

THE LORD'S WILL (Part 1)

Determining the Lord's Will In Our Lives

Our lesson this week is the first of three in a series of lessons that have been prompted by some questions that my daughter and I have been working through recently. I am confident that these messages will be beneficial to many of us within the body of Christ. The specific questions that we have been working on are, "How do I know what the Lord's will is for my life?" and "How will I know when He speaks to me?"

We will be looking to the Word to help us understand three distinctly different "wills" of the Lord.

- 1. His DETERMINED Will**
- 2. His DESIRED Will**
- 3. His DEDUCTIVE Will**

This week, our focus will be on the DETERMINED will of the Lord.

What is a DETERMINED WILL?

Our first example may be seen in Romans chapter 9. Let's read portions of this together.

- *The Greek word in v.19 is "boulema"*
- *The Lord's deliberate design; purpose*

"At the _____ time..."

Our second example may be seen in 2 Peter 3:1-13.

- *By God's word the earth was formed*
- *By God's word the earth was deluged/destroyed*
- *By God's word present heavens/earth reserved for fire...kept for the day of judgment*

"...by God's _____ the heavens existed and the earth was formed..."

Our final example is evident in Paul's sermon to the men of Athens recorded in Acts 17:16-34.

- *Paul introduced the God of all gods vs.24-28*
- *Paul pointed to the DETERMINED WILL in stating that the Lord requires all men to repent*

**"For He has _____ when He will judge the world
with justice by the man
He has appointed."**

What does this mean to me?

Sin enters the world in the Garden of Eden...

God's DETERMINED WILL is that sin results in death...

Have you sinned? Ever? What hope do you have?

**"God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we
might become the _____ of God."
2 Corinthians 5:21**