

## Free Will

**The subject of "free will"** is interesting. Some have told me that man has a "free will" to make choices in his life. While I would agree that we do make choices, the application of free will whether in spiritual or carnal (worldly) matters is not seen in the Holy Bible. The supposed free will of man is not without limits determined by God whose will is over all. Thus, man might make choices, as he presumes freely, but God is still in control. Whereas, the unbeliever might think that he makes his own choices, God has shown clearly that God sends him delusions. So the carnal or worldly minded man may make choices but it is still God who determines their delusions according to His purpose, His GLORY! Amen

### Isaiah 66

<sup>4</sup> **I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them;** because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and **chose that in which I delighted not.**

### 2 Thessalonians 2

<sup>8</sup> And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

<sup>9</sup> Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

<sup>10</sup> And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because **they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.**

<sup>11</sup> And **for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:**

<sup>12</sup> **That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**

If those choices are made by a spiritual man, they are freely made in the liberty by the work of the LORD who has made us free. Thus, the purpose of the vow of the spiritual is toward the LORD and for His Glory.

There is evidence in the following Scripture that Israel was given the privilege of making an offering, for all his vows. Those offerings were not required, but were freewill offerings that would be offered as a burnt offering unto the LORD.

### Leviticus 22

<sup>18</sup> Speak unto Aaron, and to his sons, and unto all the children of Israel, and say unto them, Whatsoever he be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers in Israel, that will offer his oblation for all his vows, and for all his **freewill** offerings, which they **will** offer unto the LORD for a burnt offering;

Oblation - [OT:7133](#) קָרְבָּן **qorban** (kor-bawn'); or **qurban** (koo-rbawn'); from [OT:7126](#); something brought near the altar, i.e. a sacrificial present: **KJV** - oblation, that is offered, offering.

Freewill offerings - [OT:5071](#) נְדָבָה **nedabah** (ned-aw-baw'); from [OT:5068](#); properly (abstractly) spontaneity, or (adjectively) spontaneous; also (concretely) a spontaneous or (by inference, in plural) abundant gift: **KJV** - free (-will) offering, freely, plentiful, voluntary (-ily, offering), willing (-ly), offering).

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There was a precise way in which that offer was to be rendered. The sacrifice was an offering unto the LORD for the one offering the burnt offering for the blessing of the LORD in performing ones vow unto the LORD.

### Numbers 15

<sup>2</sup> Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land of your habitations, which I give unto you,

<sup>3</sup> And will make an **offering by fire** unto the LORD, a **burnt offering**, or a **sacrifice in performing a vow**, or in a **freewill offering**, or in your solemn feasts, to make a **sweet savour unto the LORD**, of the herd or of the flock:

<sup>4</sup> Then shall **he that offereth his offering** unto the LORD **bring a meat offering** of a **tenth deal of flour mingled with the fourth part of an hin of oil**.

**With regard to salvation**, man has NOT the free will to determine for himself that he should be born again. It is NOT the will of man or flesh or blood line. It is the Will of God that determines who should or who should not be saved.

### John 1

<sup>13</sup> Which were **born** [again, of the Spirit], **not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God**.

**With regard to the Holy Word of God**, man did not initiate it writing. We are told that man was give the words that God breathed. The will of man played NO part in the writing of the exact Word of God. Only God determined man to write as God breathed LIFE into Scriptures. It was NOT written by man and it was not written according to worldly wisdom.

### 2 Timothy 3

<sup>16</sup> **All scripture is given by inspiration of God**, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

Inspiration - [NT:2315](#) θεόπνευστος **theopneustos** (teh-op'-nyoo-stos); from [NT:2316](#) and a presumed derivative of [NT:4154](#); divinely breathed in: **KJV** - given by inspiration of God.

### 2 Peter 1

<sup>21</sup> For the **prophecy came not in old time by the will of man**: but holy **men of God** spake as they were **moved by the Holy Ghost**.

