

There is a Will to do God's Will

1 John 2:17 b: "But he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."

Let's listen, what God's Prophet said about it:

Now, there's one way to **get into the (human) body**. How's this body controlled? Now, watch real close now and you get your pencils ready. Here's the gate on this side that goes into the body: one, two, three, four, five. Now, you got that drawn? Now, the first gate over here is, **see, smell, hear, and taste, and touch or feel** (either one it **wants to be**, doesn't matter). Now, that's the senses in the body. Is that right? Now, we got a soul after you get through this. The senses is outside; that's the outer system.

Now, in here there's one, two, three, four, five, five attributes **in the soul**. Now, you want to write them down? **The first one is imagination, imagination. The second one is conscience. And the third one is memory. And the fourth one is reason. And the fifth one is affection.**

The soul is imagination, conscience, memory, reason, and affection, is the senses or the attributes, or like the senses of the soul. **And the soul is the nature of the spirit that's on the inside, 'cause the soul only puts out an atmosphere of what's on the inside of you.** It takes the place of sanctification, the soul is, sets in the same category there. All right.

Now, to this gate (spirit) there's **only one, one gate**, that's called "**self will.**" **You're the boss of what goes in there.** And what does it do? What is this? **The body must be washed**, the laver; sanctified, at here; **filled with the Holy Spirit here, and this becomes God's judgment seat again, where God sets in your heart**, if you do something wrong, say, "Oh, my, I did wrong."

Some people say, "It don't condemn me to wear short hair," the women. "It don't condemn me to wear manicure or makeup," or whatever it is. "It don't condemn me to go to dances. It don't condemn me to tell a little white lie. It don't condemn me to play bridge at my bridge party." You know why? **You ain't got nothing to condemn.** "That don't hurt my conscience." You got no more conscience than a snake has hips. So you just... You ain't got no conscience; there ain't nothing there will hurt you. **You're of the world.**

But I challenge you to **let Jesus Christ come in here** and try to do it one time. Brother, you'll be so condemned you'll back off and shake your head from that thing just as certain as I'm standing here, 'cause He's holy. Listen, I'm quoting the Scripture, "If you love them things (That's the world.), things of the world, it's because the love of God's not even in you". (*1 John 2:15*).

"How is self-will? Why will you call that **self-will**, Brother Branham?" Because it puts a man and woman back again just like Adam and Eve at the garden of Eden, On what? The two trees? **Self-will, this one is death. This one is Life, self-will. Free moral agency...** God placed the first man, Adam and Eve, right here

on free moral agency. He places you the same place. And the only way that you can get this thing fixed in **here is your own self-will**. Hallelujah. **Your self-will. You have to will to do God's will. You have to get rid of your own will to let God's will come in**, for this is **the only channel** that leads to the heart.

Oh, you can join church, you Baptists and Presbyterians. And you Methodists and Pilgrim Holiness can come to sanctification. **But you have to will to do God's will, self-will, to let the Holy Spirit come in here** to bring forth: "These signs shall follow them that believe (*Mark 16:17-18*); In My Name they shall cast out devils. They shall speak with new tongues. They shall lay their hands on the sick, or take up deadly things, and so forth. These signs shall follow them **that has let their will become My will**, and the works that I do shall they do also." (*John 14:12*). I hope you don't miss it. **There's a will to do God's will**. You see what I mean? [1]

Then how do we get into this? Now, remember, there was a veil, a veil that hangs between the holy and the holiest of holies. In the holiest of holies is where **Christ comes to set down on your heart's throne. Christ is enthroned**. He comes through justification (is that right?); sanctification; "And then by one (water, by one church, by one creed) **by one Spirit**," from here are we all **baptized into one body which is the body of Christ** (*I Cor. 12:13*). By the what? **Holy Spirit** (*Eph. 4:4-6*).

Who comes in? Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterian, Pentecostals, whosoever will. That veil, you know what that veil is that veils your heart from it? Are you ready? **The veil is called "self-will."** Do you get the picture now? The senses out there, the senses on the body and the senses to the soul, and the veil between that and the holy place, the holiest of holy... **And the only way that you can get in there is to have self will** "For whosoever..." (*Rev. 22:17*). What? Whosoever shakes hands? Whosoever is immersed? Whosoever joins the church? Whosoever passes his letter? Whosoever does? No. "Whosoever will come beyond the veil..."

Let Christ come to the senses; say "Well, I ought to. I don't want to go to hell; that's one thing. I'll join church." All right, Lutherans.

"Well, I will tell you what; I believe I ought to live a different life, what I can," sanctification at the altar. All right, Methodist.

