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Hebrews 6:1 Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,

Hebrews 6:12 of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, and about the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment.

Hebrews 6:3 And this we will do, if God permits.

Some have difficulty with leaving the elementary teaching of Christ and pressing on...this is not my word, this is the Word of God, saying to our leaving the elementary teaching about Christ and pressing on to maturity. Let's add Colossians 1:28 to these words:

Colossians 1:28 We proclaim Him, admonishing every person and teaching every person with all wisdom, so that we may present every person complete in Christ.

Let's complete our study on the mystery: Ephesians 1:7-10

I don't want you to lose awareness of what is going on in

Ephesians 1:9 He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him,

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Ephesians 1:10 with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth in Him

Ephesians 1:11 also we have obtained an inheritance according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will,

Ephesians 1:12 to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory.

Ephesians 1:9 (NIV) he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ,

Ephesians 1:10 (NIV) to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

Ephesians 1:11 (NIV) In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will,

Ephesians 1:12 (NIV) in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.

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Ephesians 1:9 (The Living Bible/TLB) God has told us his secret reason (mystery) for sending Christ, a plan He decided on in mercy long ago; (good pleasure)

Ephesians 1:10 (TLB) and this was His purpose: that when the time is ripe (administration) He will gather us all together from wherever we are—in heaven or on earth—to be with Him in Christ forever.

Ephesians 1:11 (TLB) Moreover, because of what Christ has done, (we have obtained an inheritance) we have become gifts to God (predestined) that He delights in, for as part of God's sovereign plan we were chosen from the beginning to be His, and all things happen just as He decided long ago. (the council of His Will)

Ephesians 1:12 (TLB) God's purpose in this was that (we should be first) we should praise God and give glory to Him for doing these mighty things for us, who were the first to trust in Christ. (to praise His glory)

Now let's go back into this great plan by God for Jesus Christ and for us to be His blessing, to be destined to be the first to glorify Jesus Christ. I want us to stop and just comprehend how important and blessed we are in God's plans for Jesus.

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Spend some time reading Isaiah 53 on the declaration by God on Jesus Christ for allowing Himself to be a guilt offering.

**Ephesians 1:9 He made known to us the
mystery of His will...**

We start with a wonderful blessing in His Will.

We do not have to discover God's revealed will.

We do not need to reveal God's Will for creation, for mankind.

He has revealed these things to us in the Bible.

But you have to study and study it and it takes wisdom and understanding and insight to apply it to your life.

Fulfill the will of God to mankind and for your own purpose for being here. Many people do not know why they are here. It is the revealed will of God therefore we can Know the will of God but then we have to live under it!

**Acts 20:27 For I did not shrink from declaring
to you the whole purpose of God.**

See also Matthew 7:21; 1 Thessalonians 4:3; 5:18; 1 Peter 2:15.

**Ephesians 1:9 the mystery of His will,
according to His kind intention which He (God)
purchased in Him (Jesus Christ)**

Now we come to the *will of God*. Of course, this could cover several hours of study, but we will begin with a few primary truths of God's will.

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1. The Will of God starts with Jesus Christ.

Many people think about and center around the ‘will of God’ for mankind, or for me!! Do not start with God’s will for mankind, for salvation, or not sin, not even heaven or hell, but the Will of God starts with Christ Jesus.

2. The Will of God always centers on the essence of God. His Will is always based on His Holiness and on His Righteousness.

3. There is the Directive Will of God; the Permissive Will of God; and the Overruling will of God.

Here is the purpose of your life and your relationship with God the Holy Spirit. We should always be in the power of the Holy Spirit that we live in the directive will of God. Not everything we do in our lives is the directive will, for example every time we sin (Mental Attitude sins, Sins of the tongue and overt sins) it is not in the Directive will of God but is in the permissive will of God.

4. The Will of God and the volition of mankind.

This is the most difficult for many people. Many try to make these mutually exclusive. That is if you have one, you cannot have the other. Calvinism declares that there is no volition of mankind. They have the idea if you give man volition, then you do not have the absolute Will of God. But there are others, where man has free will but where God does not have the Will of God. But of course, God has given man free will, but man does not have the power to cause things to happen. The sovereignty of God allows man to have free will, but man does not have free will over the Sovereignty of God.

