

SELF-WILL – A ROOT PROBLEM

INTRODUCTION

We shall be considering a topic that is seldom taught in many Christian circles and not given the required attention and exposition that it deserves, but which leads to damnation for those that continue to operate by it till the end in opposition to the will of God. And this has to do with the will due to self referred to as SELF-WILL found in created beings of God.

Many are ignorant of what self-will is though operating by it while believing otherwise due to lack of knowledge and understanding of what it comprises of. Unbelievers and Believers are equally yoked in this mire clay. Unfortunately, the Churches as organization/business (CAO) operate by self-will and knowing full well that men love to have it so, make proselytes based on a foundation of self-will from the onset. Through their another gospel and the doctrines of men that they peddle they present their self will doctrines as God's will to men. **Mtt 23:13,15**

Today, many believers are complacent in their walk with the Lord. They readily and proudly declare that no one can be perfect. Therefore they seek not nor strive to be perfect in all their ways holding unto this erroneous mindset which is not of Christ. They are willingly ignorant of the perfect will of God in Christ and prefer to operate in opposition to it, operating by self will to their own folly instead. They do not follow the examples of Jesus Christ in his doctrine nor do they hear him therein but rather follow after various CAO Ministers of the People (MOP) and Old Testament men as their examples. They strive to be like them, but never like Jesus who is our perfect example, by whom we are to walk with the LORD in His perfect will, doing the will of the Master of whom the Father is well pleased. **Jn 17:23; Jn 5:39-40,45-47; Jn 9:27-29; Jn 8:51-58; Gen 17:1; I Chron 28:9; I Kings 15:1-5**

Self will is a root problem that we ought not to be ignorant of its workings in our lives because that will be to our undoing if not checked and redeemed from. Therefore, there is the pertinent need for us to deeply study and expose this wile of the enemy that is a hindrance and stumbling block to our fulfilling God's purpose on earth unto making heaven. Christ our Master overcame this monster in the flesh and so should we in him too. **I Cor 9:24-27; Phil 3:9-14**

THE ORIGIN OF SELF-WILL AND ITS INITIAL MANIFESTATION

What is a will? “the capability of conscious choice and decision and intention”; “a desire or intention”. The English dictionary goes further to define self-will as “resolute adherence to your own ideas or desires”; self-willed “obstinately doing what one wishes”.

God the Father created all things starting with the angels, the hosts of heaven and all creations for His glory and His pleasure in His will and to do His will in holiness always. He created celestial beings with a will of their own but who were to willingly subject that their will in total surrender, submission and obedience to the perfect will of their Creator, God. And that is why the holy angels in heaven do the bidding and pleasure of God always without fail. Man was also created and formed by the will of God in order to do His pleasure and not that of himself in self will. Self will is an error manifest in created beings that fall out of the realms of perfection in which they were created into imperfection in which they are made subsequently. You see and hear “I will” at play in self will, and no longer “God will” as it were.

Rev 4:2-11 (Vr.10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, **Vr.11** Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Ps 103:20 Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. **Vr.21** Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

Self-will as exercised by a created being majorly is seen as being in pursuant of your own selfish desire as opposed to that of God explicitly, without adequate consideration for the pleasure or will of God first. **2 Tim 3:1-7**

The manifestation of self will amongst created beings started with Lucifer in heaven when he desired and sought to be what God had not appointed for him to be, thereby committing iniquity in his heart. This was in disobedience to the divine order of things as put in place by God for heaven, a clear intent of rebellion and disobedience to the will of God. It was a focus on self, a manifestation of pride/haughtiness rather than absolute submission to God.

Isa 14:4-20 (Vr.12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! **Vr.13** For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: Vr.14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Vr.15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

Self-will needs power to back it up in order for it to be actualized and this cannot be possible without the permission of God manifested through His delegated authority. None can do good or evil without God allowing it to be so; for all power belongs to Him.

Rom 13:1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

It is only God that can say "I will" and bring it to pass by His power as He saith and none else can hinder or stop it from coming to pass. It is only God that can declare His will and bring it to pass as He pleaseth by His power without recourse to any other. All others require His authorization before their self-will can be possible within the context of His allowance for such. Lucifer did not have power of his own to execute this his self will, deceiving himself in thinking that the delegated power of God by which he had been operating thus far in heaven was now his, rather God brought him down to hell instead to prove otherwise to him. A servant has no power of his own except that granted unto him to exercise by his master as it were.

Isa 14:22 For I will rise up against them, saith the LORD of hosts, and cut off from Babylon the name, and remnant, and son, and nephew, saith the LORD. **Vr.23** I will also make it a possession for the bittern, and pools of water: and I will sweep it with the besom of destruction, saith the LORD of hosts. **Vr.24** The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand:*[the will of God]* **Vr.25** That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders. **Vr.26** This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations. **Vr.27** For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

Ezek 28:15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee [*the iniquity of self will*]. **Vr.16** By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. **Vr.17** Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. **Vr.18** Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.

Lam 3:37 Who is he that saith, and it cometh to pass, when the Lord commandeth it not?

Lucifer made to be Satan was the first worker of iniquity by reason of exercising self will in contrast to the manifest will of God. Those that want to act as “God” over others go about exercising self will ignorantly and in vain deceiving themselves that they are something which they are not. Those that lord it over others that are their fellows as if they are their “God”, being not so elevated, exalted, or appointed by the LORD but do so by themselves, are self willed. Such arrogate unto themselves titles that are meant for God and not man. They get their fellow brethren to be addressing them in self will as such, like Reverend, His Grace, His Eminence, or His Holiness, spiritual father, father in the Lord, Papa, Rabbi, master, and the likes as it were. **Lk 22:24-30; Mtt 23:1-11; Exo 7:1-2; Hebr 1:1-6; Acts 12:20-23; Gen 50:18-20**

Ezek 28:1-19 (Vr.2 Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thine heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou art a man, and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God [in self will]: **Vr.4** With thy wisdom and with thine understanding thou hast gotten thee riches, and hast gotten gold and silver into thy treasures: **Vr.5** By thy great wisdom and by thy traffick hast thou increased thy riches, and thine heart is lifted up because of thy riches: **Vr.9** Wilt thou yet say before him that slayeth thee, I am God? but thou shalt be a man, and no God, in the hand of him that slayeth thee. **Vr.10** Thou shalt die the deaths of the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD.

