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Let us enter in!

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# *The Priestly Blessing ...*

*Numbers 6:24-26*

“<sup>24</sup> The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: <sup>25</sup> The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: <sup>26</sup> The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.”

# *The Priestly Blessing ...*

Hebraic Translation

"YHVH will kneel before you presenting gifts, and He will guard you with a hedge of protection, YHVH will illuminate the wholeness of His Being toward you, bringing order, and He will provide you with love, sustenance, and friendship, YHVH will lift up the wholeness of His Being and look upon you, and He will set in place all you need to be whole and complete."

# The Priestly Blessing<sup>1</sup>

יְבַרְכֶּךָ יְהוָה וַיִּשְׁמְרֶךָ:

and may he guard you the LORD may he bless you

May the LORD<sup>2</sup> bless you<sup>3</sup> and keep you<sup>4</sup>

יָאֵר יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיַּחַנֶּךָ:

and show you favor on you his face the LORD May he shine

May the LORD make His face<sup>5</sup> shine<sup>6</sup> upon you and be gracious<sup>7</sup> to you

יִשָּׂא יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיִּשֶׂם לְךָ שְׁלוֹם:

peace for you and establish on you his face the LORD may he lift up

May the LORD lift up<sup>8</sup> his face to you and give you peace<sup>9</sup>

<sup>1</sup> This blessing is (ritually) recited (by the kohanim) during synagogue services during *Nesiat Kapayim* ("the Raising of the Hands"), though it is also recited over children on Friday night before the start of the Shabbat meal or as a bedtime blessing.

<sup>2</sup> The name *YHVH* (יהוה) represents God's attributes of love and mercy (מִדַּת הַרַחֲמִים), in contradistinction to the name *Elohim* (אֱלֹהִים), which represents God's attribute of justice and power as our Creator.

<sup>3</sup> בְּרַכָּה (*b'rachah*). Jewish tradition considers this both material and spiritual prosperity. Pirkei Avot 3:15 says, "If there is no flour, there is no Torah," by which is meant that material benefits are intended to help you pursue study of Torah. The first occurrence of the word "blessing" in the Scriptures pertains to *pru urvu* (פְּרוּ וּרְבוּ), "be fruitful and multiply" (Gen. 1:22).

<sup>4</sup> שָׁמַר (*shamar*): To guard, protect, heed, as in the exercise of diligent care. Only God has the power to secure the conferred blessing and keep it from turning sour or from fading away.

<sup>5</sup> The word for "face" (פָּנִים) is plural with the 3rd person singular ending. It is considered metaphorical since God is incorporeal. The plural form is thought by some to indicate God's revealed and hidden attributes in creation.

<sup>6</sup> The hiphil verb (יָאֵר) comes from the word "light" (אֹר), and is thought to refer to God's wisdom. "May God enlighten you" with His wisdom, i.e., the Divine Light that preceded the work of creation (Gen. 1:3).

<sup>7</sup> May God grant you grace or favor (חֵן), i.e., to understand the "breadth and length and height and depth" of God's love (Eph. 3:18). Grace refers to the bestowal of an undeserved gift. The blessing is bestowed even though unearned or unmerited.

<sup>8</sup> Since one's face is an indication of the heart's attitude, Rashi says that this means God will suppress His anger by "looking at you" (if God is angry at you, He "turns His face away" and refuses to admit your presence). The "lifting of face" also pictures God lifting you up as a father might lift up his child in joy. The "showing of face" indicates spiritual intimacy.

<sup>9</sup> All of the other blessings are useless without the establishment of inner peace, and therefore it is the seal of the blessing. Shalom (שְׁלוֹם) is not simply the absence of strife, but a balance and harmony between the finite and infinite, the temporal and the eternal, the material and the spiritual realms. Shalom is a gift from Sar Shalom (שָׂר שְׁלוֹם), the Prince of Peace.

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# Part 7: The Will

# THE WILL.

Our WILL is one of the most important aspects of who we are – it is the center of our being.

God's Will for us is the BEST, it is PERFECT, and Holy.

Man's will is sovereign, free and independent. Satan's will is polluted, he steals your potential, and he binds you!

*"The will of man can be regarded as his true self, because it truly represents him ... our emotions give expression to the way we feel; our intellect tells us only what we think; but our will communicates what we want."<sup>1</sup>*

Can you believe it? Man can say NO to God, and God will always respect his choice! God – the Creator of the entire universe – will never overrule your WILL!

*Luke 22:42 "42 Saying, Father, if You are **willing**, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but [always] Yours be done.*



Out of our LOVE for the LORD, we WILLINGLY submit to Him and His Ways. God will never force His Will upon us. God the Father did not even force His Will upon His Son – Y'shua [Jesus] chose the Father's Will. Many times your will is against God's Will BUT you can make a choice to repent and submit to do God's Will. Picking up your cross daily is where your will crosses with God's Will, you pick up your cross, and follow the Lord!

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<sup>1</sup> Quote by Watchman Nee

Unlike God the Father, the kingdom of darkness will try in every way possible to bind you and keep you in bondage, that it is very difficult – although not impossible – to WILL to chose and reach out to God.

## The potential of the will.

Man will not maintain victory if he does not exercise and activate his will. Satan will always try to hold on to our will. It is our will – empowered by the Holy Spirit – that resists the enemy. As long as we resist him in the area of our will, satan and his kingdom can have no access. With our WILL, we resist the enemy and keep our FREEDOM.

