

AN ILLUSTRATION OF THE TYPES OF THE WILL OF GOD

1. Directive will of God
This is tantamount to the sovereign will of God, His choice for your life.
2. The permissive will of God
Where the negative volition in man is permitted to operate contrary to the will of God. Man goes negative against God's directive will. God's absolute righteousness says that God cannot coerce man. Justice disciplines the man.
3. The overruling will of God
Supersedes the directive will and permissive will of God and involves the frustration of Satan's will. God controls the circumstances, but does not interfere with the operation of one's volition. Like Jonah, God takes every situation in the life of the believer and makes it work together for the believer's good.
4. Illustration:
 - A. Illustration No. 1.
 1. 2 Corinthians 6:14, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?"
 2. Directive will of God. Do not marry an unbeliever. Sovereign will of God.
 3. Permissive will of God. You marry one anyway, resulting in misery and Divine discipline.
 - B. Illustration No. 2.
 1. 1 John 3:23a, "And this is His commandment, That we should believe on the Name of His Son Jesus Christ."
 2. Directive will of God: That all will be saved.
 - a. 2 Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."
 - b. Sovereign will of God.
 3. Permissive will of God: God will not overrule volition, because of His righteousness. Justice must condemn the negative signals. This is the last judgment for the unbelievers.
 - C. Illustration No. 3.
 1. 1 John 3:23b, "and love one another, as He gave us command."
 2. Directive will of God: That every believer to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Sovereign will of God.
 3. Permissive will of God: Every believer is not filled with the Holy Spirit. Righteousness does not interfere, but Justice executes Divine discipline.
 - D. Illustration No. 4, Balaam
 1. Numbers 22:12-31:8.
 2. Directive will of God:
 - a. "Thou shalt not go," depends on human viewpoint.
 - b. "Thou shalt not curse." Cursing depends upon satanic or demon influence.
 3. Permissive will of God: God permitted Balaam to go, but did not coerce his volition, one way or the other.
 4. Overruling will of God: God overruled this because it involved demons, and involved cursing on the children of Israel, and God protects His people, and His promises to His people, from Satanic action.