2 Thess 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; **Vr.4** Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

Lucifer was cast down as Satan and became the chief worker cum instigator of iniquity on earth from thence with his rebellious angels. Satan and his cohorts are held bound in self will and cannot do otherwise. Satan is a deceiver and a liar, dwelling in falsehood. **Jude 1:6; Mtt 16:23; Isa 55:7**

THE ORIGIN OF SELF WILL IN MAN

After the fall of Lucifer unto the earth, God created Man on earth with the prophetic intent of his been fruitful, multiplying unto subduing the earth and the inhabitants thereof. But first God had to put Adam to test in the garden that He planted eastward in Eden. Adam was given specific commandments on how to fulfill the purpose of God in keeping and dressing the garden. **Gen 1:26-28**

Gen 2:15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. **Vr.16** And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: **Vr.17** But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Adam in the garden had to contend with the tempter, the Devil operating in and through the serpent that he named with the other animals. Satan stirred up self will in Adam's heart, by which he began to lust after and seek for another flesh like himself in the garden amongst the animals and did not find. This was a distraction and deviation from the primary divine reason for which he was put in the garden.

Gen 2:19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. **Vr.20** And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field [*including the serpent*]; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

From Adam's desire for flesh came forth the Woman under the permissive will of God in providing a help meet for him in the garden contrary to the original intent with Man only as the focus (**Gen 1:31**). This led to God prophetically making known the separation of Adam from cleaving unto Him to cleaving unto his wife instead, the result that was to occur due to the eventual actualization of his self will. **Gen 2:18-24; Jam 1:12-18**

Subsequently, the Woman was born out of the will of the flesh, the will of Man (the bone of his bones and flesh of his flesh); input from Man was required in the making of the Woman unlike in every other creation before her or even in the creation of Man. Therefore being an embodiment of self will made manifest she exhibited this nature in her. How? By her independent interaction with the serpent, being a wife as a mere woman to Adam, rather than a true help meet for him. The serpent by subtlety beguiled Eve unto her exhibiting the kind of self will that led to the fall of Man. This self will led to transgression, transgression to disobedience and disobedience to the fall.

Gen 3:1-24 (Vr.5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. **Vr.6** And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. **Vr.7** And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked;

This self will resulted in Adam and Eve fulfilling the lust and will of the Devil, rather than the purpose and will of God in the garden. Adam was created and formed in the will of God, born of

the Spirit, but self will stirred up in him fleshly desires which led to God eventually making that begotten of his flesh and bone, the Woman strictly for him.

From the fall of Adam till date, everyone born of woman into this world is born of flesh and blood according to the will of the flesh and of the will of man, all forming self will encapsulated in Man as the Adamic nature. The fallen man operates in self will exercising such by will power according to the arm of flesh as allowed by God. The self willed man walk after the flesh being carnally minded, lacking the knowledge cum understanding of the will of God in Christ. **Ps 51:5; 2 Chron 32:8; Rom 7:14; Colo 1:9**

Rom 8:4-8 (Vr.5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; **Vr.7** Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. **Vr.8** So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

2 Pet 2:9-10 (Vr.10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.

Isa 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way [*in our self will*];

Self will begins in the mind and heart of created beings internally, before it can be actualized by their members externally. Such amongst men say that they love God with mouth but in deeds are reprobate being hypocrites in league with Satan, knowingly or unknowingly. Those that love their lives in this world and fear losing it are usually self willed and will do things contrary to the will of God in order to preserve it. Such are lovers of self more than lovers of God. **Tit 1:14-16; 2 Cor 11:13-15; Mk 12:29-30; Jn 12:25; 2 Tim 3:2-4; Eph 2:3; Colo 2:18**

Mtt 15:1-9,19 (Vr.8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. **Vr.9** But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

IDENTIFYING THE DIFFERENT “WILLS” AT PLAY IN CREATION

From the very beginning of the creation of the heavenly hosts and angelic beings, there was only one will in force, the perfect will of God. But from the time that iniquity was found in Lucifer and he was cast down as Satan to the earthly realms “another will” came into force, the self will that is as a result of the lust of the Devil which is in opposition to God’s will.

Jn 8: 41 Ye do the deeds of your father. **Vr.44** Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

Subsequently, for the creation of Man to be possible “another will” had to be accommodated, that of the Son of God which is in tandem with God’s will ; for God created Man in Christ Jesus from the onset. **Hebr 1:2; Gen 1:26-27; Jn 1:1-2; Rom 8:29**

Eph 3:9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

After Man was created by the will of Christ submersed in the perfect will of God (**Jn 10:30**), Adam came under satanic influence in the garden and began to lust for flesh. Consequently, in fulfillment of the desire of Man under the permissive will of God the Woman came forth (**I Cor 11:7-9; Gen 2:23**). Subsequently by the operation of self will orchestrated by Satan, Eve fell and brought down Adam with her, resulting in their being cast out of the garden into the sinful world dominated by the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, the embodiment of self will. **1 Jn 2:15-17**

So by self will Satan transgressed the will of God and fell into sin, while by the will of Christ in God, Man was created in righteousness. Then by the will of Man in God the Woman was made in lust. By self will Adam transgressed the will of God and fell into sin and became subject to the dominion of sin in the world and of its chief servant, the Devil as it were. Rebellion and disobedience to constituted divine authority and commandment by which a created being is meant to operate is always made possible by such operating in self will. **Rom 6:12-14**

I Cor 11:3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

Rom 13:1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. **Vr.2** Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

God the Father is the head of all, whether it be Christ, Satan or Man because He is the Creator of all. By the exercising of self will Satan and Man disobeyed God. Christ submits wholly in obedience to the Father in all things, wherein God being well pleased with him, have highly exalted him above all else. Everyone is meant to submit his will to that of his head in order to

please him in obeying his head's will. A wife disobeys and rebels against her husband whenever she is operating in self will contrary to God's ordination that requires her to submit to him in all things. **Gen 3:16; Eph 5:24; Hebr 1:8-9**

