

Sources of God's Will (Part 1)



Week Two

inTro



Read This Week's Passage:
1 Kings 17:1-9; 18:1

GRACE TO YOU AND PEACE FROM GOD OUR FATHER

You might have heard the anecdotes that warn against the dangers of random Bible study. One person flipped through her Bible and pointed to a verse to determine what was God's will for her. She came to Matthew 27:5: "Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself." Incredulous, she tried again only to arrive at Luke 10:37: "Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'" With another prayer and random stab, she concluded at John 13:27, which read, "Jesus said to him, 'What you do, do quickly.'"

In another anecdote, the man uses the same method to decide God's choice for a future wife. He comes to one of Paul's verses that reads, "Grace to you and peace from God our Father." Later that morning, he walks into the church service, where a praise team is getting ready for song service. The praise leader introduces her team and then herself. Her name is Grace. At that moment, the man knows whom God wants him to marry.

Numerous questions arise after we hear these anecdotes. Were they true or just urban myths? Did the woman follow through after finding those verses in the first account? Did the man ask Grace to be his wife in the second account? What would have happened if he met another woman named Peace? Would God have allowed for polygamy in this instance (God forbid!). Is there a method to reading and studying the Bible? How is the will of God ascertained from Scripture? These are the issues we will touch on in this week's lesson.



inScribe

Write out 1 Kings 17:1–9; 18:1 from the translation of your choice. You may also rewrite the passage in your own words, outline, or mind map the chapter.



Go back to your scribed text and study the passage.

Circle repeated words/phrases/ideas

Underline words/phrases that are important and have meaning to you



Draw **Arrows** to connect words/phrases to other associated or related words/phrases

What special insights do your marks seem overall to point to?



Memorize your favorite verse in 1 Kings 17:1-9; 18:1. Write it out multiple times to help memorization.

How does your approach to the Bible interact with your method of making decisions?



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After looking at your scribed and annotated text, what special insights do your marks overall seem to point to?



What questions emerge after studying this passage? What parts are difficult?

What are some permission promises that God is revealing to you?

What are some prohibition promises that God is revealing to you?

What is the reaction of your heart to these promises?



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What relationship do the following verses have with the primary passage?

Ezra 7:10

2 Chron. 7:14

2 Tim. 2:14-16

Acts 2:14-39

Ps. 119:50, 88, 93, 165



What other verses/promises come to mind in connecting the Bible with the will of God?

Review your memorized verse from 1 Kings 17:1-9; 18:1.



Meditate on 1 Kings 17:1-9; 18:1 again and look for where Jesus is.



Where has Jesus led you through thus far?

What is He saying to you through this lesson?

How do you see Jesus differently or see Him again?

Prayer: How do you respond to seeing Jesus in this way?



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Review the memory verse.
How does it apply to your
life this week?



After this week's study
of the chapter, what are
personal applications you
are convicted of in your life?

What practical applications
must you make in your
prayer life?

A large grid of small dots for writing notes.



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Share insights from this week's memory verse and Bible study as well as any discoveries, observations, and questions with your Sabbath School class (or Bible study group). Consider these discussion questions with the rest of the group.



Concerning the individuals in the inTro stories, were they following God's will or not?

How is Elijah's following of God's Word similar to our following of God's Word? How is it different?

How have you applied the principles of God's Word to a major life decision?

What is an example of where a principle was extracted from a passage?

What are some supposed sources of God's will that are dangerous to our spiritual walk?

Why is it so easy to lose sight of the forest for the trees (or, lose sight of Christ for His will)?

Why is studying the Bible day by day so difficult? How do we endure the absence of immediate results?