## The principle of permission of the WILL.

Nothing concerning man can be achieved without the permission [activation] of his WILL. Satan cannot just put a curse on you or put you in chains. Cults require that you follow them blindly – no questions asked! Everything is prescribed – you are not allowed to use your will.

The highest level of creation is seen in the creation of man:

*Psalm 8:4-5 “4 What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of [earthborn] man that You care for him? 5 Yet You have made him but a little lower than God [or heavenly beings], and You have **crowned him with glory and honor.**”*

*Psalm 82:6 “6 I said, You are **gods** [since you **judge** on My behalf, as My **representatives**]; indeed, all of you are children of the Most High.”*

In what respect are we like God? The will of man gives him a self-determined strength so that he is able to resist God and establish a kind of sovereignty for himself. The centre of sovereignty is freedom of choice. You choose what you want to think, how you want to live, and so forth. God does not want us to be dominated by anyone – not even Him! God could've used fear to force us to serve Him, but He has given us a choice. He wants that everything we do in our relationship with Him will be because we LOVE Him and we want to do it. God sees that as worthy. Millions choose to resist God and go to hell. When we chose to serve and obey God, He gets glorified. It is so sad to think that millions choose to resist God and go to hell!

Because man has a free will, it makes him a type of “god” on earth. However, he is not religious or divine. Man is:

### • A CREATURE OF DOMINION

*Romans 5:17 “17 For if because of one man’s trespass (lapse, offense) death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive [God’s] overflowing grace (unmerited favor) and the free gift of righteousness [putting them into right standing with Himself] **reign as kings in life** through the One Man Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).”*

## • A CREATURE OF DECISION MAKING

God can do nothing without the will of man. If you make a decision God will confirm you in it. Until you decide, NOTHING will change and you will not experience the provision of God – the Israelites had to choose to leave Egypt. In deliverance you determine what God must help you with. You must submit to God, repent of your involvement in sin, and God sets you free! In the past, we would pray for hours with people, we would repent for their sins and do the deliverance – then God taught us this powerful lesson – each person has to carry his own sins to the cross!

The will of man acts as a protection against every evil work. As long as you choose to live with your circumstances and problems NOTHING will change! Get sick and tired of your circumstances!

How do we open the doors for the enemy? We play in the devil's playground!

# Which do you choose?



*Ephesians 4:26-27* “26 When angry, do not sin; do not ever let your wrath (your exasperation, your fury or indignation) last until the sun goes down. 27 Leave no [such] **room or foothold for the devil** [give no opportunity to him].”

PLACE: “*topos*” (Topic). This is an area, a place, or a surrounding occupied by a person or object (this area can be defined).

*1 John 5:18 "18 We know [absolutely] that anyone born of God does not [deliberately and knowingly] practice committing sin, but the One Who was begotten of God carefully watches over and protects him [Christ's divine presence within him preserves him against the evil], and the wicked one does **not lay hold (get a grip)** on him or touch [him]."*

"Does not lay hold (get a grip)" in Greek is "*haptoma*", meaning to tie, to cling to, and to attach.

We can give the enemy a legal right to attach himself to certain areas of our lives and to influence us – when we open doors to the occult, pornography, ungodly TV viewing, gambling, addiction, and so forth – we are making un-Godly covenants with the enemy.

WARNING! Many times we are not even aware we are playing in the enemy's playground because he has blinded us and kept us ignorant. God is very serious about this! 101 times in the Bible He warns us to stay away from the occult. We can try to be religious and say "I'll just plead the Blood of Y'shua [Jesus] over me and I will be fine!" What ignorance! If I step into satan's territory, the Blood of Y'shua [Jesus] is not there – it is only when I walk in OBEDIENCE to God's Commandments and play in HIS Playground, will I be protected by the Blood of Y'shua [Jesus].

If I CHOOSE to play in satan's playground, he has got me – he now has LEGAL right to put me in bondage.

## *The principle of the ACTIVE will.*

God requires the will of man to be ACTIVE to reach the Will of God. In contrast, satan requires a PASSIVE will to achieve his goals. Note, so much in our society – drugs/medications, music, entertainment, alcohol, and so forth – is designed by the kingdom of darkness to make your will "asleep".

- When man is neutral and refuses to make a decision, God can and will do nothing. Salvation appeals to the will of man, not his emotions.
- Spiritual life begins with a choice – not emotions! It is a DECISION to serve God and to make God's Will your own.
- Spiritual unity takes place when the will of man is united with God's Will. It does not imply that man ceases to exist and that his will does not function or exist any longer, but that he chooses to bring his will in line with the Will of God. We do not stop at the cross; we die to self – BUT the grave is EMPTY! We have to LIVE with Messiah!
- Our DECISIONS confirm God's Will in our lives. When you reach out and embrace God's Will, then God acts.
- Your will is connected to God's Will. Your will NEVER STOPS TO FUNCTION – the choice is always there ... to choose LIFE and God's Ways, or DEATH and the way of satan.
- God does not require of you to relinquish your will and personality. God activates your being in every area – mind, body, consciousness, and spirit – to bring it into FULLNESS.
- God will NEVER exchange His Will with the will of man. He requires intelligent, willing co-operation with His Will.

