

The will of God #1: The Mystery of God's Will in the Universe Ultimately Being to Head Up All Things in Christ through the Church as the Body of Christ

For outline and the Word, please use "The Holy Word for Morning Revival" (2020/5/25-5/31)

Summary:

I. We need to understand what the will of the Lord is.

II. God's will is what He wants and what He intends to accomplish: **A.** God has an eternal will, which is the source of His eternal purpose. **B.** Since God is eternal, without beginning or ending, His will is also eternal; it lies at the heart of the origin of the universe. **C.** God created all things for His will so that He might accomplish and fulfill His purpose. **D.** The will of God is concentrated in Christ and is for Christ to have the first place in all things; Christ is everything in God's eternal will. **E.** God wants to have Christ with the church; the will of God is to obtain the church as the Body of Christ. **F.** God in Christ as the Spirit is now working within us to accomplish His eternal will to have the New Jerusalem—the wife of the Lamb filled with the glory of God for His eternal expression in the new heaven and new earth.

III. According to the good pleasure of His will, God predestinated us unto sonship: **A.** God has a will, in which is His good pleasure; God's good pleasure is of His will and is embodied in His will, so His will comes first. **B.** God's good pleasure is what makes God happy—it is the desire of His heart; the living, loving, and purposeful God surely has a heart's desire. **C.** God predestinated us to be His sons according to His pleasure, according to the desire of His heart. Before the foundation of the world, God chose us to be holy; to be made holy—is the process, the procedure. To be sons of God is the aim, the goal, and is a matter of our being joined to the Son of God and conformed to the image of the firstborn Son of God.

IV. We have been "predestinated according to the purpose of the One who works all things according to the counsel of His will" (Eph. 1:11): **A.** God's will is His intention, and God's counsel is His consideration of the way to accomplish His will, His intention. **B.** According to His will, a council was held by the Trinity before the foundation of the world to make a counsel, a decision, which is His determined will.

V. God's will was hidden in Him as a mystery, so Ephesians 1:9 speaks of "the mystery of His will": **A.** In eternity God had a will, but this will was hidden in Him; hence, it was a mystery. **B.** In the pleasure of His heart and in His wisdom and prudence, God made this hidden mystery known to us through His revelation in Christ, that is, through Christ's incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension.

VI. Ultimately, God's will in the universe is to head up all things in Christ through the church as the Body of Christ: **A.** God's eternal intention is, in the economy of the fullness of the times, to head up all things in Christ. **B.** Through God's economy in all the ages, all things will be headed up in Christ in the new heaven and new earth. **C.** Satan's goal is to corrupt God's creation and to cause confusion. The entire universe is a heap of collapse

caused by Satan injecting himself as the factor of death into God's creation. God's salvation is to save us not only from our fallen, sinful condition but also from the heap of collapse. **D.** God will subject all things under Christ by heading up all things in Christ through the church as the Body of Christ. When church takes the lead to be headed up in Christ, God has a way to head up all other things. Through the divine dispensation, we are heading up in Christ. **E.** God's way of recovery is Christ versus Satan, life versus death, light versus darkness, and order versus confusion. If we are in the life and under the light, we will be delivered out of confusion and brought into order, harmony, and oneness. **F.** In the new heaven and new earth with the New Jerusalem as the center, all things will be headed up in Christ. In Revelation 21 we see the Head, the Body surrounding the Head, and all the nations walking in the light of the city; the whole universe will be headed up in the light shown through the transparent city.

Crucial Point(1):You need to understand the will of God to spend business life and church life

Eph 5:17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

1:4 Even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world to be holy and without blemish before Him in love, **5** Predestinating us unto sonship through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

OL1:We need to understand what the will of the Lord is. God's will is what He wants and what He intends to accomplish. **OL2:**According to the good pleasure of His will, God predestinated us unto sonship. **OL3:**According to His will, a council was held by the Trinity before the foundation of the world to make a counsel, a decision, which is His determined will.

God's will has a mystery, a mystery that has been hidden through the ages. The universe is a mystery. Why is there a heaven, and why does the earth exist? Why are there so many millions of items in the universe? Why is man here on earth? All these questions are mysteries and have given rise to many different philosophies. The mystery, which is the will of God, has been made known to the church through the apostles.

