

“DISCERNING THE WILL OF GOD” (Judges 6:35-40)

* John 7:17

I. THE SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF ISRAEL (6:1-10)

II. THE SPECIFIC CALL & PREPARATION OF GIDEON (6:11-40)

A. The DIVINE COMMISSION By the Angel of the Lord (6:11-16)

B. The DEFINITE CONFIRMATION By the Sign of the Lord (6:17-24)

C. A SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENT to Test Gideon (6:25-32)

D. A SUPERNATURAL ABILITY to Enable Gideon (6:33-34)

E. DISCERNING the Will of God (6:35-40)

1. Gideon’s TESTING of God’s Will

a) God had already _____ His will to Gideon about delivering Israel. (6:36)

b) Here, Gideon was walking by _____ rather than _____. (Heb. 11:1)

** How did God respond to Gideon?*

2. How NOT to Discern the Will of God

God's will is not to be sought . . .

a) . . . through _____. (Matt. 12:39; 2 Cor. 5:7; Heb. 11:1, 6)

b) . . . through mysterious _____. (Job 1:13-1; Col. 4:3; 2 Cor. 2:12-13)

c) . . . through _____, _____, or _____.
(2 Tim. 3:16-17; Deut. 13:1-4; Isa. 8:20; Col. 2:18; 2 Th. 2:9-12; 2 Pt. 1:16-21)

d) . . . through our _____. (Prov. 16:2, 21:2; Jer. 10:23, 17:9)

e) . . . through “Bible-_____.” (2 Tim. 2:15)

3. How TO Discern the Will of God

a) Always _____ the _____ will of God first.

b) Search the Scriptures for any _____ which apply. (Josh. 1:7-8; Ps. 119:24)

c) Weigh your spiritual _____ as you seek the perfect will of God. (Matt. 6:33; Heb. 12:1; Rom. 14:19-23; 1 Cor. 6:12, 10:23-33)

** What types of questions would this involve?*

d) _____ the scriptural & practical counsel of mature, godly believers.
(Prov. 12:15, 15:22, 24:5-6, 27:6)

e) Regularly _____ about your decision with a yielded & submissive spirit.
(Lk. 22:42; James 1:5)

f) Trust in the unfailing _____ of God. (Ps. 32:8-9; Prov. 3:5-6)

g) _____ with your decision only with the “peace of God” ruling in your heart. (James 4:17; Col. 3:15)