It is the will of Christ in God that the redeemed Man should be with him in glory wherever he is at the end. So the need for the saint to obey the commandments of Christ even as Christ obeyed the commandments of God on earth. **Jn 12:26; Jn 14:1-3; Jn 15:8-10; Eph 2:6-7**

Jn 17:20-24 (Vr.24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

So we have the will of God the Father, the will of the Lord Jesus, the will (lust) of Satan, and the will of Man (of the flesh). Every deed, action or work is done as a result of the exercising of one of the will(s) identified above. It is by the exercising of the will that deeds are done, whether they are fruitful or unfruitful, righteous or unrighteous. And we shall all give account of the works that result from the will that we exercise abundantly in our sojourn on earth on the judgment day, whether they be good or evil as it were. **Rom 14:9-13; 2 Cor 5:9-10; Rev 22:11-12**

SELF WILL IS OF TWO KINDS – REDEEMABLE AND DAMNABLE

As we had opined, self will originated with Lucifer in heaven which manifested as iniquity in him resulting in his condemnation and fall. Consequently, Satan the fallen Lucifer was still allowed by God to operate on earth in self will, for he has but a short time to operate before he receives the packaged wages of sin reserved for him and all rebellious beings at the end. This devilish will we shall call "the damnable self will" because it is irredeemable at the end but leadeth to eternal damnation. It is a satanic self will which tries to make God out to be a liar or unwise in His commandment to His created beings on how to live and not die. **Gen 3:4-5; Rom 6:23; Mtt 25:41; Jude 1:6; Isa 32:6**

Jn 8:34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. **Vr.35** And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever.

Rev 12:7-13 (Vr.9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. **Vr.12** Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the

inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

Jn 16:7-11 (Vr.11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

Mtt 8:28-32 (Vr.28 And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. **Vr.29** And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time? **Vr.31** So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine.

In this world, there is the self will found under the permissive will of God for the present time, which is not sin but yet it is not the perfect will of God, this we call the “redeemable self will” of which the saint must be redeemed of at the last day in order to enter the kingdom of God. The self will that is contrary even to the permissive will of God talk less of His perfect will, which is sin or outright disobedience to God, we had referred to as the “damnable self will”. Adam committed the former at the initial, while Eve committed the latter in the garden episode as it were. One led to the other which resulted in death at the end for both Adam and Eve. Adam began with redeemable self will, but ended up in damnable self will by hearkening to the voice of Eve rather than that of God. Adam partook of Eve’s damnable self will in disobedience to God. **Jam 1:12-14; I Tim 5:22; Lk 20:34-36**

Gen 3:6,17 (Vr.6 she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. **Vr.12** And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. **Vr.17** And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree [*in damnable self will*], of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it:

I Tim 2:14 And Adam was not deceived [*though in redeemable self will at the initial*], but the woman being deceived was in the transgression [*in her own self will which was damnable*].

2 Cor 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

I Cor 7:25-31 (Vr.28 But and if thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned. Nevertheless such shall have trouble in the flesh: but I spare you [*marriage is of redeemable self will*]. **Vr.29** But this I say, brethren, the time is short: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none;

Adam was not yet in transgression when he lusted for another flesh because he had not yet disobeyed the commandment of God by which he was commissioned to work in the garden. But this was the beginning of his being led away by lust from the perfect will of God unto exercising his own self will. The actualization of this desire in Adam was not accomplished by his own will power, but by the workings of God which brought forth the Woman. This laid the foundation of self will in Man under the permissive will of God which we term “the redeemable self will” as it were.

Eve unlike Adam was found in “the damnable self will” which was made manifest by her interaction with the serpent in the garden. Eve transgressed the commandment of God first by adding to it in a lie and subsequently believing in the lie of the serpent sold to her to cement the fall. What was the commandment of God and what was Eve’s answer to the serpent and the resultant action thereafter?

Gen 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: **Vr.17** But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Gen 3:1-7 (Vr.2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: **Vr.3** But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. **Vr.6** And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Whenever someone in the exercising of self will adds to and/or subtracts from the word of truth in order to do same, such enters into error and commits sin that tendeth unto death being willingly ignorant. This qualifies as “damnable self will” and such was found in Eve and is the bane of the CAO. Such a will is operated by exhibiting the wisdom that is from beneath (fleshly wisdom) and not that from above. **Hebr 6:4-8; Rev 22:18-19; Deu 4:1-2; Jn 8:37-47; Jn 7:16-20; 2 Cor 1:12**

2 Pet 3:5 For this they willingly are ignorant of,

Hebr 10:26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, **Vr.27** But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

Rom 1:28-32 (Vr.32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

Those that are found in redeemable self will as children of God are given power over their own will by the mighty workings of God in and through them in order for them to still submit to the will of God by grace (**Jam 4:6**) . They depend not on will power, but on the power of Christ in order to do his will. They are humble enough to repent of the exercising of any self will that is damnable in which they find themselves, thus seeking forgiveness whenever such occurs as the Spirit calleth it to their attention. They are mindful and watchful not to grieve the Holy Ghost in them by self will in order that they might be found continually in the will of the Lord instead. They seek to crucify the flesh and the affections thereof daily. They are given to learning of Christ and hearing him in all things, taking upon themselves the yoke and burden of Christ in the gospel. They strive for holiness and perfection in the faith, believing it to be possible for the saint on earth by his grace, even as Christ enjoined us to be. **I Cor 7:37; Eph 4:17-32; Mtt 5:48**

Phil 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Those that are of the redeemable self will are as sheep that hear and follow the chief Shepherd, while those that are of the damnable self will are as goats that hear and follow strangers being under hirelings as it were. **Jn 10:1-16,24-28; Mtt 25:31-46; Mtt 7:24-27**

Redeemable self will is not a knowing direct opposition to or defiance of God's commandment, rather one that seeketh to do good due to self prompting though it be not commanded by God. Damnable self will is a direct disobedience to that which is commanded by God in order to exercise one's own will, knowingly or unknowingly.

