

God's Will 2019-06-16

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After this Jesus went about in Galilee. He would not go about in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill him. Now the Jews' Feast of Booths was at hand. So his brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples also may see the works you are doing. For no one works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world." For not even his brothers believed in him.

Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always here. The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it that its works are evil. You go up to the feast. I am not going up to this feast, for my time has not yet fully come." After saying this, he remained in Galilee.

But after his brothers had gone up to the feast, then he also went up, not publicly but in private.

Last week: Lord calls us to deny ourselves, daily pick up cross and follow Him.

- Do that by desiring God's will above own will.
 - God's will: put believe in Jesus, obey Word, daily walk by Holy Spirit.

At Feast of Tabernacle, Jesus did not take brothers' advice because Jesus desired Father's will above own. John 7:2-6, 10

- Not contradiction: not go for public recognition but privately to set in motion events take Him to cross...His "hour". Jesus' way not their way
 - Brothers' time "always here" implied not living under God's will as Jesus was.
 - Start walking in God's will: believe Jesus for salvation.....*Gospel*.

Once a Christian, God's will is that you obey Word...objective direction.

- Most Christians are looking for something mysterious but God makes His will obvious through the Word. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Ephesians 5:15-18, Colossians 4:5, Philippians 4:8

- Principle finding God's will: be willing to do what He says.
 - Not give additional direction if won't respond to what He already given....in Word.
 - Not perfection but willingness to obey regardless of cost.

If friend of God and desire to live according to God's objective will, you'll be enemy of world.

- Revealed in mounting opposition to Jesus. John 7:7, 12, 20, 30, 43; 15:18-20

Not be surprised/embittered by rejection because Jesus was hated....exposed their sin.

- Christian values, morals, desires, goals are foolishness to world and will inevitably result in disagreement, even conflict.
 - Like with Jesus, opposite camps unite in opposition.

Sometimes obedience involves risk; sometimes caution....Jesus, Paul

- Don't be like Nicodemus: took politically correct stance for cultural acceptance.
 - Don't compromise convictions/life-style or sacrifice truth for acceptance.
Romans 12:2

- obey in spite of shame, suffering, rejection, loss
 - That's treasuring Jesus above all else. Matthew 10:34-38

God's will is that you put faith in Jesus for salvation, obey His Word, daily walk by Holy Spirit.

- Not easy to determine God's subjective will, but can walk in Holy Spirit by determining personal overall priorities/goals from Word. James 1:5, Matthew 6:33-34
 - Word/prayer, godly counsel find God's subjective will.
 - Not so much what you do but why....for glory of God.

Respond to God's subjective will once it is known....regardless of cost.

- Clear life of clutter/busyness but don't isolate from world.
 - Fulfill God's calling to impact world for Jesus Christ.
- Participate in community life but have Godly desires/purpose. In the world not of it.
 - Jesus and brothers all went to Feast of Tabernacles but Jesus with different purpose....glorify God.
 - Pray/look for opportunities to share faith, be Christ-like.
 - With love/kindness confront godless/worldly culture.

Ultimately God's will: glorify Him in everything do. 1 Corinthians 10:31, Proverbs 3:5-6

- Will find true joy, satisfaction, hope, contentment when pursue God's will above own desires.
 - God's will: put faith in Jesus, obey Word, daily walk by Holy Spirit.