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**A.TEXT: 1 SAMUEL 8:1-8, 19-22** *And it came about when Samuel was old that he appointed his sons judges over Israel. Now the name of his firstborn was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judging in Beersheba. His sons, however, did not walk in his ways, but turned aside after dishonest gain and took bribes and perverted justice. Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah; and they said to him, "Behold, you have grown old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint a king for us to judge us like all the nations." But the thing was displeasing in the sight of Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." And Samuel prayed to the LORD. The LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in regard to all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me from being king over them. "Like all the deeds which they have done since the day that I brought them up from Egypt even to this day - in that they have forsaken Me and served other gods -so they are doing to you also.*

***"Now then, listen to their voice; however, you shall solemnly warn them and tell them of the procedure of the king who will reign over them." – Nevertheless, the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel, and they said, "No, but there shall be a king over us, that we also may be like all the nations, that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles." Now after Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the LORD'S hearing. The LORD said to Samuel, Listen to their voice and appoint them a king." So Samuel said to the men of Israel, "Go every man to his city."***

**THEME:** THE PERFECT WILL OF GOD

**INTRODUCTION:** After settling in the land, Israel deviated from God's instruction and went after other gods. That happened immediately after the passing on of the generation of Joshua. God gave them up to be tortured by the remnants of other nations. Each time they felt the pressure of oppression, they cried to God and reminded Him of His covenant with them, a judge was provided to deliver them. But shortly after deliverance, they forgot and did the same abominable things.

God allowed this sequence for about 350 years before raising Samuel. Samuel was an icon of honesty and faithfulness to God. However, at Samuel's old age, his own children were not walking in his footsteps. The Bible says they were corrupt, and went after material gains. Israel as a nation did not see any future beyond Samuel.

The elders of the people sat down and formulated the solution instead of asking God for the way forward. They came up with a solution of their own as asked God to Rubber stamp it. ***They wanted a king like other nations.*** They assumed that with a king like other nations, they would be secure. Their demands had overtones of

comparison and mistrust of God and Samuel. The mischief of Samuel's children was just a scapegoat, but the real thing was to challenge theocracy.

God permitted it, but you could feel the tone, ***"Listen to the voice of the people in regard to all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me from being king over them"*** Every time I come to this point, my heart breaks. Israel was leading God instead of the other way round.

It was God's will for Israel to get king, because it was promised (***Deuteronomy 17:14-20***) ***"When you enter the land which the LORD your God gives you, and you possess it and live in it, and you say, I will set a king over me like all the nations who are around me,"***

***you shall surely set a king over you whom the LORD your God chooses, one from among your countrymen you shall set as king over yourselves; you may not put a foreigner over yourselves who is not your countryman.***

***"Moreover, he shall not multiply horses for himself, nor shall he cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, since the LORD has said to you, 'You shall never again return that way.'***

***"He shall not multiply wives for himself, or else his heart will turn away; nor shall he greatly increase silver and gold for himself.***

***"Now it shall come about when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself a copy of this law on a scroll in the presence of the Levitical priests.***

***"It shall be with him and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, by carefully observing all the words of this law and these statutes, that his heart may not be lifted up above his countrymen and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, to the right or the left, so that he and his sons may continue long in his kingdom in the midst of **Israel**."***

The promise and instructions were given at the plains of Moab about 450 years in advance. The problem was the timing wasn't right yet.

God's perfect will always has a time factor. God was still molding a nation of Israel to fit in the society and fulfill her mission.

It wasn't the time yet, but they aborted it by going ahead of God. God gave them a king, but prematurely. King Saul, the first King was disaster right from the beginning. He disappointed Israel and fell out with God.

The next king was better, but had a roaring appetite for women, and nearly wrecked himself. The third had a combination of unquenchable lust for women and a craving for material wealth. His action tore the nation into two. The list went on and till God expelled the first bunch of ten tribes permanently from the Land. The stench of their idolatrous activity could no longer be tolerated in Heaven. The remnants are under constant chastisement till the Messiah whom they disowned and killed returns to establish a millennium monarchy.

Just like Israel, we many times, have tried to lead God instead of the other way round: We minimize Him by presenting our own designed solutions instead of allowing Him take the lead.

God being merciful, may choose to prevail over our ways. He closes the door and seals every window, and we end up in bruises and stitches as we try forcing our way through. It is better that way for Him than losing us.

I learned my lesson in a hard way many years ago. I had a relationship which was progressing to marriage. I loved my fiancée with all my heart. I was fully convinced that she was the best and could make a wonderful wife for me. We fixed the date for traditional marriage and I was really looking forward to that day.

Unfortunately, and just a week prior to the set date I received a shocking news in a chat from her. She had had a change of mind. She was no longer moving forward with me. She had declined to take me as a husband. No reason given, but it became known later that she was seeing two people and had been at crossroad, hovering over two opinions, throughout our time of engagement.

It was the worst moment in the history of my life. I fell down flat on the floor and wept till about 3:00 am in the morning. I received the news

at about 8:00 pm when I was in the FOCAS office doing research for my sermons.

