

A JOURNEY THROUGH JEREMIAH
Jeremiah 42-43
DO YOU REALLY WANT GOD’S WILL?

I. GOD’S WILL IS NOT FOR CURIOSITY SEEKERS
Jeremiah 42:1-7 (NKJV)

A. Many people ask about God’s will with no real commitment to do it.

B. Don’t expect God’s will to be revealed as one of many options.

Romans 12:1-2 (NKJV)

¹I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. ²And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

C. Don’t make promises to God you don’t intend to keep.

Ecclesiastes 5:1-6 (NKJV)

¹Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they do evil. ²Do not be rash with your mouth, And let not your heart utter anything hastily before God. For God *is* in heaven, and you on earth; Therefore let your words be few. ³For a dream comes through much activity, And a fool's voice *is known* by his many words. ⁴When you make a vow to God, do not delay to pay it; For *He has* no pleasure in fools. Pay what you have vowed-- ⁵Better not to vow than to vow and not pay. ⁶Do not let your mouth cause your flesh to sin, nor say before the messenger *of God* that it *was* an error. Why should God be angry at your excuse and destroy the work of your hands?

II. GOD’S WILL MAY BE THE OPPOSITE OF YOUR LOGIC (Jeremiah 42: 8-22)

A. Peace and safety aren’t geographical locations.

B. The fear of God will overcome our fear of man

Matthew 10:28 (NKJV)

²⁸And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

C. Avoid the temptation of going back to your “spiritual Egypt.”

Numbers 14:1-4 (NKJV)

¹So all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night. ²And all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, "If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness! ³Why has the Lord brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?" ⁴So they said to one another, "Let us select a leader and return to Egypt."

D. The Lord always opposes hypocrisy. We are either for Him or against Him. Choose wisely now!

III. EXAMINE YOUR RESPONSE TO UNPOPULAR TRUTH (Jeremiah 43:1-13)

A. I should not become your enemy just because I am truthful with you.

Galatians 4:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶Have I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?

B. We can never outrun what God has promised.

SEEK THE LORD WHOLE HEARTEDLY, AND LET HIS WILL FIND YOU!

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