- Deliverance cannot be maintained without an active will. You are able to resist.
- “Evil spirits ... require an empty brain and a passive will” [Watchman Nee]. A passive will is an open doorway to satan. Satan knows how to work if your will does not.
- Christians are deceived when they want God to make all their decisions. They are afraid of the responsibility of taking decisions that will determine their future direction. (Divorce, new job, throw medicine away, etc.) Therefore they try to find themselves counsellors, leaders, pastors, and/or ministers to make these decisions for them. The final decision is always your own responsibility!

REMEMBER! YOU are ALWAYS responsible for your decisions! You can NEVER escape from that responsibility!



Deception is a result of passivity. Passivity is a will that does not work. It is a pity that it is usually totally committed Christians desiring to do God’s Will who are deceived and believe that all circumstances in their lives are directed by God’s Will. When you accept every situation to be God’s Will, you will never confront something that has been placed on you by satan. We must remember that God’s Kingdom is established by CONFRONTATION.

As we have learnt in the previous sessions, deception can develop when:

- There are idols in our hearts – “I’ve made up my mind what I want!” (Ezekiel 14).
- There is hate, bitterness, and unforgiveness.

1 John 2:9-11 "9 Whoever says he is in the Light and [yet] hates his brother [Christian, born-again child of God his Father] is in darkness even until now. 10 **Whoever loves his brother [believer] abides (lives) in the Light**, and in It or in him there is no occasion for stumbling or cause for error or sin. 11 But he who hates (detests, despises) his brother [in Christ] is in darkness and walking (living) in the dark; he is straying and does not perceive or know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes."

## **The principle of the discerning will.**

The will is that which stands between good and evil. When the will is submitted to God's Will, this results in SHALOM [harmony] between God and man ... and the POWER of God is released for total deliverance. Like Israel, we make the step to possess and enter the land – to slay the giants – and God promises the VICTORY!



The unrenewed-subconscious mind is like the rubbish in the bin ... the WILL is the LID!

## **How much do you remember?**

If you have suffered serious traumas in your life, then the brain is so designed by God to block out the bad memories. It is important that you try to remember the memories of your past life – how much do you remember?

If your brain has blocked out a certain time-period of your life and you can't remember what happened, you need to ask the Lord what happened in your past – that you give HIM permission to open up that area and to show you what happened – you break the demonic seal placed over that time-period of your life – you break the time-clock of satan where he is keeping you bound emotionally tied to that time-period. God will shine His Light of Truth and revelation in your sub-conscious mind and your spirit to show you what happened. YOU MUST GIVE PERMISSION TO GOD TO SHOW YOU!

For healing to take place I must remember and I must be connected to the emotions involved even if the trauma took place many years ago!

- The will is a sensor for all thoughts that enter from the subconscious mind into the conscious mind.
- Our subconscious is a reservoir for all bad experiences from our past. The enemy uses the subconscious to project thoughts into our conscious mind.
- The will receives or rejects these thoughts. We must resist the oppressions and fears of the subconscious with our will – we must ask that the LORD's Light of Truth come to expel the darkness of our pain and lies.
- It takes a lot of energy from the will, and even physical energy, to suppress the welling up of emotions from the subconscious that come up against the will. Deep emotional upheavals or problems that push upward will weaken the will – this could make you always feel tired<sup>2</sup>.

For example: anger, depression, suicidal thoughts, and so forth. Shock therapy will not take it away! Tablets, alcohol, drugs, etc, will not take it away!

- When the will does not resist satan in a specific area anymore, he takes control. For example: phobias, like fear of water, heights, panic attacks, and so forth. When you can't resist anymore, you then give in to addictions, compulsive behaviors, eating disorders, migraine headaches, and other bondages. LIGHTS FLASHING ON THE DASHBOARD! Your emotions can be likened to the lights on the dashboard of your car. If one starts to flash you can either choose to smash it with a hammer! Or you can see what the problem is and FIX it!

## **THE ANSWER! POSSESS THE LAND!**

- Renewal of the mind strengthens the will and loosens the bondages. It is also very important to receive healing from emotional pain and experiential-lies (Romans 12:2).
- To live under stress for long periods of time leads to passivity – you become so tired that you do not want to exercise your will anymore. “BURN-OUT” – prolonged ministry or exhaustion.
- Tremendous trauma during childhood causes the mind to suppress or dissociate. The will tries to keep the memories in the subconscious mind. When the person reaches the age of thirty years or older, the will is tired of fighting and emotional outbursts or depression.



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<sup>2</sup> Headaches can result from inner conflict and/or trying to suppress pain.

## *Passivity of the will.*

### Basic principles of discernment:

- “God wants the believer to work with Him by exercising his will and employing all his abilities so that he can be filled with the Holy Spirit.
- To simplify his endeavors, the evil spirit requires that the believer has to be passive in his will and to renounce the use of some or all of his abilities.”<sup>3</sup>

### Symptoms of passivity:

- Apathy – waits for a power outside himself to move him – no self-motivation.
- Many unfinished tasks – God requires endurance, it means to complete what you have started. A passive person will be quick to respond, but cannot carry it through. Attracted and distracted. To persevere comes through a will that is working!
- Not able to concentrate – concentration is part of endurance. Of necessity you have to think things through and carry things through in order for work to be completed.
- Not able to make decisions or take initiative – afraid of making choices, wants others to be responsible for their decisions.
- Always in fear and doubt – controlled by circumstances. People with deep emotional problems experience difficulty in this area.



You will NEVER come out of a deep problem unless you decide that you want to! You must **ACTIVATE** your will!

