



Power From on High

Series: Power From On High.
Title: Salvation To The Gentiles,
Part 3 - God's Secrete will
Lesson: 62

Text: Assorted Scriptures
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1. God speaks to us in various ways:

- A. Natural revelation (Creation)
- B. Special revelation (Scripture)
- C. Music
- D. Conscience
- E. Circumstances
- F. People
- G. Prayer

1 John 5:14 This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, ***He hears us***. 15 And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that ***we have the requests*** which we have asked from Him.

Two “**If**” clauses - What we ask for may or may not be acceptable.

“according to His will”

Three insights regarding prayer.

1. Prayer is not an _____ in itself.

Prayer + _____ = Answers to prayer

2. God's answers are not typically _____
nor _____.

3. God often answers _____ over an
extended period of time.

2. God has a _____ will and a _____ will.

Deuteronomy 29:29 "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.

1 Thessalonians 4:3 For **this is the will of God**, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality;

1 Thessalonians 5:18 in everything give thanks; **for this is God's will** for you in Christ Jesus.

We have to walk in faith and _____ God in what He keeps secret.

2 Corinthians 5:6–7 Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord— **7 for we walk by faith, not by sight—**

We are to live by faith trusting God without the _____ of circumstances.

Proverbs 3:5–6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.

This requires three realities of faith:

1. We must “**trust**” the Lord completely without reservation.

2. We must have a healthy distrust of ourselves and not **“lean”** on our own understanding.
3. We must believe that God is sovereign and **“acknowledge”** Him in all our ways.

“will make our paths straight”

Behold, we are not responsible for the
_____, **God is.**

Proverbs 16:9 The mind of man plans his way, But the Lord directs his steps.

“steps”

Psalm 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

“word”

“lamp”

Numbers 9:15–23 Now on the day that the tabernacle was erected the cloud covered the tabernacle, the tent of the testimony, and in the evening it was like the appearance of fire over the tabernacle, until morning. 16 So it was continuously; the cloud would cover it by day, and the appearance of fire by night.

17 Whenever the cloud was lifted from over the tent, afterward the sons of Israel would then set out; and in the place where the cloud settled down, there the sons of Israel would camp. 18 At the command of the Lord the sons of Israel would set out, and at the command of the Lord they would camp; as long as the cloud settled over the tabernacle, they remained camped.

Hebrews 11:8 By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going.

“not knowing”

Genesis 22:1–13 Now it came about after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” 2 He said, “Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you.”

“tested”

10 Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. 11 But the angel of the Lord called to him from

heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 12 He said, "Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; **for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.**"

**Not knowing God's full will provides _____
that prove our reverence for God.**

John 11:1–4 Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 It was the Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick. 3 So the sisters sent word to Him, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick." 4 But when Jesus heard this, He said, "This sickness is not to end in death, but for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by it."

5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. 6 So when He heard that he was sick, He then stayed two days longer in the place where He was.

"stayed two days longer"

**God _____ answering our prayers to
magnify His glory.**

What if we fail?

Psalm 37:23–24 The **steps** of a man are established by the Lord, And He delights in his way. 24 When he falls, he will not be hurled headlong, Because the Lord is the One who holds his hand.

Psalm 145:14 The Lord **sustains** all who fall And raises up all who are bowed down.

Implication

Behold! Obey, trust, and _____, God has you by the hand.

Discussion Guide

1. Do you believe Christians struggle with God's silence as it relates to His will? Give examples from your own life.
2. Why as a general rule does God not answer us immediately and completely?
3. How does Psalm 119:105 help us in pursuing God's will?
4. Share an example of an immediate answer to prayer and an example of one that has unfolded in steps over time.
5. Has your expectation regarding God's will changed as a result of today's sermon? If so, how?



ANSWERS: obedience, immediate, complete, gradually, revealed, secret, trust, assurance, future, tests, delays, relax