

THE PERMISSIVE WILL OF GOD

INTRODUCTION

We shall be considering a topic that is taught sparingly in Christian circles and not given the required attention and exposition that it deserves, in order to bring men out from the subtlety by which it ensnares them unto destruction at the end. It is treated lightly, with kid's gloves, but leads unto damnation at the end. And this has to do with the will of God for mankind that is not perfect but permissive.

Unfortunately, the Ministers of the People (MOPs) of the Churches as organization/business (CAO) knowing full well that men love to have it so, keep them desiring and operating in the permissive will through their teachings that is geared on winning the MANY and not the FEW – **Mtt 7:13-14; Jer 5:30-31**

Our God is a perfect God and has a perfect will for all His creation in His relationship with them. He desires for us to be found in His perfect will always having a perfect heart with a willing mind to obey Him in all things. So how come “a permissive will”? What brought about it and which realm is it obtainable? Should one be found operating in it till the end? What would be the repercussion of such at the resurrection and judgment? These and much more questions surrounding the permissive will of the LORD we shall be considering and dealing with in order that we be not found in it due to ignorance till the end. **Ps 18:30; Deu 32:4**

Mtt 5: 48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

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 this erroneous mindset which is not of Christ. They are willingly ignorant of the perfect will of God in Christ and prefer to be in the permissive will of God instead to their own folly. They do not follow the examples of Jesus Christ in his doctrine nor do they hear him therein but rather follow after various CAO MOPs 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, this is quite unfortunate. **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**

Those that hold unto the permissive will reject and resist the perfect will of God. You are either found doing the permissive will or the perfect will but not both at the same time. **Acts 7:51-53; Rom 8:7**

For those that want to be perfect as disciples of the perfect Master by his grace we shall expose the Trojan horse called the Permissive will of God in order that we be not found in it till the end thereby missing out on inheriting the kingdom of God. **Lk 6:40**

WHAT IS THE PERMISSIVE WILL OF GOD AND ITS ORIGIN?

It should be noted that the term or adjective “Permissive” will of God is not used in the KJV Bible; but we shall use it in this literature in order to capture the nature of the God’s will in relating with Man that He had given freewill and which reflects His longsuffering and forbearance with man in the time of his ignorance.

As had been said previously, God is a perfect God and has a perfect will designed for all that He hath created from the point of their creation and never a permissive will. So how come the permissive will?

What does the word “permissive” mean? According to the English dictionary it is defined as “Giving or predisposed to give permission; lenient – tolerant of deviation”.

In this literature we identify “the permissive will of God” as that which is not His perfect will but yet allowed by Him to be exercised for a definite time span during a period of deviation which shall elapse. The permissive will of God permits/allows an error to exist and function for a determined period before it is reversed, dealt with or done away with by the judgment of God that is final and conclusive. You cannot have a permissive will without first having a perfect will defined and in place already. The permissive will is temporal, while the perfect will is eternal. God makes known His perfect will from the beginning and accomplishes or fulfills it at the ending, but does allow for His permissive will to come into play in the middle or in-between due to deviant tendency of the natural man. **Zech 1:2-6**

From the beginning of creation of the angelic beings and hosts of heaven it was not so. And still in the heaven of heavens where the holy angels of God operate till eternity it is the perfect will of God that reign supreme, the permissive will of God is not found therein. The holy angels of God in that heaven are found operating in the perfect, holy will of God in the kingdoms thereof. Our God is holy and they that shall worship Him truly must be holy even as He is. **Eph 1:4; Eph 5:27; Rev 22:14-15,18-19; I Pet 1:13-17; Ps 103:19-22**

God does not relate with the angels and hosts of heaven according to a permissive will because they are spirits/celestial/immortal and God is a Spirit, but He is able to do so with Man, even the fallen man, because he is also flesh/terrestrial/mortal and his days are numbered upon the earth. The permissive will is for the carnal and not for the truly spiritual. **I Pet 1:24-25; Ps 103:8-16**

Gen 6: 3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

Ps 8: 3-5 (Vr.4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? **Vr.5** For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

The beginning of the permissive will of God where Man is concerned was made manifest during the time that Adam was put in the Garden of Eden to be tempted of the Devil, before then Adam was in the perfect will of God having being created and formed very good. The very first indication of the permissive will of God was the coming forth of the Woman from Adam. Why? Because God had already created all things within the seven (7) days of creation and declared it finished having seen that all that He had created was very good according to His perfect will, then we see Woman coming into the picture afterwards from Adam's flesh/body. **Gen 1:31; Gen 2:1-3,21-23**

The permissive will inclination of God where Man is concerned started from the time that God said "it is not good that the Man should be alone". Why? Because Adam had started to search for flesh like him amongst the animals without God's leading and found none. And God had to permissively accommodate Adam's own yawning and desire which was to come forth in the form of Woman (**Gen 2:23**) and which was to lead to marriage, a permissive fleshly union. This permission was to eventually bring about the separation of the one entity (Man) from God that He had created in union with Him from the beginning (in spirit- male and female – **I Cor 6:17; Eph 1:4-5**) unto the making of two (in the flesh- Man and Woman – **I Cor 6:16**) that were to cleave together as one flesh instead. This brought about the disruption of the intimate fellowship that Man used to have with God before then. **Gen 2:18-24; Lk 20:34-35; Gen 3:6-13**

