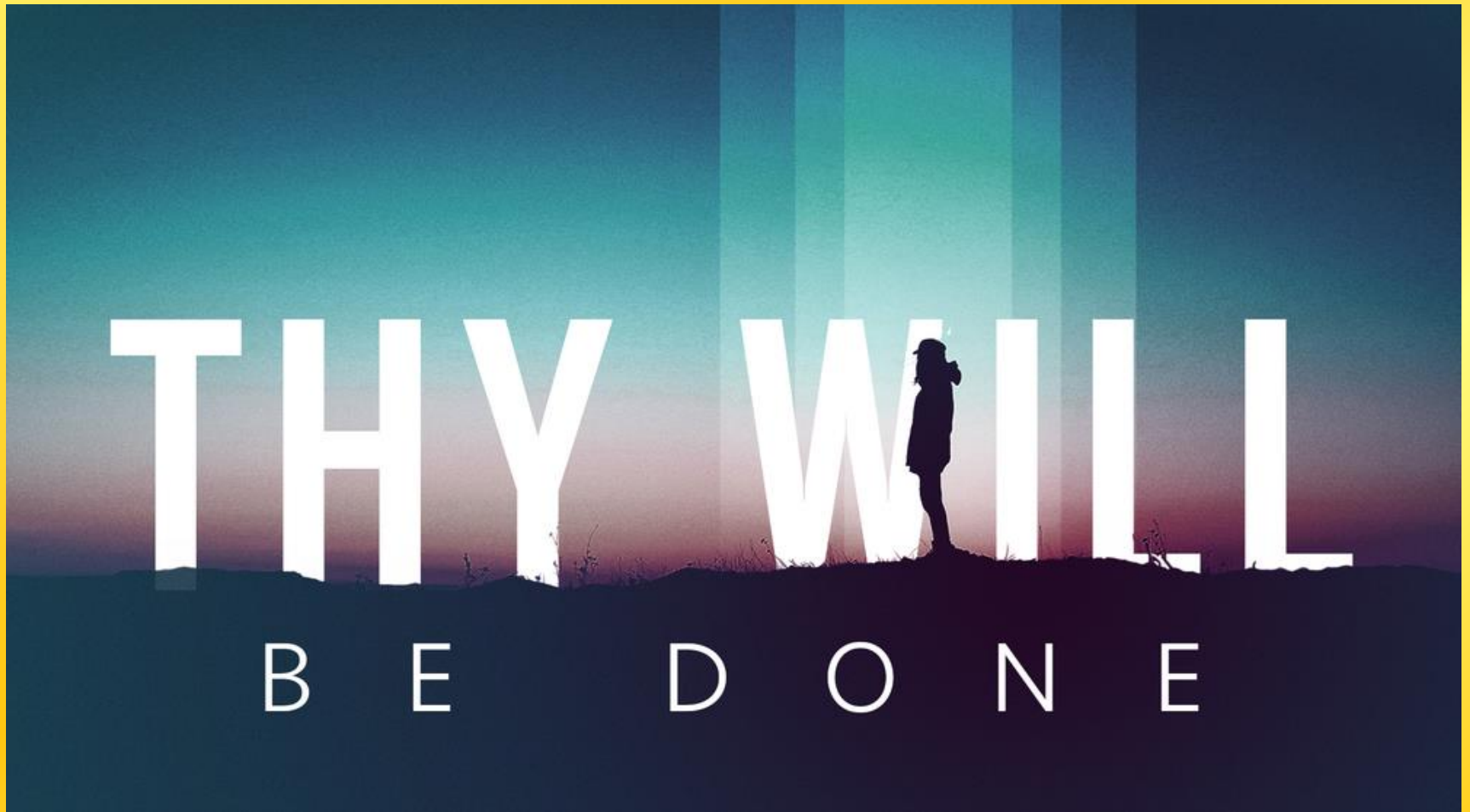


# How Do We Know What God's Will Is For Me?



# GOD'S HIDDEN WILL

- I believe that many Christians make the mistake of **acting on what they can never be sure of** rather than **relying on what they can know for sure.**



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- **Deuteronomy 29:29** (LBLA) Las cosas secretas pertenecen al SEÑOR nuestro Dios, mas las cosas reveladas nos pertenecen a nosotros y a nuestros hijos para siempre, a fin de que guardemos todas las palabras de esta ley.

