

DISCERNING THE ONE IN THREE ROM. 12:1-2

Remember: There is **only one** will of God **experienced** three ways & those three ways overlap.

1. The **moral** will of God – discerned via faithfulness

Deuteronomy 4:5 Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me, **that** ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it.

Deuteronomy 4:6 **Keep** therefore and **do** them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. **Deuteronomy 4:7** **For what nation** is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God is in all things that we call upon him for?

Deuteronomy 4:8 **And what nation** is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?

Deuteronomy 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: **Deuteronomy 6:5** And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Deuteronomy 6:6 **And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:**

Deuteronomy 6:7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. **Deuteronomy 6:8** And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. **Deuteronomy 6:9** And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

2 Timothy 3:15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. **2 Timothy 3:16** All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: **2 Timothy 3:17** That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

This is the foundation, the center, the starting & ending place...of ALL discernment!

Faithfulness: the state | quality | characteristic of being faithful

Faithful to hear

Faithful to read

Faithful to meditate

Faithful to listen

Not listen to reply

Not listen to dismiss

But listen to understand & grow

Psalms 119:105 Thy word is a **lamp** unto my feet, And a **light** unto my path.

Psalms 119:130 The entrance of thy words **giveth light**; It **giveth understanding** unto the simple.

Proverbs 6:20 My son, keep thy father's commandment, And forsake not the law of thy mother: **Proverbs 6:21** Bind them continually upon thine heart, And tie them about thy neck. **Proverbs 6:22** When thou goest, it shall lead thee; When thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; And when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee. **Proverbs 6:23** **For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light**; And reproofs of instruction are the way of life:

Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Psalms 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; And in his law doth he meditate day and night. **Psalms 1:3** And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, That bringeth forth his fruit in his season; His leaf also shall not wither; And whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

2. The **sovereign** will of God – discerned via submissiveness

Luke 22:41 And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed,

Luke 22:42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: **nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.**

Matthew 6:9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Matthew 6:10 Thy kingdom come. **Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.**

Submissiveness: the state | quality | characteristic of being submissive

Psalm 115:3 But our God is in the heavens: He hath done **whatsoever** he hath pleased.

Psalm 135:5 For I know that the LORD is great, And that our Lord is above all gods. Psalm 135:6 **Whatsoever the LORD pleased**, That did he in heaven, and in earth, In the seas, and all deep places.

Psalm 148:8 Fire, and hail; snow, and vapour; Stormy wind **fulfilling his word**:

Isaiah 40:12-16

Daniel 4:17 This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: **to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.**

Daniel 4:25 That they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, **till thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.**

Daniel 4:26 And whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots; thy kingdom shall be sure unto thee, **after that thou shalt have known that the heavens do rule.**

Daniel 4:34 And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, **and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation: Daniel 4:35** **And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?**

Psalm 75:5 Lift not up your horn on high: Speak not with a stiff neck. Psalm 75:6 **For** promotion cometh neither from the east, Nor from the west, nor from the south.

Jeremiah 45:1 The word that Jeremiah the prophet spake unto Baruch the son of Neriah, when he had written these words in a book at the mouth of Jeremiah, **in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying, Jeremiah 45:2** Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, unto thee, O Baruch; Jeremiah 45:3 Thou didst say, Woe is me now! for the LORD hath added grief to my sorrow; I fainted in my sighing, and I find no rest.

Jeremiah 45:4 Thus shalt thou say unto him, **The LORD saith thus; Behold, that which I have built will I break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up, even this whole land. Jeremiah 45:5** **And seekest thou great things for thyself? seek them not: for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the LORD: but thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest.**

Submissiveness:

- Allows God to choose (He will anyway!)
- Allows God to say no ...**as well as yes**
- Allow God to use us for His glory, and not our own fame
- Allow God to accomplish His will in us

Without us becoming bitter!

Ephesians 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Ephesians 4:31 **Let all bitterness**, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

Hebrews 12:15 **Looking diligently lest** any man fail of the grace of God; **lest** any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

What might Baruch have accomplished had he lived during the days of David, Solomon, Hezekiah, or Josiah???

3. The personal will of God – discerned via willingness

John 7:17 **If** any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.

Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, **that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.**

Very simple: willingness is

Whatever

Whenever

Where-ever