

“The Will of Him Who Sent Me”

Intro: With the Bible opening by pointing us to Almighty God and ending with the blessing of the grace of the LORD Jesus, we understand that despite man’s sinful aggression against God that it is the will of God Almighty that a people (namely, _____), be blessed with God’s good and _____ through Jesus Christ.

A. From before the beginning - before God laid the foundation of the world - in His infinite wisdom He determinately ordained a plan whereby He would redeem a fallen people for Himself through the grace of the Lord _____, keeping them as His very own possession. And, the verses of today’s study reveal just how He purposed to do this - providentially _____ eternal _____ in time and space.

I. _____ down from heaven, humbling Himself by taking on the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men _____ the _____ of Him (the Heavenly _____) who sent Him. (cf. Jo. 6:38; Phil. 2:5-8)

A. _____ from heaven!

1. John 1:14 says, “And the Word _____, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.” Jesus became the unique, one and _____ begotten _____ - _____; being at once, fully God and fully man!

B. _____? Why would God do this? Why would Jesus leave the splendor of heaven? Why would _____ empty Himself? Why would He take on the form of a bond-servant that He would be found in the likeness of men? Why would the High and _____ Infinite Creator abase Himself by becoming _____ of flesh and blood? Jesus said, “For I have come down from heaven, not _____ My own will, but the will _____ who sent Me.”

1. In the three verses of our text, Jesus speaks of the _____ _____ _____ _____ threes times. In verse 38 He said that He came to do “the will of Him who sent Me.” In verse 39 He said, “this is the will of Him who sent Me.” In verse 40 He said, “this is the will of My Father.” Jesus came from heaven for this one _____: to do the will of the Father.

C. The will of the Father in sending _____ down from heaven is this: “that of all that He has given” to Christ, that He should “_____ _____, but raise it up on the last day.”

1. From the beginning God had an eternal plan! In His plan, though man would fall (certainly we do not think that man’s sin surprised God for Jesus was slain from before the foundation of the world but, though man would fall and since God knew it, from the beginning) God decreed that He would _____ a people (the _____, the bride of Christ) by grace through the sacrificial _____ upon the cross.

2. F.F. Bruce writes, "In the work of salvation the Father and the _____ are completely at one, the Father giving the believing community to the Son, the Son receiving and guarding those who come to Him, because He is utterly _____ the Father's will. The doing of the _____ will is the purpose of His coming into the world, and it is the sustenance of His life on earth." Amen! Jesus said, 4:34, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to _____ His work."

3. Jesus said He would _____ up _____ that the Father gives Him on the last day! What does this mean? It means just this: that when we are saved _____ are _____ in Christ. It means that He will not fail in fulfilling the Father's will. Jesus said, Matt 24:35, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words shall not pass away." Jesus will lose none, but will raise all whom the Father gives Him to life everlasting!

4. Christ's fulfilment of the will of the Father does not depend upon our abilities, but His infinite power! Jesus proclaimed, John 11:25, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who _____ in Me _____ even if he dies," Beloved, those who believe in Christ Jesus, even if they should die a physical death, will live forever for Christ will raise them up!

D. Beloved, just as a _____ save himself, neither can he keep himself saved, and neither can he raise himself from the dead, for these are the works that belong to God alone - good works that _____ purposed in the eternities past to bring about through Christ Jesus. Though man would fall in sin, from the beginning God sovereignly _____ within Himself to bless a people with the grace of the Lord Jesus. And, through His sending Jesus from heaven to earth, He is accomplishing His sovereign eternal plan in time and space. Our _____, from conception to consummation, is _____ - to the praise of the glory of His grace!

Conclusion: Beloved, He who sets His love upon us, saves us, and keeps us, and will by His same Mighty Hand raise us up, all of this through Christ Jesus, the Lord! Let us trust and rest in Him! And this then, is why Jesus told the people that they must believe in Him whom the Father sent for it is necessary that we _____ that _____ the Son of God sent from heaven for "there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must _____" (Acts 4:12).

Will you believe that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world? And, that Jesus has come to perfectly fulfill the Father's will? And that all whom the Father gives Him will come to Him; and that He will gladly receive all who come in faith believing; and that He will not lose one, but will raise each one up to life everlasting? "And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure" (1 John 3:3). _____ alone, for this is His eternal plan. To God be all the glory!

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