For example, Jacob when running away from Esau's threat made a vow unto God to tithe all and to build a house for the LORD of which God did not prompt him nor instruct him in His commandments or covenant with him or with his fathers. Jacob vowed to God out of fear in self will, and God held his generations after him accountable to fulfill it. King David initiated the fulfillment of the temple bit, while the Levites fulfilled the tithes bit as it were, but Christ as the Son of God redeemed us from both which were of Jacob's vows. Many still continue to vow to God today in self will and by MOPs injunctions, not by reason of God's commandment concerning such. Jephthah and Hannah are classical examples in the time of old. **Judg 11:29-40; I Sam 1:9-28; Hebr 7:4-19; Jn 2:13-22; Mtt 24:1-4**

Gen 28:10-22 (Vr.15 And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of. **Vr.17** And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven. **Vr.18** And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it. **Vr.19** And he called the name of that place Bethel: but the name of that city was called Luz at the first. **Vr.20** And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be

with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, **Vr.21** So that I come again to my father' house in peace; then shall the LORD be my God: **Vr.22** And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God' house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

King David desired in his heart to build an immobile temple for God though God does not dwell in temples made with hands. It was Moses that was commanded to build a tabernacle of tents for God in the wilderness, not David, yet God permissively allowed for his son Solomon to build one for Him in his own time. **Gen 31:13; Acts 7:44-49**

2 Sam 7:1-17 (Vr.2 That the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains [as appointed by God]. **Vr.3** And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that is in thine heart [*a heart that is after God*]; for the LORD is with thee [*permissive will*]. **Vr.5** Go and tell my servant David, Thus saith the LORD, Shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in? **Vr.6** Whereas I have not dwelt in any house since the time that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle. **Vr.7** In all the places wherein I have walked with all the children of Israel spake I a word with any of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people Israel, saying, Why build ye not me an house of cedar? **Vr.12** And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. **Vr.13** He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.

Vows, oaths and pledges are made in self will before God by men and not because it is commanded; our Master Jesus commands us not to be involved in such any longer but the CAO teaches otherwise. Unfortunately, many have been roped into damnable self will by such which they were not able to fulfill, thereby being in sin. For example, the common CAO marital vow or oath taking in their monogamous “holy matrimony” ceremony is of self will, they having added to that which was divinely commanded; by which many have fallen into fornications, adultery and divorce as a result of non compliance to that which is commanded by men and not God. **Eccl 5:1-6; Mtt 5:33-37; Acts 5:1-5; Jam 5:12; Rom 7:1-6; Mtt 15:1-9,14-20; Mtt 23:1-4,13**

Mtt 13:24-30 (Vr.24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: **Vr.25** But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares [*those that operate in damnable self will*] among the wheat, and went his way. **Vr.26** But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. **Vr.27** So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?

Just as the wheat and the tares are allowed by God to grow together until the time of harvest when the separation shall be done, so is redeemable and damnable self will allowed being at work in men today until the last day when the difference shall be made clear by God in the judgment. **2 Tim 2:18-22; Rom 8:9-14**

Generally, self will is not the perfect will of God, but redeemable self will is of the permissive will of God, while damnable self will is not of God at all, but of Satan. May the Lord Jesus by his indwelling Spirit grant thee wisdom to be able to differentiate between the two kinds of self will unto being saved at the end in Jesus name. For further insight on this, get and read our literature titled "The Permissive will of God".

SELF WILL IN RELATIONSHIP TO SIN

We have seen that self will is at the root of disobedience and rebellion against the perfect will of God on earth, yet God allows its operation in man under two guises "the redeemable and the damnable" self will. Christ came to save us from self will in its entirety because no self willed person shall enter into the kingdom of God at the last day. Heaven is for those that are holy doing the perfect will of God only. **Mtt 6:9-10; Jn 1:29**

We shall briefly examine and relate these two manifestations of self will in relation to sin in man on earth. There would be the need to get our literature titled "Who is a sinner?" for greater insight.

What is sin? And who constitutes a sinner and a saint? The former has a corruptible seed in him, while the latter has an incorruptible seed deposited in him by baptism with the Spirit. **I Pet 1:23; I Cor 15:52; I Jn 3:8-10**

I Jn 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

I Jn 5:17 All unrighteousness is sin:

All unrighteousness is sin which shall end all in physical death, but not all sin ends one in the second death because of redemption possible for such by Christ Jesus at the last day. The sin committed by reason of one found in "the redeemable self-will" shall not end in the second death, but rather it is the sin committed by those found in "the damnable self will" that shall. **Jn 9:39-41; Mtt 9:10-13; Rom 5:12-14; Hebr 9:27; Mtt 12:31-35; Mtt 21:31-32; Jn 3:14-21**

I Jn 5:16-20 (Vr.16 If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it. **Vr.17** All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.

I Jn 2:1-6 (Vr.1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin [*being found in a redeemable self will*], we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: **Vr.2** And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. **Vr.3** And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

I Jn 1:5-10 (Vr.6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: **Vr.7** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Jn 8:23 And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world. **Vr.24** I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.

Mk 3:28 Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme: **Vr.29** But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation:

Though self will is found among every one born of woman being flesh and blood in this world, yet there is “a redeemable self will” and there is “a damnable self will” as adjudicated by God. True converted believers can still be found operating in the former, but undergoing the transformational process of sanctification by the Spirit and truth unto the perfecting of their faith for the redemption of their bodies at the last day, while false believers and unrepentant sinners are found operating in the latter, rejecting the truth stubbornly and defending error till the last day. **Rom 8:18-30; Rom 12:2; I Thess 5:9; 2 Thess 2:13-14; I Pet 2:6-9; I Cor 13:4-12; Lk 23:39-43**

Phil 3:18-21 (Vr.18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: **Vr.19** Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.) **Vr.20** For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: **Vr.21** Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

Rom 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; **Vr.21** Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their

imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. **Vr.22** Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, **Vr.24** Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: **Vr.25** Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. **Vr.28** And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; **Vr.29** Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, **Vr.32** Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

Sinners that are appointed to obtain salvation by Christ Jesus operate in self will out of ignorance in unbelief until God brings them to the knowledge of the word of truth to receiving the Spirit of truth that sets them free to begin operating in righteousness thereafter unto salvation at the end. This is of the redeemable self will. But those that God gives over to a reprobate mind and unto believing a lie till the end operate in damnable self will instead. **Jn 8:30-32,36; Jn 3:14-21; Jn 1:11-13; Rom 6: 1-23; Rom 7:4-6; Ezek 18:19-23; 2 Thess 2:9-12**

I Tim 1:12-17 (Vr.13 Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. **Vr.15** This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. **Vr.16** Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.