The mystery of God's will is not that we are becoming happy people. Today is not the time for us to be fully happy, because the time is not yet ripe. Because many do not have the adequate vision or revelation, they do not know what is actually taking place in the church life. They think that we are simply here to have a good time. But this is not the mystery of God's will. This mystery is that God is dispensing Himself into us to produce the church for Himself. This is a mystery hidden through the ages.

In Ephesians 1:4 we see that God has chosen us to be holy. However, to be holy is the procedure, not the goal. The goal is sonship. We have been

predestinated unto sonship. In other words, God has chosen us to be holy so that we might be His sons. Thus, to be holy is the process, the procedure, whereas to be sons of God is the goal.

Although so many believe in the Lord Jesus, have been washed in the blood, and have been regenerated by the Spirit, they are still worldly and common, with no mark of holiness in their living. They are absolutely the same as their neighbors, friends, and relatives. Nevertheless, they talk about being the church. What a shame to God, and what a shame to the church! The church is constituted as a collective people who have been separated unto God and who are saturated with the nature of God and fully sanctified to live like sons of God.

Application to young working saints/graduate students

If you don't understand the will of God, you will become a foolish person. [Eph. 3:9](#) And to enlighten all that they may see what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things, There is a will of God first, and based on the deep consideration, or the counsel of the will, purpose will appear. This purpose is God's economy. God created all things for God's economy. Your being chosen and predestinated before the foundation of the world are for God's economy. Therefore, you should make God's will first, and then your life according to this will. Don't make your business life first and God's will the second. Because your life is meaningless if it is not for the will of God.

"Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is" in [Eph. 5:17](#) is spoken in the context of "the details of living" of "the living needed in the daily walk" after presenting the vision and experience concerning the church. In another words, you need to apply God's will into the details of your living. Some people, after understanding God's economy, think that they should get an easy job to avoid the complication of the life. But this idea is wrong. You need to tie the vision of God's economy with your daily living.

For example, you may think that you should make your business life first and work so seriously because the requirement and competition in the company are so intense.

But God is not requiring you to cut corners in your business life. God's requirement for you is to put your business life in a position that it is for God's will. You need to fellowship with the Lord to clear up the misunderstanding in you concerning God's economy. "Lord, I want to put God's will first and my business life the second. And I will mean business in handling my business life. Lord, remove my misunderstanding concerning God's will and uplift my business life for Your will. Amen!"

[Deu.11:18](#) Therefore you shall lay these words of mine on your heart and on your soul; and you shall

bind them on your hand as a sign, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes; [19](#) And you shall teach them to your children, speaking about them when you sit in your house and when you journey on the way, and when you lie down and when you rise up; [20](#) And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates;

v.18 FN "you shall lay these words on your heart and on your soul": We need to love God by laying Christ as the word on our heart and on our soul and by binding this word to everything related to us.

Prayer: "Oh Lord Jesus, I need to understand the will of the Lord first. Because out from the counsel of will among trinity comes the purpose, God's economy and according to God's economy all things were created. Our beings are for the will. Amen" Moreover, I need to apply the will practically into the details of my living. For God's economy, to experience and enjoy Christ as the good land practically is in the real daily living. In this view, how significant is my real life and the church life.

Crucial Point(2): Church takes a lead to open to and participate in the divine dispensing to be headed up in Christ. Eventually all things will be headed up in Christ

[Eph. 1:10](#) Unto the economy of the fullness of the times, to head up all things in Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth, in Him;... [22](#) And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church, _

[Eph. 4:15](#) But holding to truth in love, we may grow up into Him all things, who is the Head, Christ.

[1 Cor. 11:3](#) But I want you to know that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of woman, and God is the head of Christ.

OL1: Ultimately, God's will in the universe is to head up all things in Christ through the church as the Body of Christ. OL2: God's salvation is to save us not only from our fallen, sinful condition but also from the heap of collapse. OL3: In the church life we are taking the lead to be headed up in Christ; for this we need to grow in life.