- Double-mindedness, unstable – a passive person makes a decision and then withdraws, afraid that he has made the wrong choice. Never knows if he is in or out of God’s Will. The minute you experience resistance, you think you have missed God.
- Physical laziness, mechanical actions – what happens to you spiritually, affects you physically – homes are a mess, poor personal hygiene, garden around home is unkept, and so forth.
- Burn-out, stress, exhaustion – beware of:
  - Competitiveness/rivalry – must always overwork.
  - Wrong priorities – work before family.
- Emotionally withdrawn from people. Easily irritated.
- Physical symptoms: backache, stomach ulcers, headaches.
- Relationship with God suffers as a result.

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<sup>3</sup> Quote by Watchman Nee

- Begin to postpone things – so many problems that you postpone things until there are so many that they overwhelm you. You will not be able to compete; you will avoid decisions and responsibilities and will be overwhelmed by passivity.

Satan has a way of burying us under our problems. We need to face the mountain ... not hide from it.

### *causes for passivity:*

- Overwork and/or exhaustion.
- Extended ministry.
- Domineering parent, spouse, and/or friend who makes all your decisions. You are never allowed to make choices and take responsibility.
- Illness and breakdown.
- No resistance – headaches, oppression.
- Deception- for example when you believe God wants you sick.
- Emotional pain, trauma, unhappiness.
- You get to a place where you don't care anymore – where you don't fight back. You just accept what happens to you – you think you deserve it – you don't fight back.

### *Bondages over the will:*

Deception occurs where people want to “walk in the Spirit”. It does not mean that you are becoming passive. It is to receive Godly guidance through your spirit, convey it to your mind, and then your will comes into action. It does not mean that you switch your mind off and allow God to “switch in”. Spiritual does not equal mystical. The will of man is bound by deception – through incorrect interpretation of the Word.

- **“CHRIST LIVES IN ME”**

*Galatians 2:20 “20 I have been crucified with Christ [in Him I have shared His crucifixion]; it is no longer I who live, but Christ (the Messiah) lives in me; and the **life I now live in the body I live by faith** in (by adherence to and reliance on and complete trust in) the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself up for me.”*

- Wrong concept – I do not live at all.
- **Truth – I LIVE by faith in the Son of God. You must never give up living, otherwise your will stops functioning.**
- Principle – God does not require self-destruction so that His life can be manifested. Enjoy what God has given us in His wonderful world!

## • “I HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST”

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- Wrong concept – I am dead and must practice being dead.
- **Truth – I have died with Christ and am resurrected by His life TO LIVE.**
- Principle – God’s plan for believers is LIFE not death.

## • “GOD WORKS IN ME”

*Philippians 2:13 “13 [Not in your own strength] for it is God Who is all the while effectually at work in you [energizing and creating in you the power and desire], both to will and to work for His good pleasure and satisfaction and delight.”*

- Wrong concept – I do nothing but to surrender and then God will do both the willing and working for me.
- **Truth – I can DO ALL things by the power of Christ in me. God does not want to make a robot of you.**
  - You will always have to do both the willing and working. You are responsible and you must use your will in order to make decisions.
- Principle – God will never push the will of man aside. God never requires of man to stop his activities before He is able to work.



## • “IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS”

*1 Thessalonians 5:18 “18 Thank [God] in everything [no matter what the circumstances may be, be thankful and give thanks], for this is the will of God for you [who are] in Christ Jesus [the Revealer and Mediator of that will].”*

- Wrong concept – I accept all circumstances as the Will of God.
- **Truth – I will submit myself to God (not circumstances) IN all circumstances.**
- Principle – Submission to God and resisting the evil one must function together (James 4:7).

## • “YOUR WILL BE DONE”

*Matthew 6:10 “10 Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”*

- Wrong concept – God chooses for me so that I do not have to decide.
- **Truth – I choose to do His Will (John 7:17; 15:7). When you choose God’s Will, then it brings God’s Provision forth for that situation.**
- Principle – God will never substitute the will of man with His Will.

## We always have a CHOICE!

This is a spiritual principle – a spiritual follower of Messiah Y’shua [Jesus] is someone who is at liberty to exercise his will. You have a choice:

### • Law:

*Deuteronomy 30:19 “19 I call heaven and earth to witness this day against you that I have set before you **life and death, the blessings and the curses**; therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live”*

*Joshua 24:15 “15 And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, **choose for yourselves** this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”*

### • Prophets:

*1 Kings 18:21 “21 Elijah came near to all the people and said, How long will you halt and limp between **two opinions**? If the Lord is God, follow Him! But if Baal, then follow him. And the people did not answer him a word.”*

