

# The Mystery of God's Ways

- *“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the Lord. 9 “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.” Isa. 55:8-9*
- *The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law. Deut. 29:29*
- We dare not guess or put our ideas into God's ways. He is infinitely above us. Both in the operation of the creation and in His commands.

# God's Ways are "Past Finding Out"

- *Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How **unsearchable are His judgments** and **His ways past finding out!** 34 "For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor?" 35 'Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?" 36 For **of Him** and **through Him** and **to Him are all things**, to whom be glory forever. Amen. Rom 11:33-36*
- Unsearchable and Past finding out
- Since no one knows. He has to reveal it!

# Only Scripture Can Reveal God's Ways

- *those **things which are revealed belong to us** and to our children forever Duet 29:29*
- *So **if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments**, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days." 1 Kings 3:14*
- *'I have found David the son of Jesse, **a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.**' Acts 13:22*
- *Oh, that My people would **listen to Me**, That Israel would **walk in My ways!** Ps 81:13*

# Walk in God's Ways

- *Then it shall be, if you heed all that I command you, walk in My ways, and do what is right in My sight, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as My servant David did, then I will be with you and build for you an enduring house, as I built for David, and will give Israel to you. 1Kgs 11:38*
- Heed all that I command = Walk in My ways = Do what is right in my sight = Keep My statutes and commandments

# In the NT, God's Ways = God's Will

- *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who **does the will of My Father** in heaven... depart from me, you **workers of lawlessness**." Mt. 7:21, 23*
- *Keeping Commands = Walking in God's ways = Doing the will of God.*
- *Breaking God's Laws = Not walking in God's ways = Not doing God's will = Lawlessness = Lawlessness = One who will not submit but knowingly rejects God's commands and Will.*
- *All in Denominations who change Creed to fit own ideas of Morality are lawless and practicing Lawlessness as if it were God's Will and Ways.*

# Jesus & His Disciples Do God's Will

- *For I came down from heaven, **not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.** Jn. 6:37*
- *And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that **you may prove** what is that good and acceptable and perfect **will of God.** Rom 12:2*
- *Therefore do not be unwise, but **understand what the will of the Lord is.** Eph 5:17-18*
- *that you may **stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.** Col 4:12-13*
- *Disciples follow Jesus. The “know, prove, stand perfect and complete in **ALL** the will of God.”*

# The Will of God Revealed in Scripture

- For **this is the will of God**, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; 4 that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, 1 Th. 4:3-4
- For you have need of endurance, so that **after you have done the will of God**, you may receive the promise: Heb 10:36
- make you **complete in every good work to do His will**, working in you **what is well pleasing in His sight**, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. Heb 13:21

# Will of World Clashes with God's Will

- *For all that is in the world — the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life — is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever. 1Jn 2:16-17*
- Every choice we make aligns us with God or the World. Our thoughts, words and deeds must be proved to be His Will

# When My Will Opposes God's

- What will I do when I find out:
- My opinions are opposed to God's
- My desires are opposed to God's.
- My goals are opposed to
- My plans is opposed to God's
- My lifestyle is opposed to God's
- My beliefs are opposed to God's
- Will This Help
- *he who does the will of God abides forever.*

# Jesus Sought to Make it Clear

- *If anyone wills to do His will... Jn. 7:17*
- *Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Mt 6:10*
- *For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother." Mt. 12:50*
- He knew that God's will would always be better for us, both now and in the future.
- God is Love – Nothing He wills will harm or lessen the quality of our life... Just the opposite!

# Our Will = Shame + Remorse

- *For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21 What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. 22 But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. Rom 6:20-22*
- All our memories of evil in doing our will brings no pleasure but doing God's will does.

# The Will of God or Gentiles

- *no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. 3 For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles — when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. 1 Peter 4:2-3*