

Sources of God's Will (Part 2)



Week Three

inTro



Read This Week's Passage:
Psalm 23

DRIVING TO A DECISION

A university student was driving home back from graduation in his used car. With dormitory furniture and belongings in his back seat, he drove along contemplating the next stage of his life. Now empowered with an undergraduate degree, he wondered what he was going to do, how he was going to it, and where. Surrounded by anxiety and overwhelmed with the number of choices, he looked out into the countryside on his road trip. Weeks before graduation, he had applied to random jobs and internships out of desperation. Random opportunities came here and there. His rationale caused him to overthink each choice and reason out its pros and cons. But at the end of day, he still had to decide.

The monotony of the drive caused him to debate and even cry out loud for some help. Not knowing what to do, he started to pray to God aloud in his car, asking for a clear sign from heaven. He asked God to put the right decision in front of his eyes. This anxious young adult wanted to stop analyzing and wanted the assistance of heavenly omniscience to help make the decision for him.

Just then, a car cut in front of him. The recent graduate was so angry that he stared at the license plate. He wanted to mark this car, its make, and its license number. But then he realized that the plate was from a certain province of the country. Immediately his thoughts went back to the seemingly random jobs and internships he had applied to. One of them had offered him an entry-level position. And it was in the same region as the license plate of the car that had cut him off.

It was then that he knew where he was going next—the province of the car that had cut in front of him.



inScribe

Write out Psalm 23 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 Psalm 23. Write it out multiple times to help memorization.

How have you used these three methods to discover God's will in the past?



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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 other principles and conclusions do you find?



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

- Luke 14:28-32
- Acts 8:29-39
- 2 Timothy 3:1-5
- Hebrews 1:1-2



What other verses point to these and other sources for God's will?

A large grid of small dots for writing answers to the questions above.

Review your memorized verse from Psalm 23.



Where do you see Jesus in
Psalm 23?



Is Jesus Lord in your life
decisions?

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 are practical
applications you must
make?

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.



What are some ways that people misinterpret the will of God?

How can selfish interest cloud the decision-making process?

What are the three ways that God reveals His will to us, according to Ellen G. White?

What are the different parameters that each of the three ways are revealed?

What are some narratives where to prove the sources are biblical?

Who are some good mentors in your life, and what godly counsel have they given?

Are there other sources for God's will that have not been discussed?

Is common sense common?

Why is it so important to establish the sources of God's will before deciding to follow it?