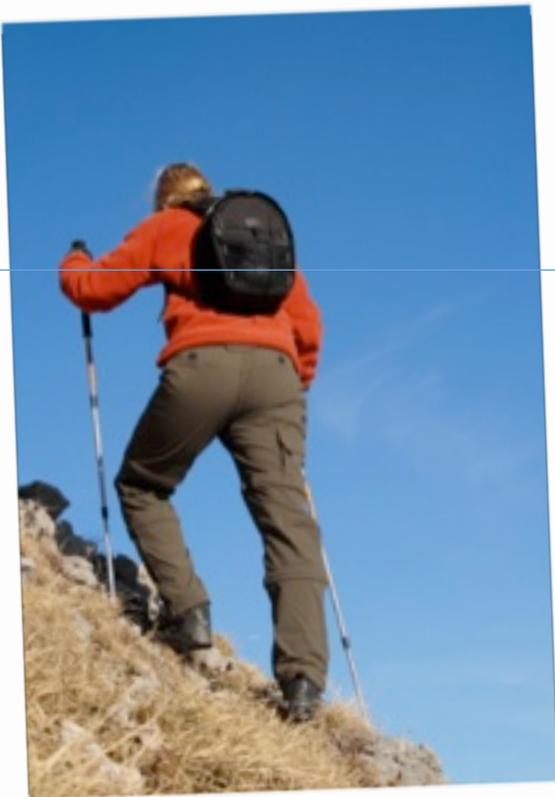
## • *The flesh or the Spirit:*

*Romans 8:5 “5 For those who are according to the flesh and are **controlled by its unholy desires set their minds on and pursue those things which gratify the flesh**, but those who are according to the **Spirit** and are controlled by the **desires of the Spirit** set their minds on and seek those things which gratify the [Holy] Spirit.”*

Expose deception by means of the TRUTH! Those who arrive at a place where their will does not function any longer are confused and also deceived.

- Be willing to admit the Truth concerning yourself. Be teachable.
- Recognize areas of deception. Ask God to remind you where you opened demonic doors.
- Discover where you have given the enemy a foothold (the occult checklist at the back of this manual will help you).

## **Break PASSIVITY by activating the will!**



•The will is a God-given ability and must function.

•The will is activated by reacting to God's Will. The Will of God will not allow you to be lazy and passive ... “Do you want to be healed?”

*Jeremiah 29:4-14 “4 Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the captives whom I have caused to be carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: 5 Build yourselves houses and dwell in them; plant gardens and eat the fruit of them. 6 Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not be diminished. 7 **And seek (inquire for, require, and request) the peace and welfare of the city to which I have caused you to be carried away captive; and pray to the Lord for it, for in the welfare of [the city in which you live] you will have welfare. 8 For thus says the***

*Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Let not your [false] prophets and your diviners who are in your midst deceive you; pay no attention and attach no significance to your dreams which you dream or to theirs, 9 For they prophesy falsely to you in My name. I have not sent them, says the Lord.”*

**“10 For thus says the Lord, When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you and keep My good promise to you, causing you to return to this place. 11 For I know the thoughts and plans that I have for you, says the Lord, thoughts and plans for welfare and peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome. 12 Then you will call upon Me, and you will come and pray to Me, and I will hear and heed you. 13 Then you will seek Me, inquire for, and require Me [as a vital necessity] and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart. [Deut. 4:29-30.] 14 I will be found by you, says the Lord, and I will release you from captivity and gather you from all the nations and all the places to which I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I caused you to be carried away captive.”**

- The will is motivated by faith. Faith is ALWAYS active. Remember the account of Y’shua [Jesus] in the storm – He STOOD up and rebuked the storm!
- The will is strengthened by Truth.

### ***EXERCISE the will by making decisions.***

- A passive person is not able to make his own decisions. Start with small things – Tea or coffee?
- Make a list of what you like and don’t like – you must learn that you can make your own opinions.
- Stop putting things off.
- Make a decision and see it through. Break double-mindedness.
- Be prepared to make wrong decisions. Accept the responsibility of making decisions.
- Stop allowing circumstances to control you – stop the thinking of “what will be, will be”.
- Some prefer to be driven by circumstances rather than to make a decision.
  - God’s Will never depends on circumstances. If you are controlled by circumstances, you lose direction in your life.
  - Passivity presumes that God decides everything for you.

### ***RESIST the devil! Pray a violent prayer every day!***

- Passive people do not like to fight, but if you are not in control, then satan is.
- Man has to rule over his own spirit, mind, body, and emotions. He rules by means of his will.
- Resist the dominion of the enemy and regain all lost territory.
- Work together with God for the use of every area of your life as a person.

### ***The will in control of the spirit, mind, and body guarantees FREEDOM!***

- The spirit requires the control of the will.

*Proverbs 25:28 “28 He who has no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down and without walls. [Prov. 16:32.]”*

- The mind must be subject to the will – Colossians 3:2; 2 Corinthians 10:5.
- The body must be the instrument of man – 1 Corinthians 9:27.
- The peak of a Christian’s walk, is self-control – Galatians 5:23.

### **Stability of the will.**

- We must be stable and moved only by the Will of God.

*Psalm 131:2 “2 Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul; like a weaned child with his mother, like a weaned child is my soul within me [ceased from fretting].”*

- An active will is necessary to maintain your deliverance in any area of your life. Set your boundaries<sup>4</sup>.

### **Summary:**

- The capacity to rule and to have ownership comes from the will of man. Satan wants to take away man’s God given ability to rule.
- Man has to rule over his own life.
- Do not submit yourself to circumstances.
- Submit to God IN all circumstances.
- Take up your cross up daily. (Your cross is where your will and God’s Will meet).



*Luke 9:23 “23 And He said to all, If any person wills to come after Me, let him deny himself [disown himself, forget, lose sight of himself and his own interests, refuse and give up himself] and take up his cross daily and follow Me [cleave steadfastly to Me, conform wholly to My example in living and, if need be, in dying also].”*

<sup>4</sup> For additional study, see our books “*Godly Limits In Relationships*” and “*Godly Limits With Children*”, available from the website or for order from the office.