God intervened and gave both peace, and an encouraging dream. The Holy Spirit Himself consoled me. When the right person came two months later it was clear that it was God: one thing followed the other systematically and hustle free. I learned my lesson very well. It was killing me at that time, but today I can say, it is good that she went.

I do not support the popular notion of dating when it comes to choice of a spouse. Anyone can hide in a mask and act effectively. One of major contributing factors to the instability of marriages in the west is its foundation, which is dating. I believe in trusting God's in choosing a partner, career, and everything else. Getting the correct spouse from a sea of potential candidates is not something that should be subjected to the joker's notion of dating. Dating has never been a Biblically proven method. It is simply an invention of a backslidden, experimental generation.

The Expression, "Will of God," is very common among the Christian believers as well as religious people world over. Whenever someone mentions, "God's Will" it leaves me wondering which of the two he or she may be making reference to.

There are two major types of God's will in scripture. They are "***The Permissive***" and "***The Perfect***" will of God. The Permissive will is when we go to God with predetermined answer for Him to endorse. It puts God in a box and reduces Him to human realm.

The mistake Israel made is a common one with people. When they are in difficulties, need or pressure, they figure out the answer, and how and where it must come. Such response does not depict trust in God and it is always with a cost (***Proverbs 3:5-6***) "***Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding .In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.***"

***THE PERFECT WILL OF GOD (ROMANS 12:2): "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of***

***your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect”***

When a person responds to the gospel of Salvation through Christ Jesus, it is not a mere change of religion, as many mistake it to be, but total surrender of everything including rights and will.

***(2Corinthians 5:15) “and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf”.***

This is the heart of Christianity and an entry point to eternity. We do not score when we talk and do things purported to be God’s project when it is not within His perfect will for us

***Mathew 7:21 “Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter.***

***22 Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’***

***“And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.’***

To be in the perfect will of God is to be in His ordained place, in the right time and effectively function in it. You become an element used in the construction of the invisible church. God has not saved any one just to be redundant, but to actively fit in His universal body. I am not against the denominational divisions known as churches, but emphasize placement above individual’s local congregation. God provides the grace and the tools to enable every willing and obedient believer to fit in.

**THERE ARE THINGS THAT WE NEED TO TAKE NOTE OF AS FAR AS GOD’S PERFECT WILL IS CONCERNED:**

1. God’s perfect will is not for casual believers but for those who are willing to pay the price of allowing the Holy Spirit to make a complete overhaul in their lives including mind and attitude. It takes a process to transform the mind and dissolve the worldly attitudes. **DO NOT**

## **CONFORM TO THIS WORLD, BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND.**

That means that knowing the perceiving the will of God only is possible when we have are transformed.

John put it a little differently. John says, ***“Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.***

***For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.” (1John 2:15-16)***

Breaking free from the world is a process known as regeneration and only be accomplished by an inward-working of God in a person. It is a state of maturity resulting from obedience to the word of God, direction of the Holy Spirit and consistent rebuke from the Lord.

2. The will of God is always the best place one can be. There is no other better place for a believer other than the will of God **“ SO THAT YOU MAY PROVE WHAT THE WILL OF GOD IS, THAT WHICH IS GOOD”**

This must not be taken in an absolute way, but relatively: What may be good to one person may not be good to the other as the saying goes, ***one mans food is the other one’s poison***”. A good thing is something comfortable and enjoyable. As I already mentioned before, God gives us His grace and spiritual endowments to match specific assignment.

This does not imply that there are no difficulties in the will of God. For example, I do not see the Apostle Paul resenting ministry despite heavy persecution, shipwrecks, beatings, poverty, risks etc. He loved and enjoyed it ***Philippians 1:23-26*** , ***“But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better; yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy in the faith, so that your proud confidence in me may abound in Christ Jesus through my coming to you again.***

3. The will of God is perfect, implying that it fits exactly. Just as in a household, there is a variety of household vessels and equipment, but each is suitable for a specific duty. A kitchen knife is a wonderful tool, but cannot perfectly fit in the place of a table fork.

2Timothy 2:20-21, ***“Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some to honor and some to dishonor.***

***Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.***

Each person is quite unique, and it is God who knows where they fit exactly.

4. God’s will is acceptable to the person designed for it. There is no requirement for force or endurance, but a deeply flowing fulfillment to that person. The outside viewers may not understand it, only the individual called is the one to understand. The acceptability of God’s will has nothing to do with monetary benefits.

I have been in full-time ministry now for more than 25 years, living by faith. I have neither local church congregation to fall back to nor an income generating activity. Having income generating activity is an excellent idea, but the Lord has not permitted it for me so far, and doing it forcefully will be permissive will, and there is a cost attached.

Before stepping out to full-time ministry, we discussed everything with the Lord. He is playing His part, and I am also trying to do my part. He has not failed me nor has He slacked on His promises.

Yes, people have often wondered and admired it, but my genuine advice to every one including my own children not to try it out unless God speaks, and speaks clearly. It is like jumping into the murky waters of the ocean. You can only keep afloat by the saying word of God, referred to as **“Rhema.”**

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