**R959 Rumination for June 11, 2023 (Pt. 2)**

The **T**heme:  **The Seven “*I WILL’S*” of the Lord [Cont’d] See R958**

The **T**ext: *Because he hath set his love upon Me, therefore…*

1. ***will I*** *deliver him: [x2]*
2. ***I will*** *set him on high, because he hath known My name.*
3. *He shall call upon Me, and* ***I will*** *answer him:* **Psa. 91:14-17**

The **T**hots: *Because he hath set his love upon Me, therefore…*

1. **I will*…honour him****.* **Psa. 91:15**
2. The Honour with which God Honoured **M**oses at Jesus’ Transfiguration: Lk. 9:30, 31

*Behold, there talked with Him two men, which were Moses and Elias: Who appeared in glory…*

1. The Honour with which God Honoured **M**ary Mt. 26:13

*Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world,*

*…there shall also this, that this woman* [Mary] *hath done, be told for a memorial of her.*

1. The Honour with which God will Honour the **M**essiah. Phil. 2:9-11

*Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name…*

* God **Will honour** all who honour Him – *for them that honour Me I will honour.* I Sam. 2:30

1. ***With Long Life* Will I *Satisfy Him.*** **Psa. 91:16a**
2. The Shortness of **E**very-day Life. Jas. 4:14

*Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life?*

*It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.*

1. The **E**verlastingness of **E**ternal Life.
2. *Verily, verily, I say unto you…* Jn. 8:51, 52

*If a man keep My saying, he shall never see death…he shall never taste of death.*

1. *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.* Jn. 5:24
2. The In**E**ffectiveness of **E**arthly Death
3. Death is only a **S**hadow. Psa. 23:4

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:*

*for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me*.

1. Death fled when Jesus **S**howed up! Jn. 11:25, 26

*Jesus said…I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead,*

*yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. Believest thou this?*

1. As in the case of Jairus’ Daughter Lk. 8:49-56

*Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master…but He said, Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth.*

*And he…took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise.*

*And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway: and he commanded to give her meat.*

1. As in the case of the Widow of Nain’s Son. Lk. 7:11-18

*He went into a city called Nain…there was a dead man…the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: When the Lord saw her…He came and touched the bier…And He said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And He delivered him to his mother.*

1. As in the case of Lazarus, Mary’s and Martha’s Brother. Jn. 11:38-44

*Jesus…Himself cometh to the grave…He cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. He that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes…Jesus saith…Loose him, and let him go.*

* Thus, the Victorious Cry of Jesus Who rose from the dead:

“*O death, where is thy sting?” “O Grave where is thy victory?”* I Cor. 15:55-57

1. **I Will *Set Him on High.*** **Psa. 91:14**
2. Saints are blessed with a Posi**tion** on High. Eph. 1:3

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:*

1. Saints blessed with an Ambi**tion** from on High. Col. 3:1-4
2. *If ye then be* ***R****isen with Christ,* **R**each out for *those things which are above,*

That is *where Christ sitteth on the* ***R****ight hand of God.*

1. **R**efocus your vision and *affection on things above, not on things on the earth.*
2. The **R**eason *– For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.*
3. And Christ is **R**eturning soon *– when Christ, Who is our life, shall appear,*
4. His **R**eward is with Him *– then shall ye also appear with Him in glory.*
5. **I Will *show him My Salvation* – [Recapitulation of The Seven “I Will’s” of God: Psa. 91:14-16]**

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4. ***I will*** *be with him in trouble;*
5. ***[I will]*** *honour him.*
6. *With long life* ***will I*** *satisfy him,*
7. *and* **[will I]** *shew him My salvation.*

*Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.*

*Mold me and make me after Thy will, While I am waiting, yielded and still.* A.A. Pollard

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK. R. 959**

1. God’s Will was of the most paramount importance even to the Son when He was in Heaven. When confronted with the ineffectiveness of the Levitical offerings and sacrifices which needed to be repeated year after year, and with which, God Himself was not satisfied, He offered Himself to be the Living Sacrifice for sin. Thus, the writer to the Hebrew Christians had this to report:

Hebrews 10:3-10 – *But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.*

*Wherefore when He cometh into the world, He saith, Sacrifice and offering Thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared Me: In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin Thou hast had no pleasure. Then said I,* ***Lo, I come*** *(in the volume of the book it is written of Me,)* ***to do Thy will****, O God.*

*Above when He said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin Thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law;*

*Then said He,* ***Lo, I come to do Thy will, O God****. He taketh away the first, that He may establish the second.* ***By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.***

Again, when Jesus was on earth, facing the Prospect of being the living sacrifice on the cross, Apostle Luke recorded His memorable words in His prayer at Gethsemane:

Luke 22:41, 42 *– And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, Saying, Father, if Thou be willing, remove this cup from Me: nevertheless* ***not My will, but Thine, be done.***

Thus, if the Son placed Himself at His Father’s Pleasure to Perform His Father’s Will, is it not the more important that we should ever be conscious of this - to do God’s Will? But how? Paul has the answer:

Romans 12:1-2 – *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God,*

*that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*

*And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind,* ***that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God****.*

**REFLECT**

1. There is still another aspect of the Will of God that we need to consider. We have discussed the **Prescribed Will of God** as Written in His Word. It shows Precisely what God wants and what God Wills in black and white. There is no question about this aspect of the Will of God. However, there is still God’s **Personal Will** for the individual believer which differs from one person to the other.

Finally, we need to consider also **God’s Permissive Will**. This is where God’s Personal Will for the person is not accepted and he insists that God gives him what he wants. This is typical of Israel who rejected God’s best to insist on what they wanted.

Thus, *And when the people complained, it displeased the LORD: and the LORD heard it; and his anger was kindled; and the fire of the LORD burnt among them, and consumed them that were in the uttermost parts of the camp.* (Num. 11:1)

This would be the Permissive Will of God where the believer insists on having his own will and rejects God’s Personal Will for him. Consequently, he gets his way, but He would not get the best from God. Thus, *He gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul.* (Psa. 106:15)

God’s **P**rescribed and **P**ersonal Will for you is ever God’s best for you. God’s **P**ermissive Will for you is never intended to be His best, but just because you insist on it.

God’s Best is always **R**eserved for you. Give it your Best to **R**esort to it! **REFLECT**

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**Points To Ponder:** *Seek the* ***B****est of God’s* ***W****ill and leave the* ***R****est to Him to* ***W****ork it out.*