# The freedom of the will.

God has gone to infinite trouble to liberate us, because:

- God is Love, it is His Nature and our relationship with Him is based on love and trust. Nothing I do will change His mind.
- For love and trust to exist, there has to be a free choice of a free will. Man can freely reject or freely accept God – only then is true love possible.
- Of all God’s Creatures, man is the only one who is able to exercise choices. Animals do make choices, but based on behavioral patterns (instinct).
- Man is created in God’s Image, which means that man is also creative. He chooses his own goals.
- An animal can be taught by conditioning, but man makes moral choices based on truths and standards of right or wrong. For example, a parrot cannot lie, a dog cannot steal. The will is the final step in the process of human behavior.
- An illustration of the whole process of behavior can be likened to terms of a motor car:
  - The mind is the steering-wheel, which gives direction.
  - The emotions are the engine, which gives motivation.
  - The will is the clutch, which makes choices.
  - All three must function in harmony in order to produce effective behavior.
  - A decision to do something without much motivation, will not achieve much. Exaggerated emotional motivation – such as fear and anxiety – overwhelms the mind that has to think rationally and the result is panic. This is like accelerating without hands on the steering wheel!
  - A person who is very enthusiastic about a certain idea, but does not do much about it, is like someone learning to drive. The car is making a noise, the steering wheel is in both hands, but the gears are in neutral.

*Mark 12:30 “And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.”*

	<b>Mind only:</b>	<b>Emotions only:</b>	<b>Will only:</b>
<b>Salvation</b>	Change opinion.	Regret.	Reforming.
<b>Faith</b>	Conviction.	Impulse.	Determination.
<b>Love</b>	Admiration.	Sentiment.	Charity.

A free will does not mean freedom. Freedom can only be expressed within the confines of what the law determines, in other words, obedience. Any law that is trespassed turns against me.

# The liberation of the Will.

The battle between God and satan has nothing to do with POWER. There is no question of competition ... God can at any time totally eliminate satan without lifting a finger. The conflict is in the spirit realm ... is it God or satan who will win the will of man?

The only reaction God seeks of man is nothing less than LOVE.

Satan, though, uses deception, pressure, perversity and anything else that will be to his advantage. Anything except freedom of choice ... that he dares not risk.

## The Line of Authority

<b>Satan</b>		<b>God</b>
<b>Law of sin &amp; death</b>		<b>Law of God</b>
<b>Adam</b>		<b>Messiah, the Last Adam</b>
<b>“Old” flesh man</b>		<b>New man, spiritman</b>
<b>Spirit - darkened</b>		<b>Spirit - Light</b>
<b>Soul - sin</b>		<b>Soul - Righteous</b>
<b>Body - disease</b>		<b>Body - Healed</b>

## Two value systems inside ...

Inside of you, every day, you ALWAYS have the potential to sin!! You are not immune from sin. You have to make a choice every second of the day – who will you serve! You have to crucify the old man and LIVE in the Spirit! This makes me VERY dependent upon GOD and not on my own strength and myself. When you think you are standing, be careful you do not fall! It is by God’s GRACE ONLY that you will make the right choice to stand against the enemy!

Romans 6:16 “16 Do you not know that **if you continually surrender yourselves to anyone to do his will**, you are the slaves of him whom you obey, whether that be to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience which leads to righteousness (right doing and right standing with God)?”

Galatians 5:17 “17 **For the desires of the flesh are opposed to the [Holy] Spirit, and the [desires of the] Spirit are opposed to the flesh (godless human nature); for these are antagonistic to each other [continually withstanding and in conflict with each other], so that you are not free but are prevented from doing what you desire to do.**”



<b>Old Man:</b>	<i>New Man:</i>
<p>Galatians 5:19-21 “19 Now the doings (practices) of the flesh are clear (obvious): they are immorality, impurity, indecency, 20 Idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger (ill temper), selfishness, divisions (dissensions), party spirit (factions, sects with peculiar opinions, heresies), 21 Envy, drunkenness, carousing, and the like. I warn you beforehand, just as I did previously, that those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.”</p>	<p>Galatians 5:22-23 “22 But the fruit of the [Holy] Spirit [the work which His presence within accomplishes] is love, joy (gladness), peace, patience (an even temper, forbearance), kindness, goodness (benevolence), faithfulness, 23 Gentleness (meekness, humility), self-control (self-restraint, continence). Against such things there is no law [that can bring a charge].”</p>

<p>Mark 7:21-23 “21 For from within, [that is] out of the hearts of men, come base and wicked thoughts, sexual immorality, stealing, murder, adultery, 22 Coveting (a greedy desire to have more wealth), dangerous and destructive wickedness, deceit; unrestrained (indecent) conduct; an evil eye (envy), slander (evil speaking, malicious misrepresentation, abusiveness), pride (the sin of an uplifted heart against God and man), foolishness (folly, lack of sense, recklessness, thoughtlessness). 23 All these evil [purposes and desires] come from within, and they make the man unclean and render him unhallowed.”</p>	<p>Romans 6:6, 11-12 “6 We know that our old (unrenewed) self was nailed to the cross with Him in order that [our] body [which is the instrument] of sin might be made ineffective and inactive for evil, that we might no longer be the slaves of sin. 11 Even so consider yourselves also dead to sin and your relation to it broken, but alive to God [living in unbroken fellowship with Him] in Christ Jesus. 12 Let not sin therefore rule as king in your mortal (short-lived, perishable) bodies, to make you yield to its cravings and be subject to its lusts and evil passions.”</p>
<p>1 Corinthians 6:9-10 “9 Do you not know that the unrighteous and the wrongdoers will not inherit or have any share in the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived (misled): neither the impure and immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor those who participate in homosexuality, 10 Nor cheats (swindlers and thieves), nor greedy graspers, nor drunkards, nor foulmouthed revilers and slanderers, nor extortioners and robbers will inherit or have any share in the kingdom of God.”</p>	

The potential to sin is ALWAYS there – NEVER trust yourself! When the devil knocks, let Y’shua [Jesus] answer the door! REMEMBER, you are the slave of the one whom you obey! Do not rely on your own strength!