All right, **then whosoever will**, let him pass the riven veil. Oh, glory be to God. I'm on the other side. Hallelujah to His Name. Oh, my. Whosoever will, **let him tear down the curtains of his own will and let God come into his heart. There's Christ on His judgment seat in the human heart. What is to happen?**

You say, "Oh, I can tell dirty jokes; it don't condemn me." Why? **You ain't got nothing to condemn**. No one's there to take it out. No one's there to condemn you. "Well, I'll tell you," the women say, "I can have short hair; it don't condemn me." No wonder. See? "No, I can wear shorts, I can do this. I..." The man said, "It don't hurt me to smoke cigars." Said, "And it don't hurt me to play some cards and shoot some dice," and whatever they do. "It don't hurt me." And they still belong to the church. See? "Don't hurt me to do this." Why? Why? **There's nothing there to judge you.**

But when Christ comes in, you've created an altar on your heart and your sins are taken daily. The great Saint Paul said, "I die daily (*I Cor. 15:31*). Nevertheless I live, but not me live, but Christ liveth in me." (*Gal. 2:19-20*). There's the inner veil. Oh, brother, sister. [2]

The outside man is a physical being which is controlled by six senses, or five senses, rather. **The inside man is a spirit man** which is controlled by five senses: Conscience, and love, and so forth. The outside man: see, taste, feel, smell, hear. **But the inside of that spirit is a soul, and it's controlled by one thing: your free will. You can accept what the devil says or accept what God says. And that'll determine what spirit's in there.** If it's a Spirit of God, it'll feed on the things of God, and it won't feed on anything of the world. Jesus said, "If you love the world or the things of the world, it's because the **love of God's not even entered this inner part.**" (*Romans 5:5*). Satan's deceived you. "And man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (*Matt. 4:4*).

Has God lost control, or is He just permitting another agency to control? I wonder. The true answer to this question is... To my opinion, **there is two opposing spirits in the world today at work.** Now, there can't be no more than two, two heads. **And One of them is the Holy Spirit at work; the other one is a spirit of the devil,** and in this last days **in deception.** Now, I'm going to base my thoughts right on here for the rest of the text, the rest of our message.

The two spirits, one of them God's Holy Spirit, the other one the devil's spirit working in deception. The people of the earth are now making their choice. The Holy Spirit is here calling out a Bride for Christ. He's doing it by vindicating His Word of promise to Her for this age, showing that It is Christ. If the finger's supposed to move in this age, the finger will move. If the foot's supposed to move in this age, the foot will move. If the eye is to see in this age, the eye will see. See? **The Spirit of God, as It's grewed into the full statue of God is... The age that we're now living in, the Holy Spirit is here vindicating the Message of the hour.** And the Holy Spirit is doing this, so that the people that believe God will be called out of this chaos. The devil's unholy spirit is here calling his church by the error, as usual, by perversion of the Word of God like he did at the beginning. [3]

Now, they repented and were baptized, and come out to walk in a new life, in a new land, in a new journey, amongst new people, and the hand of God upon them. But it finally come to a place in this walk that they had, that they was not satisfied with their walk of grace. **They had to come to something that they could do themselves** (*Exod. 19:7-8*).

And they, if they would've continued on... The promise wasn't given them under the law. The promise was given before the law, without any conditions to it, **"I have given you this land; go on over into it"** (*Joshua 1:1-2*). But before they got to that promise, **they decided there was something they must do themselves.**

Now, that's where people think today of Divine healing, or some any other work of grace of God, that there's something that you have to do. **You, there's nothing you have to do but believe, just believe God.**

And, that, we still find that among human beings. We're prone to be that way, "There's something we've got to do." We feel that, that we've got to have something into it also.

You do have something into it; that's your surrender of your own will, your own ideas to the will and idea of Almighty God, and it's finished. That's all there is. Just take His promise, don't think of nothing else. Walk by it, and God does the rest of it. [4]

But remember, He will give you the desire of your heart. He promised that. You know that? He promised to give you the desire of your heart. **And let your desire be the Word of God. Let your desire be His will, never your own will, His will. If you ask Him for something,** He don't give it to you, say, "Thank You, Lord. You know what's good." (*Ps. 78:18-32; Num. 11:4-35; Num. 22:9-22*) [5]

God is sovereign. And we see here what David done in the Scripture reading of *I Chronicles 13*. His intentions were good. **But God does not give us merits on good intentions. There's only one way to serve God; that's by doing His will at His command. And God, being sovereign, there's no one to tell Him what to do or how to do it; He does it the way... He knows the right way to do it. And that makes me feel good.** And it ought to make all of us feel good, and I'm sure it does. For one would have it coming this way, and one have it going that way, and one the other way...