From the moment that Adam ate of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil contrary to the perfect will of God for him, the seed of permissiveness was entrenched in mankind from thence. Consequently, God pronounced His permissive will for Man in the punishment He meted out to Adam and Eve and invariably over all of mankind as it were. Permissiveness leads to separation and death, but perfection leads to spiritual union and life eternal. **Gen 2:16-17**

Gen 3: 11 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not 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, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; **Vr.19** In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art , and unto dust shalt thou return.

The Master also identified when the permissive will of God kicked in, which was due to the heart desire of the first Man, Adam, for Woman because in the beginning of creation it was not so.

Mk 10:2-12 (Vr.5 And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. **Vr.6** But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female [*at creation of Adam there was no Woman – I Tim 2:13*]. **Vr.7** For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother [*separation takes place*], and cleave to his wife; **Vr.8** And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh [*this was of the permissive will of God*].

The Woman was made for the Man while the Man was made for God. It is who you are made for that is your head and to whom your desire ought to be channeled to as it were. **Gen 3:16; I Cor 7:34**

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. **Vr.7** For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man. **Vr.8** For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man. **Vr.9** Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.

Adam was born of God as the son of God according to the will of God, while the Woman was born of Adam according to the will of man which led to the fall of Man and sons of men being born from thence onward. Whenever man's will is allowed by God to subsist contrary to His perfect will for him a permissive will comes into play which shall always lead to a fall as it were if not remedied before the end. **Gen 2:21-23; Lk 3:38; Gen 6:1-4**

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

I Tim 2: 14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

These are true reflections of the result of permissiveness at work which a man desires to walk with God by as it were. God does not offer Man a permissive will rather it is Man that desires and requests for such a way from God instead of His perfect will offered to him always at the initial. **Gen 2:9,15-17; Deu 30:15-20; I Kings 18:20-24**

THE LANGUAGE OF PERMISSIVENESS IN THE BIBLE

When sometimes you see these words below or phrases akin to them, being used in the Bible in God's dealings with Man, then know most likely that a permissive will of God is being captured to contrast the perfect will or vice versa. One needs to be spiritually discerning as it were in order to tell which follows before and after the usage of such phrase in the Bible amongst others most times.

- I. Nevertheless --- **Mtt 26:39; I Cor 7:1-2; I Cor 11:8-9,11-12; Hebr 12:11; Eph 5:32-33**
- II. Notwithstanding --- **Mtt 11:11; Mtt 17:24-27; Lk 10:20; I Tim 2:13-15; Rev 2:19-23**
- III. For this cause --- **Mk 10:5-7; Jn 12:27; Rom 1:24-26; Eph 5:30-32; 2 Thess 2:10-12**
- IV. Howbeit --- **Mk 7:5-9; Jn 16:12-13; Acts 7:46-49; I Cor 8:4-7; Gal 4:8-11; Hebr 3:12-19**

The very first time that such akin permissive phrase was used by the LORD in the Bible implying "Nevertheless" was after the LORD had created and declared all things very good in **Gen 1:31** indicating His perfect will, then in **Gen 2:18** we saw the words "It is not good" indicating that permissiveness was about to come in concerning a matter that had to do with Man.

It was a "Nevertheless" operation that brought the Woman into existence. The permissive will here unfortunately was meant to accommodate weakness in the flesh in Adam, who was suppose to exhibit strength in the Spirit that defines the perfect will operation of God. Adam sought the permissive will of God rather than clinging unto doing the perfect will of which he was commanded before being placed in the Garden to do. Till today the CAO MOPs lacking this fundamental spiritual insight continue to steer men unto going for the permissive will rather than desiring to do the perfect will of God instead. **Mtt 26:41; Gen 2:15-20; I Cor 7:8-9,37-38**

MARRIAGE IS NOT OF THE PERFECT WILL OF GOD

From the beginning at the Garden of Eden, Man have always besought God one time or the other for Him to allow them have their own way, will or desire over God's own will for them that is perfect, thereby falling into the permissive will of God instead. **Gen 2:20**

God formed Adam and gave him His perfect will in His command by which he was to live and operate victoriously in the garden at first, but Adam sought for his own will, desire and lust to be fulfilled by God instead. How? In searching, seeking and desiring another flesh like him in the

form of Woman, which God in His own perfect wisdom and will had not called forth nor formed within the 7-day creation window or placed in the garden as it were. **Gen 2:15-17,19-20**

All the same God hearkened unto Adam and gave him of the Woman as a wife, an help meet for him, but Adam in his lust and self-will received her not as a wife but as a mere woman, self-willed, rebellious, independent, proud, carnally inclined. **Gen 2:18,21-24; Gen 3:1-7,11-12**

By the coming of the Woman, the permissive union in the flesh called marriage was prophesied by God to take place in Adam's operation in the permissive will of God. Marriage is for only during this permissive period in the world for terrestrial man but not for the celestial man in the world to come under God's perfect will.

