

God's Will and Christ's Birth

Introduction

- The will of God reveals His intent & purpose
- The will of God is good, acceptable & perfect (Rom. 12:2)
- Jesus prayed & taught us to pray for God's will (Mt. 26:42; 6:10)
- God revealed His will regarding John the Baptist (Lk. 1:8-17)
- God worked a miracle regarding John (Lk. 1:7, 24-25)

I. God Reveals His Will (v. 26-33)

A. The messenger (v. 26-27)

God uses angels to serve Him & people supernaturally (Heb. 1:7, 14) Gabriel was sent to Daniel, Zechariah & Mary with a message from God.

B. The message (v. 28-33)

Gabriel's message was regarding the conception, name & mission of the Savior. His conception would be miraculous, his name was to be Jesus & he would be the eternal King of glory!

God clearly reveals His will to His people for obedience.

II. Response to God's Revealed Will (v. 29, 34-38)

A. Shock (v. 29)

Mary was a young, poor, engaged Jewish virgin living in obscurity (Nazareth). Mary was fearful, perplexed & amazed.

B. Submission (v. 34-38)

Mary was convinced that God was able to work this miracle & willingly submitted. The Holy Spirit will cause a believer to trust God in difficult matters even without fully understanding (Pr. 3:5-6; Mt. 22:37).

C. Song (v. 46-56)

God exposed Mary to more of his mighty works & confirmation of his promise to her (v. 39-45). Mary breaks forth with a song of praise!

Humble submission & praise is the right response to the will of God!