- **Acts 1:7 (NIV2011) *He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.***
- **Acts 1:7 (LBLA) *Y El les dijo: No os corresponde a vosotros saber los tiempos ni las épocas que el Padre ha fijado con su propia autoridad;***

- **Matthew 24:36-39** (NASB) 36 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone. 37 "For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. 38 "For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39 and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be.
- **Matthew 24:36-39** (LBLA) 36 Pero de aquel día y hora nadie sabe, ni siquiera los ángeles del cielo, ni el Hijo, sino sólo el Padre. 37 Porque como en los días de Noé, así será la venida del Hijo del Hombre. 38 Pues así como en aquellos días antes del diluvio estaban comiendo y bebiendo, casándose y dándose en matrimonio, hasta el día en que entró Noé en el arca, 39 y no comprendieron hasta que vino el diluvio y se los llevó a todos; así será la venida del Hijo del Hombre.

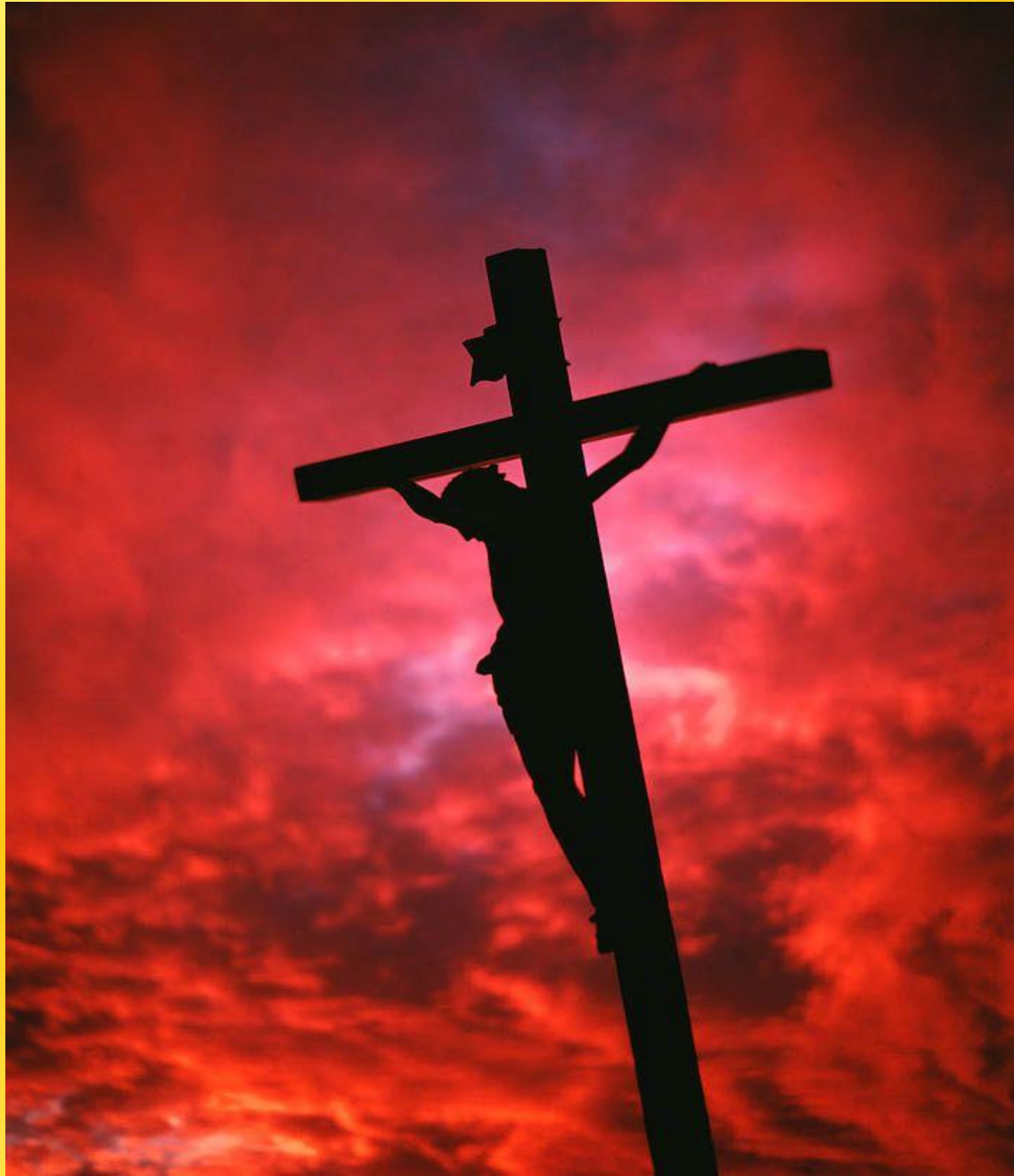
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- **Ephesians 1:11 (ESV)** In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,
- **Ephesians 1:11 (LBLA)** también hemos obtenido herencia, habiendo sido predestinados según el propósito de aquel que obra todas las cosas conforme al consejo de su voluntad,

