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The Pastors Message:

God's Sovereignty Part 8

Subject – God's Blessed Will

Text - Ephesians 1:5b "...according to the good pleasure of his will," V. 5

Please let us always understand this about God, He always does things that are within His will, He never does anything that is our will unless our will is matching His will. So here is the answer to why did God choose us to be His child in Christ Jesus before the foundation of the world, because it was His blessed will to do so. Everyone needs to understand that creation was executed by God, in its entirety. God owes no one or anything any explanation for what He chooses to do or how He chooses to do it. Humans have no more rights to any of God's blessings than any of God's other created beings. Paul wrote in Romans 9:13 *"As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated."* So, the question must be asked, why did God love one brother in Jacob and hate the other in Esau? The answer is clear, because it was the Creator's will to do so, just as it was God's will to love His elect. This was God's elective choice and nothing or no one played any part in that choice. Esau did not cause God to hate Him, neither did Jacob cause God to love him and neither did God see their works then chose one over the other, God is eternal and all His will is eternal, God never changes, ever! Ezekiel 24:14 *"I the LORD have spoken it: it shall come to pass, and I will do it; I will not go back, neither will I spare, neither will I repent; according to thy ways, and according to thy doings, shall they judge thee, saith the Lord GOD."* We also read in Numbers 23:19 *"God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?"* Anyone who claims that God has ever changed on anything or that we have the power to control the thinking and the judgments of God or how God operates has no idea who God is, nor how God operates. Therefore, one must ask, when exactly did God come to love Jacob and hate Esau? The answer is, before the foundation of the world. Acts 15:18 *"Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world."* **Every work of God was known unto God before the creation of the world.** Therefore, your election, predestination to be God's child and to one day stand before in perfection and without sin was ordained by God before the world was ever created and not in time. Therefore, this is the most blessed part of this, He chose and elected a remnant of souls because it was His good will and pleasure. Paul asked this question, Romans 9:21 *"Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump*

to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?" Clay in the hands of a potter is at the mercy of the potter, it is the Potter's choice what sort of vessel to make out of the clay, the clay has nothing to say, it does not suggest what the potter makes it. No, the clay will be what the good pleasure of the Potter's will wants it to be, one to be blessed and another not to be blessed, it is the Potter's choice to make one unto honor and the other unto dishonor. The reason some of us are God's children is that He simply elected before the foundation of the world. God wanted for us to be His family by His good pleasure, loved some and did not love others, saved some and not others, to make us either His child or His condemned enemy, it was all predetermined by God before the world was ever created. We never had a choice, nor did we have a say, that was a decision of God, not of us. It was Jesus Christ who said in Luke 12:32 *"Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."* Therefore, if you are a child of God, thank God and not your Pastor, your Pastor does not have the power to save lost sinners. Thank God and not yourself, God made the choice and decision, you did not. The clay cannot change what the Potter has made it. Romans 9:20 *"Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?"*

Signs Of The Times:

By Curtis Pugh

Jesus Christ clearly taught that no man knows the date of His return. He said, "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only," (Matthew 24:36). So we do sin by setting dates. However, the Lord has revealed in His Word certain conditions that shall exist in the last days.

Paul wrote in detail about the last days saying, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth," (2 Timothy 3:1-7).

In these verses Paul lists nineteen sins that shall characterize humanity in the last days. As we look around us we certainly can see those traits in abundance throughout humanity. These people will at the same time be religious. Paul wrote they will have "a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof." They will profess to worship God, but the god they worship is not the God of the Bible. The Bible-revealed God is in complete control of all things, but the man-imagined god of today is a weakling: powerless. All kinds of excuses are made for this false god, but it all boils down to this: the god of the modern religionist is a weakling and a failure. He is trying to save everybody, but cannot because they will not "let him."

The following statements prove that God needs no one to "let him" do anything. "Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure," (Isaiah 46:10). Daniel 4:35 says: "And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?"

These religionists are said to be "ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." They sin as did ancient Jews of whom it is said: "...thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself: but I will reprove thee..." (Psalm 50:21). The religious people of these last days need God to "reprove" them. And He shall. But it seems clear that God's reproving of these people shall be judgment without mercy. "Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee," (Acts 8:22).

Church News:

Last week I failed to announce the Anniversary of Brother Larry and Sister Martha Mollette March 4th
Last week I also failed to announce the Birthday of Ronnie Henderson Jr on March 5th
This week Happy Birthday to Sister Alice Hoskins Sunday March 8th