and tittle** of God’s decree, Law, plan, purpose, will. (Matthew 5:18; 24:35; Luke 16:17; 21:33)
- Christ’s days were planned in eternity “past”. (Psalm 139:16)
- Christ came to do the Father’s business (Luke 2:49) - NOTE: “must”
- “my hour is not yet come” (John 2:4; 7:6; 7:8; 7:30; 8:20; 12:23; **12:27**; **13:1**; 16:32; 17:1)
- Also Isaiah 50:5-7; **Luke 9:51** ★ Philippians 2:5-8 (bondservant)

An Example: A Divine Appointment (John 4:1-6)

- (v. 4) "He **must** go through Samaria."
 - δεῖ dei {die} literally means:
 - "An absolute necessity"
 - "The will of God"
- Jesus had a divine appointment from the Father.
- Jesus Christ came to **fulfill** the Father's wish (counsel, desire, plan, business).
- A certain place, time, and person!
- (v. 6) Don't miss: Jesus being wearied . . .

Christ's Food (John 4:27-34)

- The disciples return from buying food in the city (v. 8).
- Upon their return they did not find their Master weary and faint **but** refreshed!
- (v. 34) Jesus says, "My food (my nourishment, where I get my energy, that which satisfies Me) is **doing** the **will** of Him that sent Me **and to finish HIS work!**"
- "meat" or "food" is figurative for that which satisfies.
 - Service to the LORD is "meat."
 - Peace and joy are the rewards for doing the will of God.
- Christ **came** to **do** and **finish** the will of God. (See John 5:30; Matthew 26:39)
- Christ's delight was to **do** the will of His Father. (Psalm 40:7-8)
- **What was the will of the Father for Christ?** (John 6:35-40)
 - ① All that the Father gave Him He was to lose **none**. (John 10:26-29; 17:2)
 - ② All that the Father gave Him He made sure that He was able to raise **all** of them up on the last day!
- Christ Came, to Seek, to Find, to Save. (Luke 19:10)
 - **Came**: Luke 19:10
 - **To Seek**: Luke 19:10; Ezekiel 34:11-12,16.
 - **To Find**: Luke 15:4-7
 - **To Save**: Luke 19:10; Matthew 18:11
- **CHRIST DID NOT COME TO MAKE SOMETHING POSSIBLE. HE CAME TO ACCOMPLISH THE WORK OF SALVATION FOR ALL THAT THE FATHER GAVE HIM!**
- Christ came to FINISH (not set into motion) His work. (John 4:34; 5:36; 17:4; 19:30)

The Work of Salvation

- **FATHER**: Appointment, election, choosing. (2 Thess 2:13; Acts 13:48)
- **SON**: Actual work of saving those appointed unto salvation by the Father by coming in the likeness of sinful flesh, living a **perfect life for them**, and **paying the penalty for their sins**.
- **HOLY SPIRIT**: Applying Christ's work to those appointed unto salvation and saved by the life and work of Christ (John 3:8; 1 Corinthians 2:11) and

keeping them saved. (Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30; 2 Corinthians 5:5)

What Is God's Will for My Life?

My Food: Every Word of God (Luke 4:4; Matthew 7:21)

- Many people ask, "What is the will of God for my life?" As if, God's will for them is hidden and one needs some secret code to find this will out.
- God's WORD is GOD's will.
- Deuteronomy 29:29 tells us that **there is** a "secret" will of God and that is **none of our business – it is God's business.**
 - The FUTURE is part of that "secret" will of God. The future is none of our business! (Acts 1:7)
- **BUT** Deuteronomy 29:29 tells us also that **all** that is **revealed** belongs to us and to our children **forever** that we may **do all** of God's Words.
- The will of God for **every** human being **living** today is that we **live** on **every** word that God has revealed. (Deuteronomy 8:3; Matthew 4:4)
- God summarized this in different passages:
 - Deuteronomy 10:12-14; Micah 6:6-8; Amos 3:3; Matthew 28:18-20
- God's will for our lives is that we **do** His Words! See James 1:22; Matthew 7:20-21, 24-27; 12:50; Luke 8:21; 11:27-28; John 15:14; 14:15, 21-24; Mark 3:35.
- God has already revealed what His will is for your life.
- God has **given** you **TODAY** – NO – God has **given** you **THIS MOMENT** and He holds you accountable for what you are doing **right** now.
- We are **not** promised tomorrow (James 4:13-17) but we **are** alive right now.
- God's will for our lives is simply TRUST and OBEY!

To Him . . . (Romans 11:33-36)

- (Isaiah 48:9-11) FOR HIS OWN SAKE . . .
- (Isaiah 42:21) As Christ came to magnify and honor God's Law. We are to magnify and honor God's Law by obeying it. (1 John 2:3-4)
- (Matthew 12:49-50; 1 John 2:17) Disciples do the will of Father following in the example of Christ. (1 John 2:6)
- A disciple delights in doing the will of God - he loves and delights in God's Law. (Psalm 119:97, 113, 163, 165; Psalm 1:1-3; 119:16, 24, 35, 47, 70, 92, 143, 174; 112:1)
- As Christ glorified the Father we, too, are to glorify the Father with our bodies and spirits (1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 10:31; Romans 6:13-14, 19, eyes, ears, feet, hands, etc.; Philippians 1:20 with 1 Corinthians 11:1)
- God requires us to be busy doing God's will. (Luke 4:4; Deuteronomy 29:29)
- ONLY those doing the will of God go to heaven. (1 John 2:17; Matt 12:49-50; 7:21-23)
- Will you DO God's will or your will this Advent Season? (Matt 26:41; Acts 9:6)