Lk 20:31-36 (Vr.32 Last of all the woman died also. **Vr.33** Therefore in the resurrection whose wife of them is she? for seven had her to wife. **Vr.34** And Jesus answering said unto them, The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage: **Vr.35** But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: **Vr.36** Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.

The last Adam came to do the perfect will of God on earth, of which the first Adam failed to accomplish. In line with that he was born a eunuch (by the virgin birth) and never engaged in marriage, which is for the children of this world and a fleshly distraction. He showed us how it was meant by God to be from the beginning and how it was going to be from the world to come at the ending for those that become the children of the resurrection.

Mtt 19:3-12 (Vr.8 He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives [*a permissive will*]: but from the beginning it was not so. **Vr.10** His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry. **Vr.11** But he said unto them, "All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given. **Vr.12** "For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.

The CAO erroneously tout the institution of marriage as the perfect will of God for man without which it is as if one has not yet fulfilled destiny in this world, but this is not true. Single people are made to be ever seeking for the perfect will of God as per life partners for marriage in order to be "complete" and the married people for the perfect will in marriage where there is none. All they get continually is trouble in the flesh and carnal distraction from the fervent pursuit of the kingdom of God and his righteousness that is required for those that are sold out for Christ. **Lk 14:15-21; Deu 24:5**

I Cor 7:1-40 (Vr.1 It is good for a man not to touch a woman. **Vr.2** Nevertheless [*the permissive phrase*], to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. **Vr.26** I suppose therefore that this is good for the present distress, I say, that it is good for a man so to be. **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. **Vr.31** And they that use this world, as not abusing it: for the fashion of this world passeth away. **Vr.32** But I would have you without carefulness. He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord: **Vr.33** But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife. **Vr.34** There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband. **Vr.35** And this I speak for your own profit; not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is comely, and that ye may attend upon the Lord without distraction. **Vr.38** So then he that giveth her in marriage doeth well [*permissive will*]; but he that giveth her not in marriage doeth better [*perfect will*].

Paul the apostle followed the example of the Master, Jesus Christ in not engaging in this carnal distraction for the kingdom sake and fulfilled destiny as it were. Many have made and are still making a shipwreck of their faith all in the pipe dream of attaining a blissful marriage in the flesh as a means of accomplishing the perfect will of God in the Spirit, what a contradiction. Marriage is a bundle of permissiveness and compromise between the two in an attempt to accomplish oneness in the flesh as it were. **I Cor 6:16-17; I Cor 7:7-8; Lk 14:25-27; Mk 10:28-30**

MULTIPLICATION ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF THE FLESH

It was not so at the beginning of the creation of Man. The command of God unto Adam without Eve then was not for a multiplication according to flesh but one according to the Spirit unto producing sons of God and not children of the world as the fall brought about subsequently. Adam was a son of God and was meant to produce sons of God according to the will of God even as Christ did. The sons of men that originated from Adam are in bondage in this world to sin and death. All those born of the flesh, that is, born of woman shall always desire the permissive will and find themselves therein due to the Adamic nature in them, and not the perfect will of God. **Lk 3:38; Gal 4:1-3; Rom 8:18-23; Rom 7:14; Ps 51:1-7; Job 14:1**

Gen 1: 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them [*not Adam and Eve or Man and Woman*]. **Vr.28** And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and

have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Unfortunately, the CAO MOPs being carnally minded misinterpret this Scripture to mean that God created man to be breeding children with woman in order to populate the world but this is not true. The first Man, Adam, failed at producing children of the kingdom according to the perfect will of God, but ended up producing through Eve the children of the world, according to the will of the flesh, the will of man and of blood that which were after his own fallen image and likeness. As it were this is of the permissive will of God currently in this world today but shall cease from the last day. **Lk 17:26-36**

Gen 3:14-16 (Vr.16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

I Tim 2: 14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. **Vr.15** Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.

I Cor 6:13-16 (Vr.16 What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.

Child bearing in the flesh is not of the perfect will but of the permissive will and therefore there shall always be found women that are barren among the fruitful ones in the world, which does not mean that they cannot fulfill divine destiny on the earth as it were (**Mk 12:18-25**). The fruitfulness that counts as fulfilling the perfect will of God is in producing righteous works, the fruit of the Spirit instead and not the fruit of the womb. **Lk 23:28-29; Gal 4:27; Colo 1:10; Gal 5:22-23; 2 Pet 1:2-10; Jn 15:8,16**

Gen 4: 1 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD. **Vr.2** And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

Gen 5: 3 And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image [*Adamic nature no longer according to the divine nature as Adam himself was created and formed*]; and called his name Seth: **Vr.4** And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters [*according to the flesh*]:

Gen 6: 1 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them [*according to the will of flesh*], **Vr.2** That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose

[*according to their own lustful desire*]. **Vr.3** And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. **Vr.4** There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. **Vr.5** And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. **Vr.6** And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. **Vr.7** And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

By reason of the fall therefore the product of the “two flesh”, Adam and Eve, becoming one in the sexual intercourse called marriage is of flesh and blood according to the will of flesh and not that of God. To be born of woman is multiplication, fruitfulness and replenishing of the earth by the will of the flesh, of a permissive will which God allowed as an interlude before the fulfillment of **Gen 1:28** perfect will pronouncement which shall commence from the last day which Christ had initiated for all those that come to him by faith. **I Cor 15:20-28; Lk 20:34-36**

For now, what we have at work amongst mankind presently is the permissive will version of **Gen 1:28** which God allowed to be starting afresh with Noah as found in:

Gen 9: 1-7 (Vr.1 And God blessed Noah and his sons [*being of the Adamic nature*], and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth [*no longer to subdue it. Why? Because man hath fallen even like the fallen angels in it*]. **Vr.2** And the fear of you and the dread of you [*no longer for man to dominate or have dominion as before when there was no mention of fear*] shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered. **Vr.3** Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you [*flesh now included as source of food for man unlike before*]; even as the green herb have I given you all things. **Vr.4** But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat. **Vr.7** And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.

MULTIPLICATION ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF GOD

The last Adam came into the world to do the work of redemption so that the will of God the Father as He had intended it to be from the beginning might commence as from his second appearing. Christ came to redeem the children of the world unto being born again as the children of God according to the Spirit and no longer according to the flesh as Adam did. He did not do this through marriage with woman but through baptizing us with the Holy Ghost and

with power and by the resurrection, the perfect will of God. That is why a man needs to be born of the Spirit according to the will of God in order to be empowered to desire and to do His perfect will always. **Jn 12:24,32; Acts 2:47; Mtt 6:32-33; Mtt 5:6; Gal 3:13-14**

Jn 1:10-14 (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: **Vr.13** Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Jn 3:3-8 (Vr.4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born [*according to the will of man again*]? **Vr.5** Jesus answered, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit [*not according to the will of man but of God*], he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. **Vr.6** "That which is born of the flesh is flesh [*according to blood*]; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit [*according to God who is a Spirit*]. **Vr.7** Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. **Vr.8** The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit [*according to the perfect will of God*].

Gal 4:3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: **Vr.4** But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, **Vr.5** To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. **Vr.6** And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. **Vr.7** Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Rom 8: 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. **Vr.15** For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. **Vr.16** The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: **Vr.17** And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

This multiplication that produces the members of the Body of Christ, the Church, is by the will of God and not by the will of flesh or of man any longer. The kingdom of heaven is meant for the former as an inheritance and not the latter – flesh and blood shall not inherit that kingdom. The holy angels that do the perfect will of God in heaven do not multiply through marriage and yet they are fruitful and fill the heavens. We shall be like them at the end as it was supposed to be from the beginning. **Mtt 12:46-50; Mtt 16:15-20; I Cor 15:50; Mk 12:25**

THE LAW OF MOSES IS OF THE PERMISSIVE WILL OF GOD

The Law of Moses was not there from the very beginning nor when God entered into covenant with Abraham by a promise. The Law was introduced years after with an expiry period and therefore falls under the permissive will of God. The Law is for the unrighteous and not for the righteous. As it were, by its works no man can fulfill the perfect will of God and truly be justified before God. Therefore Christ came to call the unrighteous (sinners under the Law) to repentance unto the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, which is of the perfect will of God by which we live by the faith of Jesus instead. **Gal 2:16**

Rom 8:1-11 (Vr.1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. **Vr.2** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. **Vr.3** For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: **Vr.4** That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Gal 3:16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. **Vr.17** And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect. **Vr.18** For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise. **Vr.19** Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

I Tim 1: 9 Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, **Vr.10** For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

Rom 10:1-4 (Vr.4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

The Law shall eventually pass away after having all of it fulfilled, being of the permissive will of God for the children of Israel before the second coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. But the words of Christ shall not pass away being of the perfect will of God. **Mtt 5:17-18; Mtt 24:34-35; Eph 2:15**

Hebr 8:6-13 (Vr.6 But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. **Vr.7** For if that

first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. **Vr.8** For finding fault with them [*because it was of the permissive nature*], he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: **Vr.9** Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. **Vr.13** In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

The permissive will of God is found under the Law of Moses and not in the law of Christ which came as a replacement for it. The Law of Moses (the Ten Commandments inclusive) was made for the unrighteous, the sinful, the carnal, but the law of Christ is for the righteous, the holy and the obedient that live by the Spirit, the spiritual. Those that live according to the Law walk after the flesh and not after the Spirit. **Mtt 19:16-22; Rom 8:4,13; Gal 5:18**

Ezek 20:1-41 (Vr.24 Because they had not executed my judgments, but had despised my statutes, and had polluted my sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers' idols. **Vr.25** Wherefore I gave them also statutes that were not good, and judgments whereby they should not live;

Gal 3: 21-27 (Vr.21 Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. **Vr.22** But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. **Vr.24** Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. **Vr.25** But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

Unfortunately, the CAO continue to keep men longing and walking according to the Old Testament ways in order to keep them desiring and operating in the permissive will of God according to the Law, being earthly minded always, instead of the perfect will of God found in Christ by the Spirit in the New Testament of grace and truth.