- **2 Timothy 3:16-17-** "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work"
- **2 Timothy 3:16-17 (LBLA)** 16 Toda Escritura es inspirada por Dios y útil para enseñar, para reprender, para corregir, para instruir en justicia, 17 a fin de que el hombre de Dios sea perfecto, equipado para toda buena obra.





**Romans 8:28** (NASB) 28 And we know that **God causes** all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

**Romans 8:28** (LBLA) 28 Y sabemos que para los que aman a Dios, todas las cosas cooperan para bien, esto es, para los que son llamados conforme a su propósito.

**How should we respond to  
God's hidden will?**

# GOD'S REVEALED WILL

- **Deuteronomy 29:29** (NASB) "The secret things belong to the LORD our God, **but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever**, that we may observe all the words of this law.
- **The Great Commandment**

- **Mark 12:29-32 (NASB)** <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, "The foremost is, 'HEAR, O ISRAEL! THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD; <sup>30</sup> AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.' <sup>31</sup> "The second is this, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' There is no other commandment greater than these."
- **Mark 12:29-32 (LBLA)** <sup>29</sup> Jesús respondió: El más importante es: "ESCUCHA, ISRAEL; EL SEÑOR NUESTRO DIOS, EL SEÑOR UNO ES; <sup>30</sup> Y AMARAS AL SEÑOR TU DIOS CON TODO TU CORAZON, Y CON TODA TU ALMA, Y CON TODA TU MENTE, Y CON TODA TU FUERZA." <sup>31</sup> El segundo es éste: "AMARAS A TU PROJIMO COMO A TI MISMO." No hay otro mandamiento mayor que éstos. <sup>32</sup> Y el escriba le dijo: Muy bien, Maestro; con verdad has dicho que EL ES UNO, Y NO HAY OTRO ADEMAS DE EL;

# The will of God for us today is revealed in **the Great Commission**

- **Matthew 28:19 (NASB)** "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
- **Matthew 28:19 (LBLA)** Id, pues, y haced discípulos de todas las naciones, bautizándolos en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo,