*Jeremiah 17:5-8, 10 “5 Thus says the Lord: **Cursed [with great evil] is the strong man who trusts in and relies on frail man, making weak [human] flesh his arm, and whose mind and heart turn aside from the Lord.** 6 For he shall be like a shrub or a person naked and destitute in the desert; and he shall not see any good come, but shall dwell in the parched places in the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. 7 **[Most] blessed is the man who believes in, trusts in, and relies on the Lord, and whose hope and confidence the Lord is.** 8 For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters that spreads out its roots by the river; and it shall not see and fear when heat comes; but its leaf shall be green. It shall not be anxious and full of care in the year of drought, nor shall it cease yielding fruit. 10 **I the Lord search the mind, I try the heart, even to give to every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings.**”*

## *Walking in and by the Spirit . . .*

Remember, a set of rules (do's and don'ts) cannot make you holy – it is only Messiah IN us that makes us holy. Keeping a set of rules appeals to your PRIDE! We must always remember:

- It is not effort but UNION.
- It is not struggling but YIELDING.
- It is not works but FAITH.
- His power delivers our will from sinful carnal habits.
- He teaches and guides us to live according to the inner Law.



The purpose of the soul is to govern and dominate man but God's Order is that his spirit must govern his personality. To walk in the Spirit implies that the soul has to submit to the spirit that is indwelt by the Holy Spirit. God will never force the human will – the gap between spirit and soul is bridged by OBEDIENCE. As soon as a certain aspect/area of the Torah [God's teachings and instructions in the first Five Books of the Bible] is written on our hearts, our conscience becomes very sensitive. Always keep in mind, this is the JOURNEY – process – of sanctification.

For instance, you are in company where people are sharing incidents that had happened to them. When it is your turn, you tell your story, but you add a few extras and just change the detail slightly. Immediately the Holy Spirit convicts you and tells you that you are lying!

*Now you have a choice ... you either put it right with God or you ignore it.*

If you also put it right with your friends, then God writes His Instruction of not telling lies on your heart and you begin to tell the truth always. Your conscience is now extremely sensitive in this area. We are systematically changed from glory to glory towards total freedom. It becomes a spontaneous reaction that flows from an inner Instruction<sup>5</sup> [Torah – God’s teachings and instructions in the first Five Books of the Bible] written on our hearts!

Obedience is not only possible, but through the POWER of the Holy Spirit, it is to become natural for a child of God.



# **YOU must choose!**

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<sup>5</sup> We encourage the reader to do his own study on this aspect – it was always YHVH’s original intention to write His Torah [Instructions] on our heart ... that we walk in His Ways in loving obedience.

*“Child of God”*

# *My child ...*

You often say so willingly:  
*"Let YOUR will be done in my life".*

But I don't want you to just stand there **PASSIVELY**,

**Waiting** for things to happen,

As though you had **NO choice**.

So often My children think of Golgotha,

As though they **OWED** me so much.

You were once indebted to **SIN**,

Condemned and sentenced to death.

I did **NOT** pay for your debt,

Your condemnation and penalty of death,

Or cancel the **POWER** of death over your life,

And give you eternal life,

*JUST so you could now be indebted to me.*

I have died, **ARISEN**, and triumphed over death,

Now sitting at the right hand of the *FATHER*,

So that you could become My child,

A *co-heir* and fellow-worker.

Because I have set you free,

You are now **FREE** indeed!

Not just a slave to a new owner,

*But a child ...* A son, a daughter.

I do not ask you to serve me **WILL-LESSLY**,

I do not want to crucify your will.

I want to know whether you *truly* want to do My Will,

With a soundness of mind that will walk the road *to the end*,

Out of your **OWN** free will and desire.

That is what Gethsemane asked of Me.

When I said, "*Not my will, but YOUR will be done*",

God did not act against My Will,

But actually **respected** it.

For there it was I Who chose,

*"I will to do Your will"*.

**WILL-lessness** would never show the strength,

To empty the cup to the dregs.

He revealed His Will to me in **TRUTH**,

I chose in freedom, in **LOVE**, in surrender,

And I obeyed.

Nobody took My Life from me,

*I willingly laid it down ...*

In our relationship, in your relationship with **Our Father**,

He wants to reveal His Will in Truth, by His Spirit,

So that you can be **FREE** to choose,

And be a co-labourer in **LOVE**,

Serving the Kingdom of God,

*Out of your own free will.*

The Spirit will **NEVER** force you,  
For that would rob you of your will,

*Your freedom.*

His Spirit will give you a clear revelation of His Will and Truth,

And then ask ... *"will you?"*

And if you say, "yes, I will,"

If that is **YOUR** sober choice,

*"Then we can,"* says the LORD.

What you decide is important to Me,

Therefore I ask, *"will you?"*

For I *respect* and greatly value your free choice.

