

Sermon Notes for September 3, 2006

**Morning:** "The Wonder of the Will of God" I John 2:15-17  
(Pew Bible page 1082) (Joy for the Journey)

"But the man who does **the will of God** lives forever." I John 2:17 (NIV)

"But he that doeth **the will of God** abideth forever." I John 2:17 (KJV)

"But he who does **the will of God** and carries out His purposes in his life, abides (remains) forever." I John 2:17 (Amplified)

To know the will of God is life's greatest knowledge. To do the will of God is life's greatest accomplishment. God has a purpose and a plan for you which no one else can fulfill. The will of God is not just a road map; it is a relationship with the living Christ. As you seek Christ, the will of God will find you!

God's calling to you to do His will includes God's enabling. When you do His will, the task in front of you will never be greater than the power behind you. The question is, "Is what you are now living for worth Christ dying for?" The will of God is calling you today.

- I. **Entrance** to the will of God involves a full commitment and surrender to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and Christian growth. "Children . . . young men . . . fathers." I John 2:12-14
- II. **Enemies** to the will of God will immediately confront us along the way. I John 2:15-16 The diabolical trinity is, "the world, the flesh, and the Devil."
- III. **Examination** on a continual basis is our safety in our daily walk with God. Matthew 7:21-23 (855); Romans 12:1-2 (1008)
- IV. **Examples** in the Bible of the heroes of faith who did God's will can assist, strengthen, and guide us.
  - Be sure to read the Bible! **David**—II Samuel 6:1-9 (278)
  - Be sure to pray before you act! **Nathan**—II Samuel 7:1-5 (279)
  - Do not test God; obey God. **Gideon**—Judges 6:36-40 (225)
  - Put your all on His altar. **Abraham**—Genesis 22:8-12 (19)
  - Do not be presumptuous after your successes, and let Satan catch you unguarded. **Hezekiah**—Isaiah 39:1-8 (638)
  - Look beyond this world to the next world as you make decisions. **Moses**—Hebrews 11:24-26 (1069)
  - God's will shall prevail even when our plans fail. **Paul**—Acts 16:7, 14 (983)
  - Learn to pray joyfully, "Not my will but Thine be done." **Jesus**—Luke 22:42 (934)
- V. **Eternity** will be different when you do the will of God. I John 2:17 "And the world passes away, and the lust thereof, But he who does the will of God abides forever."