

➤ Ten Basic Considerations [continued]

Things or areas that in regards to volition we need to keep in our minds; need to understand.

9. Man is responsible to God because he is created by God in His image.

10. The believer should not be disturbed by the fact that God's will as revealed in the Bible does not answer all the questions we might have!

➤ Rule of God and the Rule of Satan.

Intro: There are 2 rulers in the universe!

Man has the ability to operate on the basis of Divine vpt; to evaluate things, to look at things in the way God does or he can look at things from human viewpoint; that is, to evaluate things as the world, the kosmos does; to look at things from that standpoint!

Need to make some observations on the will of man as it fits into the picture of these 2 rulers! [to influence our volition]

1. The will of man cannot be considered by itself!

- Major fundamental difference in approach, God operates through free choice; Satan through any means; including deception and enslavement.

#1 God desires submission for the enthronement of Christ. Col. 1:9-10

#2 Satan seeks submission to his will for the enthronement of himself.

Rem: we're exhorted to not give him a place, Eph. 4:27

2. The concern of the believer should focus on the revealed will of God. Deut. 29:29

** God is wise in what He reveals, but it is equally true that He is wise in what He has withheld from us!

** It is good and wise that God has chosen not to reveal some things and Deut. 29:29 is emphasizing that particular point.

3. What responsibility do we as believers have in respect to the "revealed things"

** Revelation equals responsibility!

** A study of God's will is a call to a study of God's word!

4. The revealed will of God is all that we need!

* Proposition that we're building on is that the revealed will of God is sufficient for the believer. 2 Tim 3:16-17

This passage deals with 3 major points.

a. The origin of Scripture; "All scripture is inspired by God."

- God breathed = *qeo pneustoj*;

b. The use of Scripture.

- First it says its what? Profitable; *wf e, l i moj*

- Then it lists 4 categories in which this applies.

#1 teaching (*didaskal ia*) general word with emphasis on content;

#2 reproof = *e l eg moj* basic to expose (Jn 3:20) idea is to point out error;

#3 correction; *epano r qws i j*; used of setting a leg; set something or someone upright;

#4 for instruction in righteousness = *paideia*; more than just training, it is a total education, step by step process;

c. The Purpose of Scripture.

"That the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work."