Simon Peter and Judas Iscariot being apostles of Christ are a good example for understanding the two kinds of self will operational in man. Peter was found in the redeemable self will, while Judas was found in the damnable self will as it were. **Jn 13:1-19; Mtt 26:1-4,14-25,31-35,69-75; Mtt 27:1-5; Lk 22:21-22,31-34**

Jn 6: 64-71 (Vr.64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him. **Vr.68** Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. **Vr.69** And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God. **Vr.70** Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil [*being in the damnable self will*]? **Vr.71** He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.

Jn 17:6 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. **Vr.12** While I was with

them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

Under the Old Testament we can also see the manifestations of these self will in man, redeemable and damnable. Looking at some cases of redeemable self will, we find involved Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Samson, king David, et cetera, who were yet heroes of faith, but Cain, Esau, Ephraim, Pharaoh, Eli, king Saul, et cetera operated in damnable self will. **Hebr 11:1-40; Rom 9:17-18; I Sam 3:12-18; 2 Sam 7:14-16**

Where salvation is concerned, God allows “the redeemable self will” as a means of giving man the opportunity of being renewed in the spirit of his mind putting on the new man unto experiencing eternal salvation through belief in His only begotten Son Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour before their demise from the earth. While “the damnable self will” has the option of eternal redemption foreclosed unto a certain judgment and fiery indignation that await such persons. By the former a man is made a son of God, while by the latter a man is made a son of perdition – vessels of mercy versus vessels of wrath. **Hebr 10:26-31; Jude 1:21; Tit 2:11-14; Rom 9:21-23; II Tim 2:19-22; Rom 8:6-14; Lk 23:32-43; Eph 4:20-25**

I Cor 13:11-15 (Vr.11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. **Vr.12** Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; **Vr.13** Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. **Vr.14** If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. **Vr.15** If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss [*redeemable self will not unto death*]: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

SELF WILL REQUIRES POWER TO BRING IT TO PASS

Damnable self will is as a result of self delusion based on a feigned will power that one thinks or supposes that he can exercise outside of God and/or with the use of His delegated power as you willeth. The will of God is backed up or manifested by the workings of the power and wisdom of God that brings it to pass. There is no other power than God's, every other power that exists emanates from Him alone. The will of any created being cannot come to pass without the delegated power of God that He permits for such as He willeth, whether it be for good or for evil, for all power belongs to God. **Num 23:19**

Ps 62: 11 God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God.

Jn 19:8-16 (Vr.10 Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee [*in self will*]? **Vr.11** Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin. **Vr.12** And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar.

Jn 3:27 John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven.

The exercising of self will in will power is influenced by operating in the wisdom that is from beneath and not by the wisdom from above which is of God. Wisdom and power is required to bring about any will at all and self will is by the wisdom of this world, which is foolishness before God. **Mtt 16:21-23**

Gen 3: 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened [*to satanic wisdom*], and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. **Vr.6** And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Jam 3:13-18 (Vr.15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. **Vr.16** For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. **Vr.17** But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

I Cor 1:17-31 (Vr.19 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. **Vr.20** Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? **Vr.21** For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. **Vr.26** For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:

The case of Samson was a typical scenario of self will that premised on utilizing delegated power from God upon him to do as he willeth in his own wisdom, even while being in disobedience to God's commandment which backfired.

Judg 16:16-21 (Vr.17 That he told her all his heart, and said unto her, There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I have been a Nazarite unto God from my mother' womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man. **Vr.19** And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man, and she caused him to

shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him. **Vr.20** And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out [self will] as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him. **Vr.28** And Samson called unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.

The same thing happened to Lucifer when he thought of exalting himself above that which was permitted him as it were, instead he was casted down by He that gave him the power he had been exercising before then.

Isa 14:5 The LORD hath broken the staff of the wicked, and the sceptre of the rulers. **Vr.6** He who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he that ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted, and none hindereth. **Vr.7** The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet: they break forth into singing. **Vr.8** Yea, the fir trees rejoice at thee, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying , Since thou art laid down, no feller is come up against us. **Vr.9** Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. **Vr.10** All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us? **Vr.11** Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee. **Vr.12** How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

The power that Satan exercises on earth is not his own, but of delegated authority as a fallen angel of God who has but a short time to operate as permitted by God for now. Unfortunately, by deception he makes the whole world to believe otherwise in a lie. Satan is but an evil servant and therefore has no power of his own to bring about his self will of evil, but only that allowed by God for him to work as a tempter, thief, an adversary, and a deceiver presently in the world, if not man would have been consumed by his wickedness. The lust of the devil is fulfilled in evil men by the workings of Satan even as is allowed by God. It was God allows that goes, otherwise it would not happen. **Mtt 4:1-3; Rev 12:7-17; Lk 22:53; Acts 26:18; I Pet 5:8; Jn 10:10; 2 Thess 2:7-9; Rev 16:13-14; Rev 17:15-17; Rev 13:1-10**

Gen 3:14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: **Vr.15** And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel [*power given to Satan*].

Amos 3:6 Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it ?

Prov 16:4 The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.

Lk 4:5 And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. **Vr.6** And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee [as if it is his own to give – self will at play], and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.

Lk 22: 31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired [from whom? God] to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: **Vr.32** But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

Job 2:1-7 (Vr.3 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause. **Vr.4** And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life. **Vr.5** But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face. **Vr.6** And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life. **Vr.7** So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.

A case of one trying to exercise self-will without the requisite power to back it up can be seen in the case of Balaam, a diviner. Balak the king of Moab hired Balaam to curse the children of Israel but Balaam required the authorization and power of God for such a curse to come to pass through his pronouncement and it was not given.

Num 22: 6 Come now therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people; for they are too mighty for me: peradventure I shall prevail, that we may smite them, and that I may drive them out of the land: for I wot that he whom thou blessest is blessed, and he whom thou cursest is cursed. **Vr.12** And God said unto Balaam, Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they are blessed. **Vr.13** And Balaam rose up in the morning, and said unto the princes of Balak, Get you into your land: for the LORD refuseth to give me leave to go with you. **Vr.38** And Balaam said unto Balak, Lo, I am come unto thee: have I now any power at all to say any thing? the word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak.