When God created the universe, everything of the universe was in oneness;.... Because of Satan's rebellion, which was followed by man's fall, this original oneness in creation was ruined so that the entire universe was brought into confusion. Satan damaged the oneness of the universe in creation by introducing death into all creation, which death severed the Creator's relationship with creation. In other words, when Satan brought death into the universe, the universe was separated from God and the oneness of the universe was lost. Thus, there is not the full harmony in the universe.

Yet God had an eternal plan to head up all things in Christ, that is, to make Christ the Head of all things and the Head above all things. God's way to recover

the oneness among His creation is to impart Himself in Christ into us as life. Ephesians 1:22 says that God gave Christ to be the Head over all things. This indicates that He is not merely the Head of the church but over all things. God gave Christ to be the Head over all things "to" the church. The little word "to" implies transmission. It indicates that Christ's headship is being transmitted to the church. This means that, in a sense, we can share the headship of Christ over all things. Although we are not the head, we can share the headship. ...By God's grace, we all must say, "Lord, we are here to take the lead to be headed up. Lord, head us up in Christ. We do not want to remain in the heap of collapse. We have to be rescued from the collapse by being headed up in You." After you have been brought out of the collapse, you will be above all things. Until this happens, you will not have the confidence to say that you are above the President. It is possible to be saved but still remain in the heap because you are not headed up.

It is important to see that the heading up in the church is a matter in life. If we try to be headed up without growing in life, we shall fall into organization. To head up all things in the church without the growth in life is simply to have an organization.

Application to the new ones, young people and college students

In the school life, there are cases such as: You planned your study schedule but you cannot accomplish the plan; A group discussed together and agreed with a good improvement plan, but they don't take an action promptly and eventually they never take an action.; You wish to get along better with your friends, but small things make you fail to get along but it makes you hate them.; You are wishing to change your daily habit but you have never been successful. These show that man's living is the heap of collapse and in chaos. But praise the Lord. By dispensing life into you, the Lord can head you up in Christ from the heap of collapse to Christ the Head. As a result of Satan's rebellion and man's fall caused by Satan's deceit, man has no strength to do the good which he wills to do, but instead, he commits sins which do not will. This is our condition in which sin is reigning inside of man. [Rom. 5:17](#) For if, by the offense of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ. [18](#) So then as it was through one offense unto condemnation to all men, so also it was through one righteous act unto justification of life to all men.

In order to be saved from the heap of collapse, first of all, you should return to the Lord and stay there. Secondly, open to the divine dispensing of life, exercise your regenerated and mingled spirit and set your mind on the spirit. Call on the name of the Lord many times,

pray-read the word and pray according to the word.

Prayer: "O Lord Jesus, I saw I am the heap of collapse. I not only cannot do good things but also am in collapse, in disorder and absolute chaos. But praise the Lord. You dispense life to me to uplift me and head me up who are in the heap of collapse. We the church is headed up to deal with Satan who is the cause of collapse and chaos, and to magnify God corporately in the universe. For consummation of this God's eternal economy, every day and throughout the day, I open to the divine dispensing, and seek growth of the life within me. Amen!"

Crucial Point(3): Receive grace like Paul, take part in the stewardship of God's grace, and preach the Gospel to those suffering from coronavirus

[Eph. 3:2](#) If indeed you have heard of the stewardship of the grace of God which was given to me for you.... [9](#) And to enlighten all that they may see what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things.

[John. 8:12](#) Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall by no means walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

OL1: When the church takes the lead to be headed up in Christ, God has a way to head up all other things. We are headed up through the divine dispensing

OL2: If we are in the life and under the light, we will be delivered out of confusion and brought into order, harmony, and oneness.

According to ancient custom, there was a steward in the royal family, and his ministry was called a stewardship. Hence, the stewardship is simply the service of a steward. A steward was not a mere slave, but a person intimately related to the family, one who took care of the household arrangement. Such a stewardship, such a household arrangement, was the best administration.... God's administration as a household arrangement is sweet and as a stewardship is intimate.

