







1. The KINGDOM of GOD

Understanding the Term

God's Kingdom is God's "royal rule"

- -over creation
- -over human history
- -over human lives



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God's rule over creation and history - Psalm 24:1:

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it; the world and all who live in it



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God's rule demonstrated in Jesus' life and work

Matthew 12:28: "But if I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you."

John 6:38 "For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me."



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God's rule perfected at Jesus' Second Coming

Hebrews 9:27-28: Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgement, so Christ was sacrificed once for the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.



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Understanding the Task

'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven...'

- Call to PRAY
- Call to WORK & WITNESS

Matthew 28:18-19: 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...'

2. The WILL of GOD – UNDERSTANDING THE TERM GOD'S SOVEREIGN WILL

Ephesians 1:11: [God] who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will...

Job 42:2: "I know that You can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted."



2. The WILL of GOD – UNDERSTANDING THE TERM

GOD'S REVEALED WILL

- 1 Thessalonians 4:3: It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality...
- **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18:** Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.



2. The WILL of GOD – UNDERSTANDING THE TERM GOD'S PERMISSIVE WILL

Romans 1:24, 26, 28: God gave them over...

Lamentations 3:32-33: Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love. For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to the children of men.



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God's revealed will: 1 Timothy 2:3-4

This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

God's sovereign will: John 6:40

For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life...



YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE... 2. The WILL of GOD

"For my thoughts "As the heavens are higher than are not your thoughts, the earth, neither are so are my ways higher your ways my ways," than your declares ways and my thoughts than the LORD. your thoughts." Isaiah 55:8-9

2. The WILL of GOD – UNDERSTANDING THE TASK

Praying & working for God's will to be done in the world

Praying for those in authority

"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."

1 Timothy 2:1-4

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Praying & working for God's will to be done in the church

"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. John 17:20-21

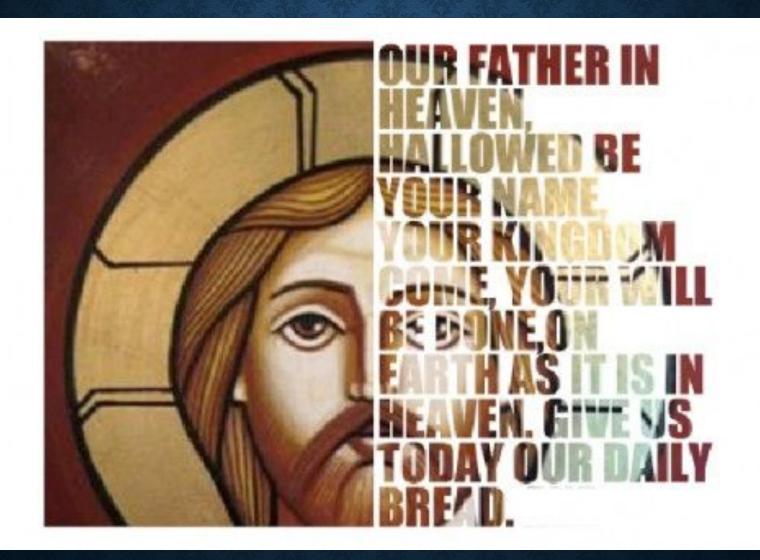
2. The WILL of GOD - UNDERSTANDING THE TASK

Praying & working for God's will to be done in my life

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

ROMANS 12:2





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