Num 23:7 And he took up his parable, and said, Balak the king of Moab hath brought me from Aram, out of the mountains of the east, saying , Come, curse me Jacob, and come, defy Israel. **Vr.8** How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? or how shall I defy, whom the LORD hath not defied? **Vr.20** Behold, I have received commandment to bless: and he hath blessed; and I

cannot reverse it. **Vr.21** He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath he seen perverseness in Israel: the LORD his God is with him, and the shout of a king is among them.

Num 24: 1 And when Balaam saw that it pleased the LORD to bless Israel, he went not, as at other times, to seek for enchantments, but he set his face toward the wilderness. **Vr.13** If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the commandment of the LORD, to do either good or bad of mine own mind [self will]; but what the LORD saith, that will I speak?

Lam 3:37 Who is he that saith, and it cometh to pass, when the Lord commandeth it not?

The deceived always in their own mind try to do good or evil or be what they are not by believing it is within their own power to do so by sayings, prophetic declarations or pronouncements, being unmindful and ignorant of God's will in Christ concerning such matters before it can be made to come to pass by God. They want to be rich at all cost and exercise dominion over others and situations. Therefore such do not come to pass as they will no matter how much they are made to continually say them. It is not of him that willeth nor of him that runneth but it is of the Lord that sheweth mercy. **Rom 9:15-16; Zech 4:6; I Cor 4:18-20**

Jam 4:12-17 (Vr.13 Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain [*by self will*]: **Vr.14** Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. **Vr.15** For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. **Vr.16** But now ye rejoyce in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil.

We can further see this in the case of Laban with Jacob when he was fleeing from him.

Gen 31:7 And your father hath deceived me, and changed my wages ten times; but God suffered him not to hurt me. **Vr.24** And God came to Laban the Syrian in a dream by night, and said unto him, Take heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad. **Vr.25** Then Laban overtook Jacob. **Vr.29** It is in the power of my hand to do you hurt [*self will*]: but the God of your father spake unto me yesternight, saying, Take thou heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad.

Self will has to be empowered before it can be executed, without which it is but meaningless talk without requisite action. And it is God that giveth power to bring any will to pass whether it be for good or evil. Unfortunately, the CAO with the world have taught and made men to believe otherwise in error. Therefore men live in superstitions and in the fear of Satan having the conscience of an idol and fellowshiping with devils, rather than in the fear of God who it is that doeth all things. Believers fear their fellow men that curse and do evil/wickedness more than they fear God and His Christ, this is an error due to lack of spiritual understanding of the

truth of which the CAO continue to present in falsehood as it were. Get and read our literature titled "It Is The LORD That Doeth All Things" for more insight. **Isa 41:20-24; I Cor 8:4-7; Prov 26:2; Isa 54:13-17; Deu 8:18-20; Jn 8:32,36**

Our Master Jesus Christ taught us even concerning himself in relationship with the Father where power lies, for he operates by the delegated power of God. **Acts 10:38; Lk 4:18**

Jn 5:17-30 (Vr.19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. **Vr.27** And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. **Vr.30** I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

Mtt 28:18-20 (Vr.18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me [by the Father] in heaven and in earth.

DAMNABLE SELF WILL IS POWERED BY UNCLEAN SPIRITS IN MAN

The spirit of bondage that worketh in the flesh of man, the body of sin is behind the exercising of damnable self will in Man but many know it not due to ignorance, being held in the captivity thereof. Until a sinner is delivered from the spirit of error and baptized with the Spirit of truth that is of Christ Jesus he cannot but walk in self will always no matter how hard he tries to do so by his will power to the contrary. The children of the world are under the captivity of the spirit of the world, by which they are led unto fulfilling every lustful desire of the flesh. **Mtt 9:16-17; Jn 3:5-7; Jn 8:32,36**

Mtt 12:43 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. **Vr.44** Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. **Vr.45** Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

Rom 7:14-25 (Vr.14 For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. **Vr.15** For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. **Vr.18** For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. **Vr.19** For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. **Vr.20** Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. **Vr.22** For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: **Vr.23** But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing

me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. **Vr.24** O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

Rom 8:12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. **Vr.13** For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. **Vr.15** For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; **Vr.20** For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, **Vr.21** Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

2 Tim 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear;

1 Cor 2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

Those that do not hear and obey Christ by his indwelling Spirit are given to walking by self will according to the flesh and doing the lusts thereof, being driven by lying spirits, by which they walk in lies instead of the truth. They resist the truth and are deaf, dumb and blind spiritually.

2 Thess 2:7-12 (Vr.10) And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. **Vr.11** And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: **Vr.12** That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

1 Jn 4:1-6 (Vr.1) Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. **Vr.5** They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. **Vr.6** We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

Acts 5:1-11 (Vr.3) But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? **Vr.4** Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

Damnable self will is not merely carried out or executed by the power of man as per his will power in those that are bound by it, but in the background by the influence of the god of this world, the power of darkness. Many that claim to be Believers under the CAO are yet under the captivity of self will and unfortunately they glory in it still. **2 Cor 4:4; Jn 14:30; Acts 26:18**

Lk 22:1-6 (Vr.2) And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him; for they feared the people. **Vr.3** Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the

twelve. **Vr.53** When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of darkness.

Eph 2:1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; **Vr.2** Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: **Vr.3** Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

Eph 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Those that walk in damnable self will to the end cannot escape the damnation of hell and the second death thereafter. **Hebr 6:4-8**

Mtt 23:27-33 (Vr.33) Ye serpents, ye offspring of vipers, how shall ye escape the judgment of hell?

Mtt 25:31-46 (Vr.33) and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. **Vr.41** Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into the eternal fire which is prepared for the devil and his angels:

SELF WILL EXPOSED BY CHRIST IN HIS DOCTRINES

What did the Master have to teach in exposing self will in his sayings? As usual not many may have associated such teachings with exposition of the destructive element of self will in man, but by the grace of God we shall identify such parables revealing it.