**Through the Word of God** we are transformed such that we have a mind to do the will of God. Seeking then to please good we do that which is the good, agreeable, perfect WILL OF GOD.

### Romans 12

<sup>2</sup> 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**.

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Therefore, we are the saints whom God has made free (not set free) to make righteous choices that please God. Fearing Him and keeping His commandments remains the whole duty of Man! Amen. Thus, it is not the statement that we have free will that is wrong, it is the spiritual perspective of the WORD that gives us true understanding. That understanding reveals a sovereign God that will accomplish HIS will.

**The saints will submit** unto that will even unto the LAST DAY and by HIS WILL ~ Amen.

**God has made us free** to make choices contrary to the way we lived. We no longer live and communicate according to worldly wisdom. No longer are we subject to make decisions by our own will or the will of others still in the bondage of sin and corruption. No longer are we, by a will that is free from God, capable of making only bad choices. We choose to live in liberty from sin and according to the Law of Faith in Christ Jesus our LORD and SAVIOUR.

### We are free to Stand Fast

#### Galatians 5

<sup>1</sup> **Stand fast** therefore in the **liberty** wherewith **Christ hath made us free**, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

### We avoid being entangled again through the Word

#### Psalm 119

<sup>45</sup> And I will **walk at liberty**: for I seek thy precepts.

### Those entangled risk a worse thing than before

#### 2 Peter 2

<sup>18</sup> For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.

<sup>19</sup> While they **promise them liberty**, they **themselves are the servants of corruption**: for of whom a **man is overcome**, of the same is he **brought in bondage**.

<sup>20</sup> For if **after they have escaped the pollutions of the world** through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, **they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning**.

### We are blessed living in the Law of Liberty

#### James 1

<sup>25</sup> But whoso looketh into the perfect **law of liberty**, and continueth therein, he being **not** a forgetful hearer, but a **doer of the work**, this man shall be **blessed in his deed**.

### We are free to be obedient servants of God

#### Romans 6

<sup>17</sup> But God be thanked, that ye were the **servants of sin**, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

<sup>18</sup> Being then **made free from sin**, ye became the **servants of righteousness**.

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**We are free to prosper perpetually in the Life and Liberty of Christ**

### Romans 6

<sup>22</sup> But now being **made free from sin**, and **become servants to God**, ye have your fruit unto **holiness**, and the end **everlasting life**.

<sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death; but **the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord**.

**We are free from the Law and sin and death**

### Romans 8

<sup>2</sup> For **the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death**.

**For those who under worldly pretense** assume their own salvation by their own free will the LORD says to them:

### Matthew 7

<sup>21</sup> **Not every one** that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, **shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father** which is in heaven.

**In the END**, the LORD will make it possible for His bride (the body of believers), to choose freely to take of the perpetual LIFE that is freely given only by the Bridegroom and only to His bride.

### Revelation 22

<sup>17</sup> And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And **whosoever will [those who hear], let him take the water of life freely [that is freely given]**.

Will - [NT:2309](#) θέλω **thelo** (thel'-o); or **ethelo** (eth-el'-o); in certain tenses **theleo** (thel-eh'-o); and **etheleo** (eth-el-eh'-o); which are otherwise obsolete; apparently strengthened from the alternate form of [NT:138](#); to determine (as an active option from subjective impulse; whereas [NT:1014](#) properly denotes rather a passive acquiescence in objective considerations), i.e. choose or prefer (literally or figuratively); by implication, to wish, i.e. be inclined to (sometimes adverbially, gladly); impersonally for the future tense, to be about to; by Hebraism, to delight in:

**KJV** - desire, be disposed (forward), intend, list, love, mean, please, have rather, (be) will (have, -ling, -ling [-ly]).

Freely - [NT:1432](#) δωρεάν **dorean** (do-reh-an'); accusative case of [NT:1431](#) as adverb; gratuitously (lit or fig):

**KJV** - without a cause, freely, for naught, in vain.

**Finally, being made free** we are Free the Will of God freely. God alone gives us His Free Will.