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God: Is it your will?

Judges 6:

6:36 And Gideon said unto God, If thou wilt save the Israelites by my hand, as thou hast spoken,

6:37 So I put a clump of sheep's wool on the threshing floor, and if there is dew on the wool and everything else is dry, I know that you will save the Israelites by my hand, as I have said.

6:38 The next morning when Gidian got up, he saw that it was so. Squeeze the sheep's hair and wring out a basin of dew from the sheep's hair.

6:39 And Gideon said to God, Do not be angry with me, but I will say this again, that I may try the feathers again. I hope that the sheep's hair is dry , and there will be dew in other places .

6:40 And so did the god of the night, and the wool of the sheep was dry, and there was dew in all other places.

What a mysterious and profound mystery your will is, O God, in the endless stars of the universe, like a light that illuminates our path, but it seems to hide infinite mysteries that fill our hearts with awe and inquiry.

Your will is the opportunity for the birth of all things, and the bond of destiny through the passage of time. In every corner of the earth, your will is manifested, in the verdant forests, in the blue oceans, in the towering mountains and vast fields. Thy will be as soft as the wind and as mighty as thunder.

We reverently look to your will and look forward to getting a glimpse of your grand plans. Your will may be a test or a gift of mercy. We pray all day long that we will find wisdom and guidance in your will to make us better people and embark on a fuller, more meaningful path in life.

May Your will guide us towards peace and harmony, enlighten the light in our hearts, and let us feel Your loving care and wisdom in this endless journey. Pray for your grace to lead us to a bright future. May your will always be the compass of our lives, guiding us through the waves of life until we return to you.

Determining whether something is God's will or not is usually a personal belief or spiritual experience. Different religions and belief systems have their own ways of understanding and interpreting God's will. Some people seek guidance and understanding through prayer, meditation, or the interpretation of sacred texts.

For some, the belief that something is God's will may be based on an inner intuitive feeling, a revelation from the heart, or an interpretation of signs and coincidences in life. Sometimes, people feel a strong inner guidance that directs them in a particular direction or to make certain decisions.

However, determining whether something is God's will or not is usually a personal experience, so there is no universally applicable standard or method in this regard. This perception is often deeply rooted in personal beliefs and spiritual experiences. For some, trusting in one's inner voice and connection to divinity is the way to affirm God's will.

There are many passages in the Bible that refer to God's will as God's teaching, guidance, and plan for mankind. Here are some passages in the Bible that directly refer to God's will:

Isaiah 46:10: "From the beginning I have made known the things to be end, and from old times I have spoken of the things that have not been done, saying, 'My plan will be established, and whatever pleases me I will do it.'" "

Ephesians 5:17: "Therefore do not be fools, but understand what the will of the Lord is." "

Romans 12:2: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is the good, perfect, and pleasing will of God." "

I Timothy 2:3-4: "For it is good, in the sight of God our Savior." He wants all people to be saved and to know the truth. "

I Peter 2:15, "For it is the will of God that you should do good deeds that you may silence fools and fools." "

I John 5:14: "If we ask anything according to his will, he will listen to us." "

These verses emphasize that God's will is wise and well-intentioned, and encourage people to seek, follow, and understand God's will in order to live a life that is according to His heart. There are many other passages in the Bible that speak of God's will, and understanding these purposes often requires in-depth study and interpretation.

We pray together:

Dear Lord, we come to You at this time, with piety and humility, asking for Your wisdom and kindness to guide us. You are the source of wisdom and love, and your will is beyond our understanding and knowledge. May your light shine upon us and guide us in our pursuit of truth and good deeds in our lives.

Give us wisdom so that we can make wise decisions. When we face challenges and difficulties, please give us clear thinking and clear direction, so that we have the courage and tenacity to face the ups and downs of life.

Fill our lives with your kindness and let your mercy and grace always be with us. May your love warm our hearts and teach us to be tolerant, loving, and caring for others.

Please guide us on the path of justice and mercy and help us to be a conduit for spreading peace and hope. May our words and deeds reflect your will and let your glory manifest among us.

Thank you, Lord, for your care and pampering in our lives. May Your will be manifested in our lives, let us walk with you, and be a witness of your love and wisdom. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I pray, amen.

Judges Chapter 6

Ju. 6:1 Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD, and for seven years he gave them into the hands of the Midianites. Ju. 6:2 Because the power of Midian was so oppressive, the Israelites prepared shelters for themselves in mountain clefts, caves and strongholds.

Ju. 6:3 Whenever the Israelites planted their crops, the Midianites, Amalekites and other eastern peoples invaded the country.

Ju. 6:4 They camped on the land and ruined the crops all the way to Gaza and did not spare a living thing for Israel, neither sheep nor cattle nor donkeys.

