

## A DEVOTIONAL SERIES ON THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

### GOD'S WILL

John 6:38-40 “**For** I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.”

When you first read these words of Jesus you would expect Him to say them. After all, He is the Son of Yahweh, His Father in heaven. As an obedient Son, which in His sinlessness He is, will do all His Father asks of Him.

Jesus, in fervent prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane prayed, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.” (Matthew 26:39) Again, Jesus defers to God’s will. He was praying this prayer just hours prior to His crucifixion on Good Friday. God’s will was for His Son Jesus to suffer and die for your sins.

Why would God will His Son to die? You know the answer. It is given here in John 6:40, “For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.” God the Father’s will is that Jesus should “. . . lose none of all those He (The Father) has given me, but raise them up at the last day.” (John 6:39)

How comforting and faith strengthening it is to read these words of Jesus in John 6. With these words Jesus assures you that your Father in Heaven wants you, through His saving work to be saved and receive the gift of everlasting life in heaven.

This should leave no doubt in your mind or heart about your eternal destiny. Your Father’s will is for you to receive the gift He gives of forgiveness of your sins and eternal life through His Son who He sent to set you free from sin’s bondage. (John 8:36) Your Father’s will is that you have eternal life and be raised up by Jesus on the last day. John 6:39)

Prayer: Thank you, Dear heavenly Father, for revealing Your will for me through the pen of John and the words of Jesus. Amen.

May God bestow on us His grace, With blessings rich provide us;  
And may the brightness of His face To life eternal guide us,  
That we His saving health may know, His gracious will and pleasure,  
And also to the nations show Christ's riches without measure  
And unto God convert them.

Thine over all shall be the praise And thanks of ev'ry nation;  
And all the world with joy shall raise The voice of exultation.  
For Thou shalt judge the earth, O Lord, Nor suffer sin to flourish;  
Thy people's pasture is Thy Word Their souls to feed and nourish,  
In righteous paths to keep them.

O let the people praise Thy worth, In all good works increasing;  
The land shall plenteous fruit bring forth, Thy Word is rich in blessing.  
May God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit bless us!  
Let all the world praise Him alone, Let solemn awe possess us.  
Now let our hearts ay, "Amen!"  
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