BESEECHING GOD FOR HIS PERMISSIVE WILL AND NOT HIS PERFECT WILL

The fallen nature of Man have always steered them in their relationship with God unto seeking His permissive will that accommodates error even unto their own destruction, rather than seeking for the perfect will of God. Man have always be sought God one time or the other in order for Him to allow them have their own way, will or desire in the flesh over God's own will for them that is perfect instead.

It is the state of a man's heart that determines which will of God that he would gravitate to. One having a humble, contrite, perfect heart and a willing mind shall desire to do the perfect will of God, but those that are stiff necked, uncircumcised in heart and ear seek the permissive will to do always. **Acts 7:51; I Chron 28:9; Jer 17:9-10; Mtt 11:29**

We shall look at some examples of how men besought God at various times in the Bible as it were, having already seen how Adam established this erroneous pattern in the Garden of Eden at the initial.

Moses besought God being in error or having been found in error to allow him enter the Promised Land. He sought for the permissive will of God over the perfect will of God which had been made known to him. He earnestly prayed the LORD to allow him go over into the land with the people but God refused to permit that for him. And Moses had to surrender to the perfect will of God at His stern rebuke instead of persisting to seek for the permissive will to be done. The permissive will leads to condemnation at the end but men have been unmindful of this in all ages as it were. **Num 20:7-13; Deu 32:48-52; Jude 1:9**

Deu 3:23-27 (Vr.23 And I besought the LORD at that time, saying, **Vr.24** O Lord GOD, thou hast begun to shew thy servant thy greatness, and thy mighty hand: for what God is there in heaven or in earth, that can do according to thy works, and according to thy might? **Vr.25** I pray thee, let me go over, and see the good land that is beyond Jordan, that goodly mountain, and Lebanon. **Vr.26** But the LORD was wroth with me for your sakes, and would not hear me: and the LORD said unto me, Let it suffice thee; speak no more unto me of this matter.

Similarly, King Hezekiah also besought the Lord when God presented His perfect will unto him through Isaiah, the prophet that he would die and come unto Him as it were, but Hezekiah sought for the permissive will of God in this case with strong cries, weeping and reasons unlike how he had claimed to have walked with God before now. As it were, God eventually granted him his request with an extension of additional fifteen years to live; unfortunately this was unto his condemning generations yet unborn to Babylonian captivity by his deeds thereafter. And also within this period he gave birth to a son called Manasseh, one of the worst kings that Judah ever had. Unfortunately, the CAO MOPs teach this permissiveness as a good example that Believers should emulate in relating with God in prayers in getting a change of mind from Him rather than submitting to His perfect will instead. **Isa 39:1-9; 2 Kings 21:1-17**

Isa 38:1-22 (Vr.1 In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came unto him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die, and not live. **Vr.2** Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, **Vr.3** And said, Remember now, O LORD, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight.

And Hezekiah wept sore. **Vr.4** Then came the word of the LORD to Isaiah, saying, **Vr.5** Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years.

Also in the days of King David, he besought the LORD having been found in error concerning the matter of Uriah whom he killed and took his wife Bathsheba as his. He besought the LORD as for a permissive will, for the child of his adultery to live after his birth with strong fasting and prayers, but God refused and allowed His perfect will instead to prevail. Why? So that David would not end up in condemnation at the end. And David accepted it and worshipped the LORD thereafter without any further push.

2 Sam 12:1-25 (Vr.14 Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die [*the perfect will of God that needed to be done*]. **Vr.15** And Nathan departed unto his house. And the LORD struck the child that Uriah' wife bare unto David, and it was very sick. **Vr.16** David therefore besought God for the child; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth. **Vr.18** And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice: how will he then vex himself, if we tell him that the child is dead? **Vr.20** Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the LORD, and worshipped: then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat. **Vr.22** And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell whether GOD will be gracious to me, that the child may live [*David sought for the permissive will of God and not the perfect will of God*]?

Similarly, even the Master in his time of agony in the flesh besought the Father for His permissive will but was quick enough to revert to asking for the perfect will of God to be done instead by the Spirit, for which he was sent into the world to fulfill on our behalf. **Jn 12:27-33**

Lk 22:40-43 (Vr.41 And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, **Vr.42** Saying, "Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me [*an appeal to God for His permissive will*]: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done [*surrender to God's perfect will*]. **Vr.43** And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him [*God's answer to him- my grace is sufficient for you*].

Mk 14:34-36 (Vr.35 And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him [*permissive will sought by Christ*]. **Vr.36** And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me [*permissive will*]: nevertheless not what I will [*the flesh desires*], but what thou wilt [*the perfect will of God*].

