

Jonah 1:1-17

God's Will

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Matthew 26:39

“And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, ‘My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as you will.’”

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θελω (pronounced, "theh-loh") = will/want:

“A purposeful decision to pursue a desired outcome or objective.”

Volition: “the power of choosing or determining (one's course of action or inaction).”

God's Will

There are three types of God's Will:

1. Directive will:

That which God directs an individual to do.

2. Permissive will:

That which God allows an individual to do.

3. Overruling will:

That which God keeps an individual from doing.

God's Will

God's will for Jonah:

“The word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai saying, ‘Arise, go to Nineveh the great city and cry against it, for their wickedness has come up before Me.’”

Jonah 1:1-2

God's Directive Will

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God's will for Jonah:

“But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. So he went down to Joppa, found a ship which was going to Tarshish, paid the fare, and went down into it to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.”

Jonah 1:3

God's Permissive Will

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God's will for Jonah:

“The LORD hurled a great wind on the sea and there was a great storm on the sea so that the ship was about to break up. Then the sailors became afraid and every man cried to his god, and they threw the cargo which was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone below into the hold of the ship, lain down and fallen sound asleep.”

Jonah 1:4-5

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“So the captain approached him and said, ‘How is it that you are sleeping? Get up, call on your god. Perhaps your god will be concerned about us so that we will not perish.’ Each man said to his mate, ‘Tell us, now! On whose account has this calamity struck us.’ So they cast lots and the lot fell on Jonah.”

Jonah 1:6-7

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“Then they said to him, ‘Tell us now! On whose account has this calamity struck us? What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? From what people are you?’ He said to them, ‘I am a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD God of heaven who made the sea and the dry land.’”

Jonah 1:8-9

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“Then the men became extremely frightened and they said to him, ‘How could you do this?’ For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them. So they said to him, ‘What should we do to you that the sea may become calm for us’-for the sea was becoming increasingly stormy.’”

Jonah 1:10-11

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God's will for Jonah:

“He said to them, ‘Pick me up and throw me into the sea. Then the sea will become calm for you, for I know that on account of me this great storm has come upon you.’”

Jonah 1:12

God's Overruling Will

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God's will for Jonah:

“However, the men rowed desperately to return to land but they could not, for the sea was becoming even stormier against them.”

Jonah 1:13

God's Overruling Will

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God's will for Jonah:

“Then they called on the LORD and said, ‘We earnestly pray, O LORD, do not let us perish on account of this man’s life and do not put innocent blood on us; for You, O LORD, have done as you have pleased.’”

Jonah 1:14

God's Will

God's will for Jonah:

“So they picked up Jonah, threw him into the sea, and the sea stopped its raging. Then the men feared the LORD greatly, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows.”

Jonah 1:15-16

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God's will for Jonah:

“And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the stomach of the fish three days and three nights.”

Jonah 1:17

God's Overruling Will