Ju. 6:5 They came up with their livestock and their tents like swarms of locusts. It was impossible to count the men and their camels; they invaded the land to ravage it.

Ju. 6:6 Midian so impoverished the Israelites that they cried out to the LORD for help.

Ju. 6:7 When the Israelites cried to the LORD because of Midian, Ju. 6:8 he sent them a prophet, who said, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: I brought you up out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

Ju. 6:9 I snatched you from the power of Egypt and from the hand of all your oppressors. I drove them from before you and gave you their land.

Ju. 6:10 I said to you, ‘I am the LORD your God; do not worship the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you live.’ But you have not listened to me.”

Ju. 6:11 The angel of the LORD came and sat down under the oak in

Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites.

Ju. 6:12 When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said,

“The LORD is with you, mighty warrior.”

Ju. 6:13 “But sir,” Gideon replied, “if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our fathers told us about when they said, ‘Did not the LORD bring us up out of Egypt?’ But now the LORD has abandoned us and put us into the hand of Midian.”

Ju. 6:14 The LORD turned to him and said, “Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian’s hand. Am I not sending you?”

Ju. 6:15 “But Lord,” Gideon asked, “how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family.” Ju. 6:16 The LORD answered, “I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites together.”

Ju. 6:17 Gideon replied, “If now I have found favour in your eyes, give me a sign that it is really you talking to me.

Ju. 6:18 Please do not go away until I come back and bring my offering and set it before you.” And the LORD said, “I will wait until you return.”

Ju. 6:19 Gideon went in, prepared a young goat, and from an ephah of flour he made bread without yeast. Putting the meat in a basket and its broth in a pot, he brought them out and offered them to him under the oak.

Ju. 6:20 The angel of God said to him, “Take the meat and the unleavened bread, place them on this rock, and pour out the broth.” And Gideon did so.

Ju. 6:21 With the tip of the staff that was in his hand, the angel of the LORD touched the meat and the unleavened bread. Fire flared from the rock, consuming the meat and the bread. And the angel of the LORD disappeared.

Ju. 6:22 When Gideon realised that it was the angel of the LORD, he exclaimed, “Ah, Sovereign LORD! I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face!”

Ju. 6:23 But the LORD said to him, “Peace! Do not be afraid. You are not going to die.”

Ju. 6:24 So Gideon built an altar to the LORD there and called it The LORD is Peace. To this day it stands in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

Ju. 6:25 That same night the LORD said to him, “Take the second bull from your father’s herd, the one seven years old. Tear

down your father’s altar to Baal and cut down the Asherah pole beside it.

Ju. 6:26 Then build a proper kind of altar to the LORD your God on the top of this height. Using the wood of the Asherah pole that you cut down, offer the second bull as a burnt offering.” Ju.

6:27 So Gideon took ten of his servants and did as the LORD told him. But because he was afraid of his family and the men of the town, he did it at night rather than in the daytime.

Ju. 6:28 In the morning when the men of the town got up, there was Baal’s altar, demolished, with the Asherah pole beside it cut down and the second bull sacrificed on the newly-built altar!

Ju. 6:29 They asked each other, “Who did this?” When they carefully investigated, they were

told, “Gideon son of Joash did it.” Ju. 6:30 The men of the town demanded of Joash, “Bring out your son. He must die, because he has broken down Baal’s altar and cut down the Asherah pole beside it.”

Ju. 6:31 But Joash replied to the hostile crowd around him, “Are you going to plead Baal’s cause? Are you trying to save him? Whoever fights for him shall be put to death by morning! If Baal really is a god, he can defend himself when someone breaks down his altar.”

Ju. 6:32 So that day they called Gideon “Jerub-Baal,” saying, “Let Baal contend with him,”

because he broke down Baal’s altar. Ju. 6:33 Now all the Midianites, Amalekites and other eastern peoples joined forces and crossed over the Jordan and camped in the Valley of Jezreel.

Ju. 6:34 Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet, summoning the Abiezrites to follow him.

Ju. 6:35 He sent messengers throughout Manasseh, calling them to arms, and also into Asher, Zebulun and Naphtali, so that they too went up to meet them.

Ju. 6:36 Gideon said to God, “If you will save Israel by my hand as you have promised —

Ju. 6:37 look, I will place a wool fleece on the threshing-floor. If there is dew only on the fleece and all the ground is dry, then I will know that you will save Israel by my hand, as you said.” Ju.

6:38 And that is what happened. Gideon rose early the next day; he squeezed the fleece and wrung out the dew — a bowlful of water.

Ju. 6:39 Then Gideon said to God, “Do not be angry with me. Let me make just one more request. Allow me one more test with the fleece. This time make the fleece dry and the ground covered with dew.”