The stewardship, moreover, involves a dispensation. Dispensation here refers not to an age, but to a dispensing. For example, a mother dispenses food to her children every morning at breakfast. As the children sit down at the table, the mother dispenses nourishing food for them to eat. In such a dispensation a proper control is always exercised.... The dispensation of food is the best control. I have observed this with my own grandchildren, who obey their grandmother... because she is the one who dispenses treats to them. Because she does the dispensing.... The apostle Paul calls this a "stewardship of the grace of God" ([Eph.3:2](#))

Satan's injection has no administration or

stewardship because he subtly injects himself into us. But God is working Himself into His chosen ones by a sweet, intimate stewardship. Paul's ministry was such a stewardship. It was a model of the dispensation of grace, of the dispensing of God as grace into His chosen ones. By this dispensation of grace, the dispensing of God Himself as our enjoyment, the factor of life is ministered into the chosen ones. As the life factor gets into them, they are raised up and attached to Christ in the Body. This is the dispensation that heads up all things in Christ.

Where life is, there is light also. [John 1:4](#) says, "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men." This light is the light of life. ... Because the New Jerusalem is saturated with light, it has no need for the light of the sun. [Revelation 21:23](#) says, "And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon that they should shine in it, for the glory of God illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb." In the New Jerusalem we shall have the glory of the Triune God as our shining light.

Wherever there is light, things are kept in order. Suppose there were no lights in the city of Los Angeles. What darkness and confusion there would be! Life regulates, and light controls. In the church life we do not have regulations, but we do have the regulating life and the controlling light. When the church is full of life, it is also full of light. Then everyone in the church is regulated by the inward life, not by outward regulations.

Application for the serving ones

[Eph. 3:7](#) Of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God which was given to me according to the operation of His power. [8](#) To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel

After saying that Paul became a Gospel minister, he said that he himself was less than the least of all the saints. This shows that because Paul has received the grace of becoming a Gospel minister, everyone can receive the grace of becoming a Gospel minister, a stewardship of the grace of God.

[Matt. 24:45](#) Who then is the faithful and prudent slave, whom the master has set over his household to give them food at the proper time?

Read Brother Andrew Yu's Fellowship in an emergency status due to coronavirus about stewardship of God's Grace.: When using "The Mystery of Human Life (2)", you must not be stiff. You can forward it to your Gospel friends. Sometimes, I found a few words and had them read by saints with a good voice and forwarded them to others. It was very nice. It is an emergency now. It is also the time when people become depressed.

People should be calm when they hear the words of the Bible. Even people who normally do not have time to listen will now have time to listen. Now everyone has time. Therefore, sending the gospel material is beneficial. Brothers and sisters can create it themselves. It may be better for someone to read the word. Please read carefully. When people are depressed and wander, they listen to the Words in particular. For example, there are many words that appeal to God in Psalms. "God, I'm worried," "God, I'm weak." Read and listen, and as the Lord said, "Come to me, all who are labored and burdened." People are opened when they hear.

Prayer: "Oh Lord Jesus. I can receive grace like Paul, take part in the stewardship of God's grace, the minister of the gospel. At the time of coronavirus, people are suffering and worried. Let me be a loyal slave who provide food from time to time. Take opportunity to preach the gospel of the kingdom to people, nourish at home meetings, bring increases and building to the church.Amen!"

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1. Power, exceeding great pow'r is to us,
To us who believe, us who receive!
Power that raised Christ, yes, pow'r glorious
Is giv'n to His Body, the church!
There is pow'r, pow'r, resurrection pow'r,
To the church, to the church!
There is pow'r, pow'r, resurrection pow'r,
Given to His Body, the church!
2. Power that set Christ at God's own right hand,
This pow'r is to us — yes, even us!
Power above every name that is named
Is giv'n to His Body, the church!
There is pow'r, pow'r, all-transcending pow'r,
To the church, to the church!
There is pow'r, pow'r, all-transcending pow'r,
Given to His Body, the church!
3. Power that put all things under His feet
Is ours here and now — right here and now!
Power subjecting all, power complete,
Is giv'n to His Body, the church!
There is pow'r, pow'r, all-subduing pow'r,
To the church, to the church!
There is pow'r, pow'r, all-subduing pow'r,
Given to His Body, the church!
4. Power that made Him o'er all things the Head
Is now to the church, now to the church!
Power, such pow'r, will be exhibited
O'er all through His Body, the church!
There is pow'r, pow'r, overruling pow'r,
To the church, to the church!
There is pow'r, pow'r, overruling pow'r,
Given to His Body, the church!