Do not stand back from that which the Holy Spirit reveals as God's Will,

Saying, *"if it is His Will, it will come to pass ..."*

My will does not **ALWAYS** come to pass,

But is revealed so that you can make a Gethsemane decision.

*Do you want to do My Will in truth?*

The we CAN!

*The decision is yours.*

If you are sure of what you will,

*"I will make it possible",* say the LORD.

I will **BREAK** the chains of iron,

I will **UNLOCK** the doors of brass,

And will **lead and strengthen** you by my Spirit,

Revealing a new way for you to go,

For **I AM** with you.

Choose not because you **OWE** me anything,

But out of the freedom of **loving** Me,

And remember,

My **LOVE** has the quality of *forgiveness*,

Forgiveness which says ...

*"My child, you do not owe me anything,  
After all, I LOVE you with an unconditional love."*

**Isn't that what Golgotha has proved ... ?**

Whether and how you respond to my love is YOUR choice.

*I am with you,*

*Y'shua*

# **The Hebrew Language**

# The Hebrew Language ...

What's the context? It is so important to ask – and answer – this question, particularly when studying the Scriptures. We need to know what the meaning, understanding, culture, and value system of the text was in the language and time the text was written. Our modern-day mindsets cause us to define words within today's meanings, understanding, culture, and value systems ... however, this is often quite a way off from what was the original – and intended – understanding.

The Scriptures were written thousands of years ago in HEBREW, and in an Eastern-Semitic culture. If this is truth, then can we come to a different interpretation of any given passage?



In order to expand our study and understanding of the Word, we need to have a “crash course” in the original language the text was written, ancient Hebrew.

Ancient Hebrew has an alphabet of TWENTY-TWO letters. Obviously, words are written using a combination of these letters [note, there are no vowels]. However, what makes this language even more of an “adventure” is that each individual letter of the alphabet has a unique meaning, picture [symbolism], and number. This means, you can study and understand the plain text as is ... and you can study further by delving into the individual symbolism of the letters. Often, doing this kind of study brings out further meaning and richness to the passage. You will find that we have used this type of study – examining the picture-meaning of the Hebrew words – throughout our materials. We have found this such a blessing in our own understanding of the Scriptures, and trust you will enjoy it just as much! Truly, God's Word is ALIVE!

# Ancient Hebrew<sup>6</sup>

Ancient Hebrew						
Early	Middle	Late	Name	Picture	Meaning	Sound
			El	Ox head	Strong, Power, Leader	ah, eh
			Bet	Tent floorplan	Family, House, In	b, bh(v)
			Gam	Foot	Gather, Walk	g
			Dal	Door	Move, Hang, Entrance	d
			Hey	Man with arms raised	Look, Reveal, Breath	h, ah
			Waw	Tent peg	Add, Secure, Hook	w, o, u
			Zan	Mattock	Food, Cut, Nourish	z
			Hhet	Tent wall	Outside, Divide, Half	hh
			Tet	Basket	Surround, Contain, Mud	t
			Yad	Arm and closed hand	Work, Throw, Worship	y, ee
			Kaph	Open palm	Bend, Open, Allow, Tame	k, kh
			Lam	Shepherd Staff	Teach, Yoke, To, Bind	l
			Mem	Water	Chaos, Mighty, Blood	m
			Nun	Seed	Continue, Heir, Son	n
			Sin	Thorn	Grab, Hate, Protect	s
			Ghah	Eye	Watch, Know, Shade	gh(ng)
			Pey	Mouth	Blow, Scatter, Edge	p, ph(f)
			Tsad	Man on his side	Wait, Chase, Snare, Hunt	ts
			Quph	Sun on the horizon	Condense, Circle, Time	q
			Resh	Head of a man	First, Top, Beginning	r
			Shin	Two front teeth	Sharp, Press, Eat, Two	sh
			Taw	Crossed sticks	Mark, Sign, Signal, Monument	t

<sup>6</sup> [http://elshaddainministries.us/hebrewalphabet\\_old.html](http://elshaddainministries.us/hebrewalphabet_old.html)

# Modern Hebrew<sup>7</sup> ...

MARK	NAME	PRONOUNCED	TRANSLITERATION
א	Aleph	Silent letter	‘ (or none)
ב/בּ	Bet / Vet	b as in boy (no dot: v as in vine)	b / v
ג/גּ	Gimmel	g as in girl	g
ד/דּ	Dalet	d as in door	d
ה	Hey	h as in hay	h
ו	Vav	v as in vine; “consonantal vowel”	v
ז	Zayin	z as in zebra	z
ח	Chet	ch as in Bach	ch (or h)
ט	Tet	t as in time	t
י	Yod	y as in yes; “consonantal vowel”	y
כ/כּ	Kaf/Khaf *	k as in kite (no dot: ch as in bach)	k / kh
ל	Lamed	l as in look	l
מ/מּ	Mem *	m as in mom (sofit form)	m
נ/נּ	Nun *	n as in now (sofit form)	n
ס	Samekh	s as in son	s
ע	Ayin	Silent letter	‘ (or none)
פ/פּ	Pey/Fey *	p as in park (no dot: ph as in phone)	p / ph
צ/צּ	Tzade *	ts as in nuts (sofit form)	ts / tz
ק	Qof	q as in queen	k (or q)
ר	Resh	r as in rain	r
ש/שּ	Shin/Sin	sh as in shy (s as in sun)	sh / s
ת/תּ	Tav	t as in tall	t

\* Has a different form when it occurs at the end of a word (sofit).