Self will is identifiable in relationships between a greater and a lesser, a lord and a servant, a master and a disciple, a father and a son, or a head and a body. Both the greater and the lesser express their will but it is the expression of the self will of the lesser when in direct conflict with the will of the greater that can be seen as disobedience and rebellion as it were. Self will is manifested in relationships majorly. A servant's will has to be subject to that of his master in all things. **Lk 15:11-32; Lk 17:7-10**

Mtt 25:14-30 (Vr.14) For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. **Vr.15** And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey. **Vr.18** But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money. **Vr.19** After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and

reckoneth with them. **Vr.24** Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: **Vr.25** And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. **Vr.30** And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Mtt 21:28-32 (Vr.28 But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard. **Vr.29** He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went [*redeemable self will*]. **Vr.30** And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not [*damnable self will*]. **Vr.31** Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. **Vr.32** For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him.

Lk 12: 41-48 (Vr.42 And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season? **Vr.45** But and if that servant say in his heart [*in self will*], My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken; **Vr.46** The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers. **Vr.47** And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will [*but did according to his own self will*], shall be beaten with many stripes.

Jn 13:1-30 (Vr.5 After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. **Vr.6** Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? **Vr.7** Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter. **Vr.8** Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet [*self will at play*]. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. **Vr.9** Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head. **Vr.10** Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all. **Vr.11** For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

We can go on and on hearing the Master severally exposing self will at work in men in his doctrines.

Lk 9:51-62 (Vr.54 And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did [*in his own self will*]? **Vr.55** But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. **Vr.56** For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives [*as those that walk in self will do*], but to save them [*in God's will*]. **Vr.59** And he said unto another, "Follow me." But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. **Vr.60** Jesus said unto him, "Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God. **Vr.61** And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house [*satisfying self first*]. **Vr.62** And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back [*remember Lot's wife*], is fit for the kingdom of God.

By self will, a man chooses the lesser things, the encumbering things, the secondary things, the cares of this world, the pursuit of deceitful riches to do, rather than the primary, weightier and needful things that God commands for him to do first in accordance to His kingdom will. Most times the things done in self will are good things that benefits the flesh mainly, but that done in God's will are the best that sows to the Spirit first and foremost. **Gal 6:7-10; Mtt 26:41; Jn 6:63; I Tim 4:6-8**

The decisions and choices that we make in life is predicated on which will that we have made up our mind to be fulfilling from our heart genuinely as it were. Those that walk in self-will cannot see afar off, being carnally minded; for such walk by sight, feelings, emotions, and not by faith. Many of the CAO are serving their belly as their God in self will, while claiming to be serving God through mammon acquisition as true blessings in their feigned "prosperity gospel". **Lk 12:13-21; Mtt 22:1-8; Rom 16:17-18; Phil 3:18-19; I Tim 6:5-10; Jn 16:1-3; Mtt 23:16-24; Jn 4:20-24; Acts 6:1-2**

Lk 10:38-42 (Vr.39 And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. **Vr.40** But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. **Vr.41** And Jesus answered and said unto her, "Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: **Vr.42** But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

Lk 14:15-24 (Vr.16 Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: **Vr.17** And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. **Vr.18** And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. **Vr.19** And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused. **Vr.20** And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot

come. **Vr.24** For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.

Mtt 6:24-34 (Vr.24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. **Vr.30** Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? **Vr.31** Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? **Vr.32** (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek [*in self will*]:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. **Vr.33** But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness [*the primary thing*]; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Those that walk in self will behave as if they are smarter than the Master in their modern way of life in presenting the another gospel or, doing greater works than him; so they end up misinterpreting, twisting and maligning the words of Christ to suit their own will in their gospel presentation. They preach, teach and do things to be seen of men, which the multitudes that have itching ears want to hear and see. They fear losing the crowd or incurring the wrath of the people being ministers of the people (MOPs) more than they fear God whom they do not see nor hear from truly. They heed not the doctrine of Christ but preach the another Jesus in the doctrines of men.

CHRIST OVERCAME SELF WILL IN THE FLESH

Our Master Jesus Christ by the way he lived on earth and tutored his apostles, showed us the victorious manner by which the redeemed of the Lord can overcome self will in this world. No other man, in the whole of the Bible, is our perfect example nor is there any other that we are to imitate his lifestyle entirely in order to attain unto perfection before God, except the man Jesus Christ, be advised. **Jn 16:33; Hebr 4:14-16; Hebr 11:39-40; Hebr 12:2-4; Mtt 5:20**

Self will is exhibited in the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life by which they enemy, the Devil deceives many unto walking contrary to the will of God, but Christ did not fall for his antics in the world as the first Man did in the garden.

Lk 4:1-13 (Vr.4 And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God. **Vr.5** And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. **Vr.6** And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. **Vr.7** If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. **Vr.8**

And Jesus answered and said unto him, "Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. **Vr.9** And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence: **Vr.10** For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee: **Vr.11** And in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. **Vr.12** And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

As the Son of man, being the Word made flesh, Christ in relating with God and men taught us how to conquer self will thereof. And we shall be mindful to hear him and learn of him faithfully. As true Believers in the Lord without receiving of the Holy Ghost and power in baptism by which we are made sons of God in order to be led by the Spirit we cannot overcome self will. Those that walk after the flesh can never overcome self will no matter how much they try in will worship and voluntary humility. You overcome self will by the mighty working power of God in you and not by mere words. **1 Cor 4:19-20; 2 Cor 12:6-10; Lk 24:47-49; Rom 8:1-14; Jn 1:29-34; Colo 2:17-23**

Jn 1:11-13 (Vr.12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Jn 3:1-8 (Vr.6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. **Vr.7** Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

Acts 1:1-9 (Vr.4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, "which," saith he, "ye have heard of me. **Vr.5** For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. **Vr.8** But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Those that God calls out of the world and Christ chooses, he ordains for the kingdom sake. He sends forth into the world as his true and faithful witnesses even as the Father sent him; such are they that surrender to do his will rather than their own self will any longer. They live for Christ and not for themselves or any other. Such seek not their own glory and honour but the glory of he that sent them in righteousness. They bear the fruit of the Spirit in righteousness unto pleasing our heavenly Father. **Jn 17:6-26; Jn 15:1-10,14-21; Jn 5:39-44; Lk 11:2; 2 Pet 1:2-11; Gal 5:16-26**

Jn 4:31-38 (Vr.34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. **Vr.38** I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.