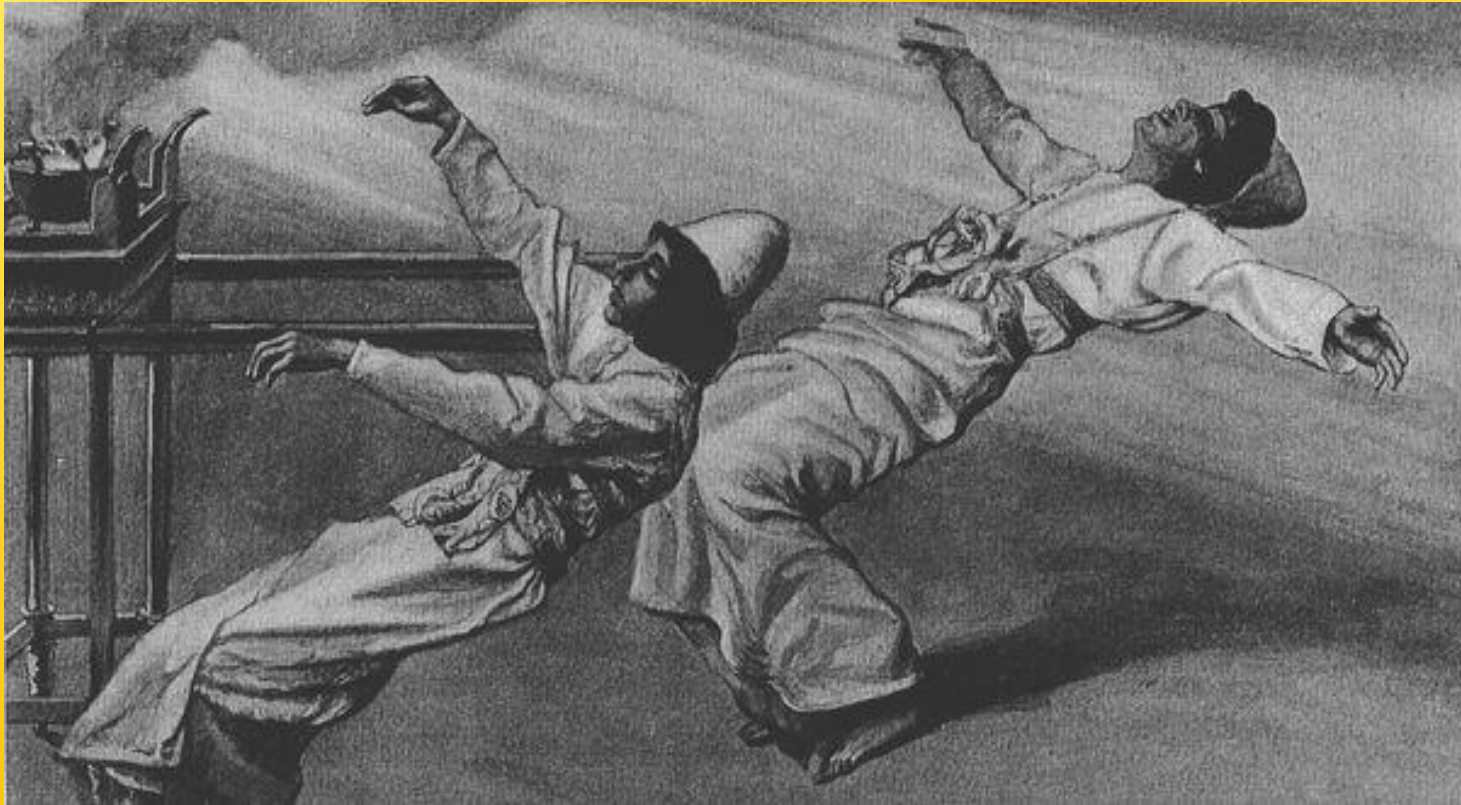
- **1 Thessalonians 5:15-18 (NASB)** 15 See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people. 16 Rejoice always; 17 pray without ceasing; 18 in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
- **1 Thessalonians 5:15-18 (LBLA)** 15 Mirad que ninguno devuelva a otro mal por mal, sino procurad siempre lo bueno los unos para con los otros, y para con todos. 16 Estad siempre gozosos; 17 orad sin cesar; 18 dad gracias en todo, porque esta es la voluntad de Dios para vosotros en Cristo Jesús.





**Joshua 13:22 (NASB)** The sons of Israel also killed Balaam the son of Beor, the diviner, with the sword among the rest of their slain.

# NADAB AND ABIHU



**Romans 14:12 (NASB)** So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God.

**Romans 14:12 (LBLA)** De modo que cada uno de nosotros dará a Dios cuenta de sí mismo.

**• GOD WILL *NOT* HOLD US  
ACCOUNTABLE FOR WHAT HE HAS  
KEPT HIDDEN OR SECRET.**

**• How should we respond to God's  
revealed will?**

**1 John 2:17 (NASB)** The world is passing away, and *also* its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.

**1 John 2:17 (LBLA)** Y el mundo pasa, y *también* sus pasiones, pero el que hace la voluntad de Dios permanece para siempre.

# GOD'S PERCEIVED WILL

- **Romans 12:2** (NASB) And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.
- **Romans 12:2** (LBLA) Y no os adaptéis a este mundo, sino transformaos mediante la renovación de vuestra mente, para que verifiquéis cuál es la voluntad de Dios: lo que es bueno, aceptable y perfecto.

- **Romans 12:2 (ESV)** Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.
- **Romans 12:2 (NIV2011)** Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing, and perfect will.



# How should we respond to God's discerned will?

- We cannot test what God has kept secret.
- We must not test what God has revealed.
- We should always test what God has called us to discern.
- So when we are faced with a major decision:  
*'Lord, help me to discern, so that Your will may be done.'*

# When we pray Your will be done

- God's secret will, we cannot know, and we must respond to the mysteries of life with faith.
- God's revealed will – we must know, study and obey. This is why Paul writes –
  - **2 Timothy 2:15 (NASB77)** Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth.
  - **2 Timothy 2:15 (LBLA)** Procura con diligencia presentarte a Dios aprobado, *como* obrero que no tiene de qué avergonzarse, que maneja con precisión la palabra de verdad.

**And when we come to the areas in our lives where we must discern God's will, we are to test so we will be able to continue to do what we believe God's will is in the area of discernment.**

When we pray *'Thy will be done,'*

- **to have faith, to trust God in the things He has kept hidden**
- **to be obedient to what God has revealed**
- **Use wisdom in what God has called us to discern**