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THE WILL OF GOD

The directive will of God, the permissive will of God and the overruling will of God show how the sovereignty of God deals with human volition. The will of God as to what would exist (that is the divine decree) calls for God's will (His perfect attributes of sovereignty) to function toward us in certain ways:

1. Directly stating what He desires of us
2. Permissively allowing us to go our own way
3. Overruling our decisions – not letting them have their intended results (in order to protect us and the rest of mankind from our own negative volition and to preserve and perpetuate His own marvelous plan).

All things depend on God's will (the divine decree) and nothing certain from God's will. The divine decree originates from His omniscience, and in the eternity past the divine decree separated the facts from fiction.

Again, we have to make a distinction between God's omniscience and His foreknowledge. God's decree does not originate from His foreknowledge. God's foreknowledge makes nothing certain; it merely perceives what the decrees have made certain. Prophecy never determines history. Nothing can be foreknown until it is decreed. The divine foreknowledge is God's cognizance of what He has decreed regarding believers.

We must make distinction between the desires of God and the decrees of God. The decree of God merely establishes the facts of history –many things are included which God does not desire. They are in the decree because the omniscience of God knew that, given free will, His creatures would reject the plan and purpose of their Creator.

All sins are act of negative human volition and although God never approves of sin, He puts them in the decrees because He knew we would commit them. The decree deals with reality with certainty –with what actually happens. Just because God decrees a particular event to take place does not mean He approves of it.

Sin, human good, and evil are not the desire of God, but they are in the decrees because people do these things from their own volition. God desires His perfect will, but angels and men use their god-given freedom to violate the desires of God. The very fact that sin and evil are in the decree is proof that our volition is truly free.

The decree is the all-exclusive will of God; they contain all the facts of history –both the decisions, which pleases God and those, which displeases Him.

God does not desire to cast His creatures into the Lake of Fire, but it is decreed as certain for all men who reject Christ as Savior [2 Peter 3:9]. God's desire is for all unbelievers to

come to a change of mind toward Christ but for those with negative volition at the point of God's consciousness or Gospel-hearing, the Lake of Fire is decreed and become a divine retribution.

God does not desire to discipline believers, but it is decreed as certain for all carnal or immature God desires to express His perfect justice toward you but if you do not permit His justice to bless you –His justice will not hesitate to discipline you. We are created as free agents responsible for our own decisions. Either we adjust to the justice of God or the justice of God will adjust to us. God will never cause us any kind of misery or pains –we manufacture our own miseries. The desire of God is always contrary to the will or system of men. There is nothing we can do against the will of God except to reject or refuse it.