But one great thing again about God, He's not left us, now, without knowing what's the Truth and how to do it. He wouldn't be just to punish us for doing something that we didn't know how it was going to be done, and then let us stumble into something. He's not that kind of a God. He's a God that speaks a Word and **expects His children to believe It. And therefore, He knows what's best, and when to do it,** and how to do it. We have our ideas of it, but He knows. [6]

Now, we lose our glory, if we lose faith. **Now, if we get away from faith, then we take the church into an intellectual realm.** And many times, it's been thought amongst people, that because a congregation was large, and they had great churches, great steeples, and a great lot of well-dressed and groomed peoples, and a lot of finances, that they could afford such things, we many times, thought that this certain church must be inspired. Or we've often referred to different ministers, who get out on the field and have great gatherings of crowds, and we think, sometimes, **that they are the signs of inspiration.** But that's not altogether the truth. **That's human inspiration.**

But the real inspiration comes by doing the will of God, whether it is a one or just a handful. Whether it is a big church or a small church, it matters not. Whether he is a great eloquent speaker or just a man that hardly knows his ABC's, it doesn't matter. It depends on the message that he brings, **whether it is inspired by the Word of God or is it inspired by intellectuals conceptions of human inspiration.**

Some people can be inspired because of an eloquent speaker. That doesn't make it right. Sometimes they're inspired, because the man is so trained, till he could put his point over. **That doesn't mean that it's of God.** See? It's only through God's everlasting, eternal, **blessed Word can we receive inspiration, and that's given by the Holy Ghost.** By faith we receive it. [7]

Always remember, church; God's Words are true. **I believe the right mental attitude towards any Divine promise of God will bring it to pass, if you can look at it in the right way.** But remember, here's been my standard in life. I have tried to do this. The first thing, **I want to find out whether it's the will of God or not. Then I know it's God's will. The next thing, is my objective to it and my motive in doing it. Then if it's the will of God, and my objective is right, and my motive is right, I have faith that it'll be done.** Because, **first, it's the will of God and my objective is to glorify Him,** and my motive is to give Him all the glory (to please Him). See? So there's no selfish motives about it. **If you have a selfish motive it won't work.** If your objective is to make money for yourself or something, why, you'll never succeed. **And then try to do something outside of the will of the Lord, then it won't work to begin with** (*John 7:17*).

So there is genuine faith, but you must come into the real channel of God to have that genuine faith. There's human faith, then there's faith of God (*Gal. 2:19-20; II Cor. 4:13*). And you must have a godly faith to believe. Now, then to have godly faith, you must have **the mind of Christ in you.** Then that's how God projects to you visions, revelations, and all these things **comes by the mind of Christ being in you.** You get it? *"Let the mind that was in Christ be in you"* (*Phil. 2:5*). [8]

Did you think that in this Russia, they have got a false Pentecost? They are. That's the work of the devil. They're trying to force all men into communism, where every man has everything commonly. Do you know that was the condition of the Church under the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, that the people sold their possessions and laid them at the feet of the disciples, and they distributed them to every man as they had need (*Acts 2:42-47*)? **And now the devil's come around, and got into the world and made a political power to force man to that.**

God does not force man to do anything. You do it on your own free will. He can warn you, throw a barricade across your path, **but you walk your own self with your own decision in His Presence to make Him your Saviour.** But Satan has perverted God's plan to his own plan. [9]

Now, if you want to do right, I'm so glad tonight to tell you that there is a **City of refuge; that's Jesus Christ.** If you don't want to do wrong, the enemy's after you, then there's a way of escape; and that escape is Jesus Christ. **There's a place where you can come and let off the steam** (*Num. 35:6-34; Jos. 20:1-3*).

But if you love to sin and you don't want God, then the enemy's going to overtake you somewhere. You can't come to Christ, because you don't want to.

And when this man comes to Christ, this place of Refuge... When a man come in in the Old Testament, the first thing, **he had to come upon his own free will. And that's the way you have to come to Christ.** [10]

You're going to walk under **your own free will.** [11]

Now, **the Lamb in the time of intercessory back here**, He knew that there were names in there that was put in there from the foundation of the world (*Rev. 13:8*), and as long as them names have never been manifested on earth as yet, **He had to stay there as Intercessor** (*Rev. 5:1-10*). Do you get it? Perfectly predestination... See?

All right, He had to stay there, because **He came to die for those that God had ordained to Eternal Life** (*Acts 13:48*). See, see? By His foreknowledge He saw them, **not by His own will. His will was that none should perish** (*I Tim. 2:3-4*), **but by His foreknowledge He knew who would and who would not.**

Therefore as long as there was one name hadn't never yet been declared in earth, **Christ had to stay there as an Intercessor to take care of that name.** But as soon as that final name had been splashed in that Clorox or bleach, **then His intercessory days was over.** "*Let him that's filthy be filthy still. Let him that's holy, he's holy still*" (*Rev. 22:11*). See? And he leaves **the sanctuary, and then it becomes a judgment seat.** Woe unto those outside of Christ then. [12]

Remember, **I can't force you to come against your own will**, but I believe this might be the time all that what you've looked forward to, it might be fixing to happen right now.

And this could be; I hope it's not. It could be the last time you'll ever be called. Remember, He won't always strive. **He'll call, then He'll turn from you, never to come again.** [13]

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[4] "A Paradox" (65-0117), par. 71-75

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[Bro. Branham in „Conduct-Order-Doctrine“, page 724]