Ju. 6:40 That night God did so. Only the fleece was dry; all the ground was covered with dew.

The Book of Judges, Chapter 6 in the Christian Bible talks about the story of Gideon, one of the judges of Israel, and the defeat of the Midianites who had been oppressing the Israelites. The chapter begins by describing how the Israelites once again fell into sin and were oppressed by the Midianites, who plundered their crops and livestock. The Lord then appeared to Gideon and called him to be a deliverer of the Israelites. Gideon was hesitant and doubted his ability to lead the people, but the Lord reassured him and promised to be with him. Gideon asked for a sign to confirm that the Lord had indeed called him, and the Lord responded by causing fire to come out of a rock and consume a sacrifice that Gideon had offered.

Gideon then gathered an army of thirty-two thousand men to face the Midianites, but the Lord instructed him to reduce the number of men so that the victory would be attributed to Him and not to the strength of the Israelites. Gideon ultimately led an army of three hundred men and surprised the Midianites by attacking them at night with torches and trumpets.

The Midianites were thrown into confusion and began to fight among themselves, allowing the Israelites to defeat them and drive them out of the land. The chapter ends with the Israelites offering to make Gideon their king, but he refused, saying that the Lord was their ruler.

The story of Gideon and the defeat of the Midianites emphasizes the importance of trusting in the Lord and not relying on one's own strength. It also highlights the power of the Lord to deliver His people from their oppressors and the importance of being obedient to His commands.

Here are some key verses from chapter 6 in The Book of Judges:

- "And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord: and the Lord delivered them into the hand of Midian seven years." (Judges 6:1)
- "And he said unto him, Oh my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, my family is poor in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house." (Judges 6:15)
- "And the Lord said unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man." (Judges 6:16)
- "And Gideon said unto him, Oh my Lord, if the Lord be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where be all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt? but now the Lord hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites." (Judges 6:13)
- "And Gideon built an altar there unto the Lord, and called it Jehovahshalom: unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites." (Judges 6:24)

- "And the Lord said unto Gideon, The people that are with thee are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me." (Judges 7:2)
- "And the Lord said unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the other people go every man unto his place." (Judges 7:7)
- "And when Gideon was come, behold, there was a man that told a dream unto his fellow, and said, Behold, I dreamed a dream, and, lo, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the host of Midian, and came unto a tent, and smote it that it fell, and overturned it, that the tent lay along." (Judges 7:13)
- "And Gideon came to Jordan, and passed over, he, and the three hundred men that were with him, faint, yet pursuing them." (Judges 8:4)
- "And the land had rest forty years in the days of Gideon." (Judges 8:28) These are just a few key verses, but there are many more important passages in this chapter as well.

Judges chapter 6 provides a reflection on the story of Gideon, highlighting his calling as a judge and his journey from doubt to faith in fulfilling God's purpose for him and the Israelites.

The chapter begins by describing the state of the Israelites at that time. They had once again turned away from God and were facing oppression from the Midianites. The Midianites would invade the land, destroy crops, and leave the Israelites in a state of poverty and despair.

In the midst of this oppression, an angel of the Lord appears to Gideon while he is threshing wheat in a winepress, hiding from the Midianites. The angel greets Gideon as a "mighty man of valor" and delivers a message from God, informing him that he has been chosen to deliver the Israelites from the hand of the Midianites.

Gideon expresses doubt and uncertainty, questioning how it could be possible for him to accomplish such a task. He requests signs from God to confirm the message he has received. God patiently grants Gideon's requests for signs, demonstrating His patience and understanding of Gideon's need for reassurance.

As the story unfolds, Gideon's faith begins to grow. He tears down the altar of the false god Baal in his town, demonstrating his commitment to the worship of the Lord alone. Gideon gathers an

army, but God reduces their numbers significantly, emphasizing that the victory will come from God's power, not human strength.

The reflection in Judges chapter 6 highlights the faithfulness of God in choosing and equipping unlikely individuals for His purposes. It reveals the transformative power of God's presence and guidance in the life of Gideon, who initially doubted his ability but grew in faith as he witnessed God's miraculous signs.

Moreover, the chapter reflects on the importance of obedience and worshiping God alone. Gideon's act of tearing down the altar of Baal signifies the removal of idolatry and the restoration of true worship. It emphasizes the need for wholehearted devotion to God and the rejection of false gods.

Overall, Judges chapter 6 serves as a reflection on God's faithfulness, His ability to work through individuals despite their doubts, and the transformative power of obedience and worship. It encourages believers to trust in God's calling, to seek His guidance, and to rely on His strength rather than their own in fulfilling His purposes.