

## VOLITION, THE THREE WILLS

1. Absolute Will, Sovereignty of God
  - A. God is a self-determining personality. Sovereign.
    1. Psalm 135:6, "Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did He in Heaven, and in Earth, in the seas, and all deep places."
  - B. His sovereignty is eternal, everlasting. And is infinite or unlimited.
    1. Psalm 45:6, "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the scepter of Thy kingdom is a right scepter."
    2. Luke 1:37, "For with God nothing shall be impossible."
  - C. God is the Supreme Being of the universe.
    1. 1 Chronicles 29:11, "Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the Heaven and in the Earth is Thine; Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and Thou art exalted as Head above all. Both riches and honor come of Thee, and Thou reignest over all; and in Thine hand is power and might; and in Thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all."
    2. Hebrews 6:13, "For when God made promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no greater, He sware by Himself."
  - D. God is the King of all the Earth.
    1. Psalm 47:7, "For God is the King of all the Earth: Sing ye praises with understanding."
    2. Hebrews 8:1, "Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens."
    3. Isaiah 66:1, "Thus saith the Lord, The heaven in My throne, and the Earth is My footstool: where is the house that ye build unto Me? and where is the place of My rest?"
    4. Psalm 24:10, "Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory."
    5. Psalm 8:1, "O Lord our Lord, how excellent is Thy Name in all the Earth! who hast set Thy glory above the heavens."
    6. Psalm 47 and Psalm 9d all call Him "King."
  - E. God does whatsoever He pleases.
    1. 1 Samuel 2:6-8, "The Lord killeth, and maketh alive: He bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up. The Lord maketh rich: He bringeth low, and lifteth up. He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among the princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the Earth are the Lord's, and He hath set the world upon them."
    2. Psalm 115:3, "But our God is in the heavens: He hath done whatsoever He hath pleased."
  - F. God, in His sovereignty, pleased to give angels and man free will.
  - G. God does not ignore His other characteristics, nor does He operate outside of His plan.
2. The Free Will of Angels.
  - A. The five "I will's" of Satan. The whole story of the unseen conflict. Fallen and elect angels.

3. The Free Will of Man.
  - A. Every third class condition in the original Greek language.
  - B. Every subjunctive mood in the original Greek language.
  - C. Every "Whosoever will."
  - D. Every alternative as in John 3:36.
    1. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."
  - E. Man made "in the image of God" indicates human volition.
  - F. The very nature of the fall of man presents the fact of free will, or the only way in which Adam could fall was his volition working independently of God.
  - G. Man's free will first meets the sovereignty or free will of God at the cross.
    1. 2 Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."
  - H. The ISSUE in the HUMAN RACE: Will the free will of man act in conjunction with the sovereign will of God or act independently of it. "God is not willing that any man should perish."

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