(1) Free will is not equal to or greater than the sovereignty of God.

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- (2) Free will is not power as the Sovereignty of God is power. There is no glory in free will. This is why when you believe in Jesus Christ as savior, there is no credit or glory to man. All glory is given to the object of faith, that is Jesus.
 - (3) The free will of man does not determine the free will of God.
 - (4) The free will of man does not have the power to counter the free will of God.
 - (5) The free will of man does not give any glory to man, nor does free will of man take any glory from God. In fact, the free will of man actually attributes glory to God.
 - (6) Free will is given to man by God to demonstrate to Satan that a creature inferior to him will use free will to choose for God over Satan. In this sense, man resolves the Angelic Conflict and glorifies both God and Jesus Christ.
 - (7) God gave to mankind free will. Man is free to use that free will to sin or not sin. Sin came from the free will of man to sin against God.
5. It is the will of God that all should be saved. But, God gives to man free will to choose to believe in Jesus Christ or to refuse to believe in Jesus Christ as Savior. Once a person goes to the eternal lake of fire, this is not because of the Will of God nor by a sovereign decree of God against him. It is by his own free will against Jesus Christ. The decree of God takes into account the free will decision against Jesus Christ so that all who reject Jesus Christ go to the Eternal Lake of Fire. Every person in the Lake of Fire is there because they made a decision to use their free will to reject Jesus Christ and make the free will decision to be separated from Jesus Christ for all eternity.
6. Why did God create all members of the human race?

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There are several reasons why God created mankind.

First: God created mankind to resolve the Angelic Conflict: for mankind to reveal to Satan that the lower creation (mankind) would believe in God rather than the higher creatures of Satan.

Two: God created mankind to “love the Lord your God.”

Third: God created mankind to love the Lord Jesus the Christ.

Fourth: God created mankind to “love your neighbor as yourself.”

7. God gave mankind the Bible, so that man will know His Will in the Word of God. This is the responsibility of every Pastor Teacher:

**Acts 20:27 For I did not shrink from declaring
to you the whole purpose of God.**

The Greek here means to not keep silent about the whole purpose of God.

**1 Thessalonians 4:3 For this is the will of God,
your sanctification; *that is* that you abstain
from sexual immorality.**

I hope you understand sanctification.

Other concepts of sanctification include: *holiness and purification*. In simplicity – be empowered by the Holy Spirit. It is the will of God that we stay in faith in the Holy Spirit.

It is the will of God in Christ, for us that we give thanks to God for everything.

Many people long to know what God is doing here on earth, but have no idea how to learn what it is. Multitudes are ignorant as to where to turn to find out the will of God. They do not know the Word of God.

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Multitudes do not turn to the Bible and study of the Bible for the truth. The Creator of the universe and of all human beings, sent them with a detailed ‘instruction book.’ It explains the design and purpose of all creation. It explains the way to peace and happiness. All this is in the Word of God, the Holy Bible. But many will not allow God’s students to teach them the Holy Bible.

8. We can know what the will of God is and we can prove the will of God.

Romans 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

We must daily transform our minds by the power of the Holy Spirit in our study of the Word of God.

9. Is there a reason for your existence?

What is the meaning of your life?

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God has made known His will, and as you learn the Will of God, you become aware of why you are here. Many people live their lives without a clue as to why they are here. “Winston Churchill once

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proclaimed, “There is a purpose being worked out here below.” He understood that in some fashion a Supreme Being was working out an unseen and little-understood Plan on earth. But what is it? Churchill did not know.”

The 18 verses in Psalm 139 are so important. Whenever you become discouraged, bewildered about life, take your Bible and get alone somewhere and slowly read and study through these 18 verses of the precious Bible. (thoughts from The Works of Hengstenberg and The Cambridge Bible Commentary).

First the Omniscience of God: that God knows everything about you, verses 1-4.

Then God is Omnipresent:

God is Always with you, verses 5-12;

Death cannot hide us;

Distance cannot hide us;

Darkness cannot hide us;

God is Omnipotent: God has a wonderful plan for you, verses 13-16;

God is Constantly where you are in His plans, verses 17-18.

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