By the permissive will men seek for God to hearken unto the cry of their flesh, while by the perfect will men seek for the desires of the Spirit to be fulfilled despite the agony of the flesh. As long as we are in the flesh in this world this battle between the desires of the flesh and that of the Spirit shall continue to range on but they that walk after the Spirit and not after the flesh shall always overcome. But the desire of every truly born again Believer is for the will of the Lord to be done on earth as it is done in heaven and not his own will. Unfortunately that is not the case of the CAO adherents of today, who even command heaven and God to do their own bidding in all manner of prayers as they are taught by their MOPs, thereby praying amiss and being found in error. **Gal 5:16-18,24-26; Mtt 26:40-46; Isa 45:9-13; Jn 16:33**

Mtt 6:9-10 (Vr.10) Thy kingdom come. Thy [*perfect*] will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Jam 4:1-10 (Vr.2) Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. **Vr.3** Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

Also, Paul the apostle besought Christ in his time for his permissive will to be done concerning the infirmity of his flesh and the Lord refused. Paul having received ministration of the benefit of submitting to the perfect will of God irrespective of the discomfort in the flesh willingly accepted his fate thereafter. For the CAO adherents of today any situation that seems unfavourable to them or that brings about discomfort, suffering is not of God and must be rejected and resisted by all means possible in prayers and otherwise, but this is an error. **Lk 9:22-26; Mtt 5:38-44; Mtt 16:21-23; I Pet 3:13-18; Job 1:20-22; Job 2:10**

2 Cor 12:6-10 (Vr.7) And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. **Vr.8** For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me [seeking for the permissive will of God]. **Vr.9** And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness [*the perfect will of God for all his saints*]. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities [*Why?*], that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

MEN GENERALLY DESIRE THE PERMISSIVE WILL

Furthermore in bringing out this tendency of men in the flesh to seek for permissiveness, we see also during Paul's ministry, the brethren sought the permissive will on his behalf rather than the perfect will of God. But Paul been bent on fulfilling God's perfect will for his calling refused to hearken unto them and their entreaties to the contrary. The same way Peter sought for the permissive will for Christ contrary to God's perfect will that was to bring about our salvation ultimately. **Mtt 16:20-23**

Acts 21:10-15 (Vr.10 And as we tarried there many days, there came down from Judaea a certain prophet, named Agabus. **Vr.11** And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles. **Vr.12** And when we heard these things, both we, and they of that place, besought him not to go up to Jerusalem [*a permissive will*]. **Vr.13** Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus. **Vr.14** And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, The will of the Lord be done [*surrender to the perfect will of the Lord in that matter*].

The permissive will is the easy way out of a predicament, affliction, suffering or negative situation. Those not ready to die for Christ and the gospel sake shall always seek for the permissive will of God and end up denying Christ at the end of the day unfortunately. **Phil 1:20-22**

I Pet 3:8-18 (Vr.17 For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing. **Vr.18** For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

I Pet 2:17-24 (Vr.19 For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. **Vr.20** For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. **Vr.21** For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

Unfortunately, today, the MANY beseech Christ more for permissive will purposes in desiring for their own will to be done rather than for his perfect will to be done in their lives. They are always fervently praying amiss, being zealous therein but without knowledge/understanding.

I Cor 6:1-11 (Vr.7 Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded? **Vr.8** Nay, ye do wrong, and defraud, and that your brethren.

The Permissive will is God allowing the will, desire or craving of man that is flesh to suffice for a while, a temporary period before yet bringing about His own perfect will that Man had not accepted wholly from the start. The consequences of the permissive will is never the best for those that stubbornly insist on having it so. God makes known His perfect will from the beginning and accomplishes or fulfills it at the ending but does allow for His permissive will to come into play in the middle or in-between as it were.

Another example of men desiring the permissive will for their own selfish benefit was that of Balaam with Balak the king of Moab against Israel. **Num 22:1-7,8-13,14-21,22-35**

Balaam following the emissaries from Balak the king of Moab even after God had given Balaam an answer to give them the 1st time not to hearken unto them or follow them. But when a 2nd group more honourable than the first probably with greater reward of divination with them came for Balaam, he went back again to enquire of God the same thing as if God had changed his mind having seen greater items of sacrifice or so. God is not man nor is He the son of man that He should be moved by such things as men are, even as Balaam was. **Jude 1:11**

Num 22:1-41 (Vr.19 Now therefore, I pray you, tarry ye also here this night, that I may know what the LORD will say unto me more. **Vr.20** And God came unto Balaam at night, and said unto him, If the men come to call thee, rise up, and go with them [*of the permissive will*]; but yet the word which I shall say unto thee, that shalt thou do. **Vr.21** And Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab. **Vr.22** And God' anger was kindled because he went [*Qn: Was it not God that gave him permission to go*]: and the angel of the LORD stood in the way for an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were with him. **Vr.32** And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? behold, I went out to withstand thee, because thy way is perverse before me: **Vr.34** And Balaam said unto the angel of the LORD, I have sinned; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way against me: now therefore, if it displease thee, I will get me back again. **Vr.35** And the angel of the LORD said unto Balaam, Go with the men: but only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak [*but Balaam eventually taught Balak how to get the children of Israel to displease God in order that God may curse them or remove their defense*]. So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.