Jn 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. **Vr.38** For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

Jn 20:19-23 (Vr.21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me [*to do His will*], even so send I you [*to do my will*]. **Vr.22** And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

Jn 7:14-20 (Vr.17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. **Vr.18** He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.

Lk 22: 42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

Those that are covetous are driven by self will rather than God's will in the pursuance of deceitful riches, glory and fame in the world which shall all pass away. They seek to lay their treasures on the earth, rather than in heaven being earthly minded as it were. Such are of corrupt minds supposing that gain is godliness and the true blessing of God having made friends of the unrighteous mammon of this world. They always seek to satisfy self first rather than others in all things. **Mtt 6:19-21; Lk 16:19-31; I Tim 6:5-10; Jn 6:14-15; Jn 7:1-10; Lk 4:5-8; Lk 16:8-15; Rom 15:1-3**

Lk 12:13-21 (Vr.15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. **Vr.16** And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: **Vr.17** And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? **Vr.18** And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. **Vr.19** And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. **Vr.20** But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? **Vr.21** So is he that layeth up treasure for himself [*in self will*], and is not rich toward God.

Mtt 19:16-30 (Vr.20 The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? **Vr.21** Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. **Vr.22** But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions. **Vr.23** Then said Jesus unto his disciples, "Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. **Vr.24** And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

Self will is defeated in the place of humility, lowliness and meekness in total dependence on the power of God and surrender to his grace to see you through in all things. Unfortunately, men that are entrusted with leadership positions over the flock of Christ exercise lordship over them as the Gentiles do in the world, rather than as Christ did and taught his apostles an example to follow in ministry as it were. Such seek to repay evil with evil or cursing with railings, but do not want to suffer or submit to the mighty hand of God to sustain and deliver in such terrible situations that is common to men. **Mtt 12:17-21; Jn 13:12-17; I Cor 4:10-13; Mtt 5:43-48; Isa 53:1-12; Hebr 5:7-10; Mtt 24:45-51; 2 Cor 4:1-5; I Pet 5:5-6**

Mtt 11:27-30 (Vr.29) Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Mtt 20:25 But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. **Vr.26** But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; **Vr.27** And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: **Vr.28** Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Mtt 23:1-12 (Vr.8) But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren. **Vr.9** And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. **Vr.10** Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ. **Vr.11** But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. **Vr.12** And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

I Pet 2:19-24 (Vr.21) For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: **Vr.22** Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: **Vr.23** Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:

CONCLUSION

No man shall be able to enter into the kingdom of God by self will. It is only those that do the will of the Father in Christ that shall inherit the kingdom of God; for the kingdom of heaven is for those that seek, desire and do the will of God on earth by grace. **Mtt 7:16-23**

We are begotten again not by our own will but by the will of God. And this is the basis by which one can be saved, which is God working in a sinner's heart to give him repentance and forgiveness having convicted him of sin by the Spirit of truth in the word of truth that he hears and believes. But the CAO preaches a self willed salvation gospel that is predicated on a sinner's

choice or decision making in self will, which he goes about bringing to pass by his will power in choosing Christ by himself through the answering of man's (CAO) call via an altar call ritual. Having obeyed this man ordained ritual of mouth confession, the CAO MOP gives the sinner instantaneous power to command, bind and cast out the Devil from his life and make Jesus his Lord and Saviour. Thereafter, the CAO MOP then declares such sinner saved and born again. This is according to the will of the flesh, the will of man by which they lay a self willed foundation for their coverts to build and grow up in self will in the Christian race till death. The CAO raises self willed disciples for themselves, who are well indoctrinated to do their every bidding in their doctrines. **Ps 11:3; I Cor 7:23**

Jam 1:18 Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Eph 1:3-12 (Vr.4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: **Vr.5** Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, **Vr.7** In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; **Vr.11** In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

The doctrine of the CAO is one laid in self will, lusts, covetousness, deceit, hypocrisy and iniquity. These are manifest in all their doings, professing themselves to be wise in their foolishness, making twofold more children of hell than themselves of those that they lead in blindness. The CAO MOPs and adherents being self willed walk in presumption, deceiving themselves and being deceived in claiming what they are not in feigned dominance and power. They exalt themselves by themselves seeking glory and honour from men rather than from God, competing for relevance and greatness amongst themselves. **I Cor 4:5-14; Mtt 16:6-12**

2 Pet 2:10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities. **Vr.12** But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption; **Vr.13** And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the daytime. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you; **Vr.14** Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children: **Vr.15** Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; **Vr.17** These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever. **Vr.18** For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh,

through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. **Vr.19** While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. **Vr.20** For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.

The CAO MOPs, bishops, deacons, men of God, et cetera are selfwilled, soon angered and given to cursing and denigrating those that oppose them and expose their errors. In self will they resist persecutions, afflictions, tribulations and all manner of suffering for the gospel and righteousness sake but rather seek worldly pleasure, fame, and wealth for themselves. They teach same to their adherents by which they are occupied in the world doing the lust of the devil as it were.

Those that have a perfect heart, a willing mind to do the commandments of God shall be found in His perfect will, while those that are stout, proud, hardhearted would be found in self will doing whatsoever seemeth right in their own eyes unto damnation. This is the premise by which the CAO business is growing in the world, wherein they have diverse and multiple doctrines that form the basis for the various denominations springing up everyday. Those that are self willed do not heed divine warnings or accept rebuke, admonition, chastisement, nor correction, for they make themselves out to be all knowing and all powerful as lords and gods. The body of Christ (BOC) is one in the Spirit, but the CAO are fragmented being of the flesh. There can be no unity of purpose, doctrine and faith amongst those that are self willed just like the CAO. **Deu 5:29; 2 Cor 13:5; 1 Cor 10:11-12; Isa 65:1-2; Mtt 11:16-19; Gen 4:6-8**

1 Chron 28:9 And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.

Acts 7:51-53 (Vr.51) Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.

Judg 21:25 In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

Prov 14:12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

There are so much more to be said about self will which cannot be covered in this literature, but we pray that with the much that have been said ye would walk in such a manner as to escape the damnation therein at the last day in Jesus name. Amen.

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