

THE IMPORTANCE OF GOD’S WORD – 10
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REVIEW: Answers life’s three most important questions, saves, heals, delivers, saves the soul, created and upholds all things, enlightens, prevents sin, is ultimate truth, helps overcome life’s storms.

CONTINUE: COMMUNICATES GOD’S WILL – 1 JOHN 5:14-15

1. The twofold will of God.

A. General: That which has been communicated to us through God’s Word.

- **1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4** – It’s God’s will that we pray for government officials and political leaders in order to create an atmosphere conducive to saving the lost.
- **1 THESSALONIANS 5:18** – God wills that we develop thankful hearts, not for all things, but in all things.
- **EPHESIANS 5:15-18** – God wills that we live cautious, responsible, spirit-filled lives. That we use our allotted time on earth wisely, not in foolish living.
- **MATTHEW 8:1-3** – Healing is God’s will for those who are sick. **MATTHEW 8:5-13**
- **EXODUS 20** – The Ten Commandments reveal God’s will for everyone.
- **JOHN 13:34-35** – We are to love “even as” He loved us.
- **HEBREWS 13:5-6 (AMPC)** – It’s God’s clear will to never leave or forsake us at any time for any reason.

B. Specific.

- **GENESIS 12:1-4** – This was God’s Word specifically for Abraham and his family. I was told to leave my home and family and move to Tulsa to attend Bible School.
- **EXODUS 3:10** – God’s Word was directed to Moses. This was God’s will for Moses to deliver the people, not someone else.
- **JOSHUA 1:1-3** – God’s Word was given to Joshua to take up the mantle of Moses and lead His people into the promised land.

GOD’S WORD TO MARY – LUKE 1:30-38

1. The Word was spoken to Mary by Gabriel. God’s will is not always found in scripture. It can come in a dream. A vision, or the witness of the Spirit within, even an angel.
2. Mary called herself God’s servant. This was an expression of resignation to be submissive and obedient to what God said was to be done exclusively by her. This represents God’s sovereign will. **MATTHEW 16:24-26 (NLT)**
3. Mary laid her life on the altar of sacrifice, completely abandoning herself to the will of God, that He might do in and through her what was pleasing to Him.
4. Mary’s character was displayed. **LUKE 1:46-49** People today venerate Mary, but she never venerated herself. It was about God, not her.
5. Her decision was made in light of the human consequences. What will my parents think? What do I tell Joseph? What will people say? What about the law?
6. Following God’s general and specific will will come with challenges, but like Mary, our response should be - “be it unto me according to thy Word.”