Also during the wilderness experience of the children of Israel wherein they lusted after flesh to eat, though God permissively fulfilled their request but afterwards killed many of them thereafter.

Ps 78:1-72 (Vr.7 That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments: **Vr.8** And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not stedfast with God. **Vr.17** And they sinned yet more against him by provoking the most High in the wilderness. **Vr.18** And they tempted God in their heart by asking meat for their lust. **Vr.24** And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven. **Vr.25** Man did eat angels' food: he sent them meat to the full. **Vr.26** He caused an east wind to blow in the heaven: and by his power he brought in the south wind. **Vr.27** He rained flesh also upon them as dust, and feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea: **Vr.28** And he let it fall in the midst of their camp, round about their habitations. **Vr.29** So they did eat, and were well filled: for he gave

them their own desire [*the permissive will of God at play*]; **Vr.30** They were not estranged from their lust. But while their meat was yet in their mouths, **Vr.31** The wrath of God came upon them, and slew the fattest of them, and smote down the chosen men of Israel. **Vr.32** For all this they sinned still, and believed not for his wondrous works.

Ps 106:12-15 (Vr.13 They soon forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel: **Vr.14** But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert. **Vr.15** And he gave them their request [*the permissive will*]; but sent leanness into their soul.

Also when the children of Israel murmured against God and rebelled against their leaders, Moses and Aaron in **Num 14:1-30**

Another good example of the exercising of the permissive will can be seen when the children of Israel demanded for a king to rule over them the LORD permissively gave in to their demand and gave them a king in the person of Saul. Israel having kings to reign over them instead of God only as their eternal king was of a permissive will as it were.

I Sam 8:1-22 (Vr.6 But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD. **Vr.7** And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee [*the permissive will of God*]: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them. **Vr.8** According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee. **Vr.9** Now therefore hearken unto their voice [*permissive will*]: howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them. **Vr.19** Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us; **Vr.20** That we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles. **Vr.21** And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of the LORD. **Vr.22** And the LORD said to Samuel, Hearken unto their voice, and make them a king [*of the permissive will of God*].

I Sam 12:11-15 (Vr.12 And when ye saw that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon came against you, ye said unto me, Nay; but a king shall reign over us: when the LORD your God was your king. **Vr.13** Now therefore behold the king whom ye have chosen, and whom ye have desired! and, behold, the LORD hath set a king over you [*out of His permissive will*].

Further Biblical references of the permissive will as example:

1. Burnt offerings or sacrifices → **Jer 7:21-28; Hebr 10:1-18**
2. The building of Temple for God (Temple worship) → **I Chron 17:1-15; Acts 7:46-50**
3. Samson's sexual interaction with Philistine women in his time → **Jud 14:1-4,10-20**

4. The coming of the Law by Moses → **Gal 3:16-19; Rom 4:15; Rom 5:20**
5. Moses striking of the rock twice and yet water came out → **Num 20:7-12**
6. The establishment of the office of the prophets → **Exo 20:18-21; Hebr 8:10-11**
7. Circumcision under the Law → **Rom 4:8-13; I Cor 7:19**
8. Physical death → **Rom 5:12-19; Hebr 9:27; I Cor 15:54; Lk 20:38; Gen 3:19**

Those that are spiritually minded seek to do the perfect will of God, while those that are carnally minded always desire the permissive will of God instead. You need to crucify the flesh with the affections and lusts thereof so that ye may desire the things of the Spirit. **Rom 8:1-8; Gal 5:16-26; Colo 3:1-6**

WHAT DID THE MASTER HAVE TO SAY ON THIS?

Jesus illustrated in some of his parables the matter concerning the perfect will and the permissive will of God in His dealings with His people.

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 [*and did the perfect will*]. **Vr.30** And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not [*operating under the permissive will*]. **Vr.31** Whether of them twain did the will of his father?" They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, 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.

The well known parable of the "prodigal" son having been given his own share of inheritance even before the demise of his father is a classical case of permissive will at work. The prodigal son left home under the permissive will of his father and not his perfect will as it were.

Lk 15:11-32 (Vr.11 And he said, A certain man had two sons: **Vr.12** And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living [*this is of the permissive will*]. **Vr.13** And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. **Vr.14** And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. **Vr.17** And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! **Vr.18** I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and

before thee, **Vr.19** And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

Mtt 13:24-30 (Vr.29) But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. **Vr.30** Let both grow together [*of the permissive will*] until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn [*the perfect will*].

Mtt 12:1-8 (Vr.6) But I say unto you, That in this place is one greater than the temple. **Vr.7** But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy [*perfect will*], and not sacrifice [*permissive will*], ye would not have condemned the guiltless. **Vr.8** For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day.

