Sweet Will of God

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INTRODUCTION

- We are here because of God. We're here for God. We are here solely to worship our God.
- Even more fundamental than that, we need to talk about God, the God whom we worship.
- This morning I'd like to talk about the subject that we just sang about. The will of God.

1 The Determined Will of God

Genesis 1:1; 1 Chronicles 29:10–12; Job 42:2

- When we talk about the determined will of God, we're talking about something that God in his power and in his sovereignty has decided to do.
- And because of his position, nothing can thwart that will.
- When we talk about the determined will of God, there is no person to whom we can appeal.
- Let's be careful in our complaints. Because do we realize that every complaint implies that I could do it better?
- The first response to the determined will of God is praise.
- The second is that of Job, and that is submission.

2 His Preceptive or Revealed Will

Psalm 19; Ephesians 5:17

- God's will for our lives has been revealed through His Word, the Bible.
- The only way we can truly know God is through his revealed will.
- The fundamental reason we study God's word is to know about Him.
- I will not truly appreciate and submit myself to the revealed will of God until I fully understand and appreciate His determined will.
- Therefore, do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.
- What's our response to the revealed will of God? Is to understand it. To understand what God wants from me.

3 His Desired Will

2 Peter 3:9; Revelation 2:21

- Because he also possesses that much innate mercy, grace, and love has decided on many things to let us decide.
- He wants us to serve him, but he doesn't force us to.
- Our God, who is love, understands that love is only truly love when it is voluntarily offered, not forced.
- The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some count slackness, but is long suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to his repentance.

- See, God does not always impose his will.
- God gave her time and chance to repent. But she would not.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Will you make the choice to come and serve me? May we always say, let in me thy will be done.**

MY NOTES