

God's Will

- The Meaning of God's Will
 - Sovereign will:
 - God's ultimate, complete control over everything
 - Wouldn't be God if He didn't know what was going to happen
 - Isa. 14:24, Eph. 1:11
 - Commanded will:
 - The revealed will of God where we are held accountable
 - Mt. 28:20; what all believers are to be taught
 - Mt. 22:37, 29; two great commandments

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<u>Sovereign Will</u>	<u>Commanded Will</u>
Secret: known only to God except as revealed through history or revelation	Revealed in the bible
Cannot be resisted or thwarted	Can be resisted or disobeyed
Encompasses both good and evil (sin)	Involves only that which is good and holy
Comprehensive; controls all aspects of life, time, and history	Specific; provides principles for living
The believer is not commanded to know or discover what God has not revealed	Believers are exhorted to know, understand, and obey all that God has revealed

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- Response to God's will
 - How should we respond to His sovereign will?
 - Prov. 3:5-6
 - 1 Pet. 4:19
 - Jms. 4:13-15
 - How should we respond to His commanded will?
 - Eph. 5:17
 - Dt. 29:29
 - Dt. 11:1

Guidance

- Meaning of guidance
 - God's active role in our lives, accomplishing His purpose
 - Lead (to shepherd, to bear or carry)
 - Ps. 78:52, 139:24
 - Guide (to show, to help understand)
 - Ps. 23:3, 73:24
 - Direct (to establish or prepare, make straight)
 - Prov. 16:9; 2 Thess. 3:5

Guidance

- The nature of guidance

<u>Direct Guidance</u>	<u>Indirect Guidance</u>
Spoken revelation from God	God's word
Visions	Conscience / Conviction
Dreams	Providence (circumstances controlled by God)
Person speaking for God	Wisdom and Counsel

- Guidance through God's word (Ps. 119:105)
- Guidance through conviction (Acts 17:16)
- Guidance through God's providence (Rom. 8:28)
- Guidance through God-given wisdom (Prov. 2:1-11)