Whenever men do what seemeth right in their own eyes though permitted by God for awhile, rather than that which the LORD sets as priority in His commandments, they are operating under the permissive will as it were. When men choose to do the secondary things out of their own wisdom rather than the primary things as commanded by God then they find themselves operating in the permissive will of God. **I Sam 15:1-35**

Mtt 23:23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

Lk 10:38-42 (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.

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.32** (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) 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; and all these things shall be added unto you.

The Master taught us to strive to do the perfect will of God and not for the permissive will for both leads to different and opposite destinations – the former to salvation, but the latter to destruction as it were. Unbelievers, sinners, the unrighteous and the unjust shall have their lot with those believers in Christ that cling unto living under the permissive will of God. Such cannot inherit the kingdom of God at the end. The Master's exemplary lifestyle was of that of doing the will of the Father and not his will on earth. **Jn 8:29; Mtt 12:50; Jn 4:34; Lk 6:40**

True Believers in Christ strive for perfection and holiness by the grace of our Lord Jesus at work in them, being led by the Holy Spirit and are not given to compromise and permissiveness at every turn. They are ready to sacrifice all even their own lives for Christ's sake. Those who walk by the permissive will establish comfort zones for themselves and are not given to sacrificing for the kingdom sake but walk according to convenience in the broad way. They shall always want to save their lives by all means possible but shall end up losing it at the end. **Mtt 7:13-14; Mtt 16:24-27**

Lk 13:23-30 (Vr.23 Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, **Vr.24** Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

Lk 14:25-33 (Vr.26 If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. **Vr.27** And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. **Vr.33** So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

CONCLUSION

No man shall be able to enter into the kingdom of God by operating under the permissive will of God till the end as per concerning salvation. It is only those that do the perfect will of God that can inherit the kingdom of God; for the kingdom of heaven is for those that seek, desire perfection and holiness, striving therein by the grace of our Lord Jesus on the earth to the end in love, faith and hope. Those that walk by the permissive will are given to making mockery of those that strive in the way of righteousness and for perfection in Christ. **I Pet 4:1-5; Mtt 5:6**

Eph 5:21-27 (Vr.26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, **Vr.27** That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Hebr 12:11-15 (Vr.14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

It is because of the hardness of the hearts of men that makes the permissive will to be possible for a period. **Mk 10:2-8; Eph 4:18**

The permissive will of the Lord is but for a short time for errors/iniquity to have an end and then His perfect will shall be revealed thereafter. It is an allowance made by God to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, in order to bring in everlasting righteousness. Wherever repentance and forgiveness is allowable and

possible you will find permissive will of God obtainable there if not it is the perfect will of God that would be obtained there. Wherever longsuffering is found, the permissive will of God is presently at work there to bring men unto His perfect will. **Dan 9: 24; Rom 9:21-24**

Rom 2:1-11 (Vr.4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God [*under the permissive will*] leadeth thee to repentance? **Vr.5** but after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God [*under the perfect will*]).

2 Pet 3:9-15 (Vr.9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. **Vr.15** And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation;

The permissive will of God is only possible here on earth, where men do whatsoever seemeth right in their own eyes, but is not possible in heaven where the angels dwell and do what is only right in God's eyes. The permissive will of God is obtainable among those things that shall pass away, be shaken, moved, and not amongst those things that are unmovable and eternal. Eternal things are operated under the perfect will of God. **Mtt 6:10; Deu 12:8; Prov 21:2; Judg 17:6; Hebr 12:25-29**

2 Cor 4:16-18 (Vr.18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Those that operate throughout their lives under the permissive will of God without being converted unto the perfect will when they die cannot make it to heaven. Why? Because the permissive will of God expires here on earth at the last day and is not obtainable in heaven where only the perfect will of God is found, so they cannot enter. The permissive will of God is obtainable where sin and death is prevalent and not where everlasting life is possible. All those that operate under the permissive will of God shall face the final judgment which is the point at which the perfect will of God shall be the parameter to be used to execute judgment. Such cannot produce fruits that shall abide unto everlasting life nor pass through the judgment successfully as it were. **Heb 9:27; Mtt 16:27; Rom 1:18-32; Rev 22:11-15**

The permissive will believers deceive themselves, saying in their heart that God would understand and excuse them for their error inclinations and preferences as they follow Jesus Christ. God's allowance of His permissive will in men's lives is not a divine approval or sanction of their self will over His will for them, nor is it meant to be forever but only for a time, where after they are meant to repent and turn back unto following the will of the Lord wholly in truth and in the Spirit without the error anymore. Those that do the permissive will do so by adding

and/or subtracting from the perfect word of God as it were, which ought not to be so. **I Sam 12:12-25; Mtt 7:21-23; Mtt 15:1-14; Rom 1:18-22,32; Rev 22:18-19; Gen 3:1-5; Mtt 21:31-32**

Acts 14:11-18 (Vr.11 And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men. **Vr.15** And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein: **Vr.16** Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways [*this is what the permissive will entails*].

Acts 17:22-32 (Vr.30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at [*the times of the permissive will of God*]; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

Titus 2:11-15 (Vr.11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men [*that we have no excuse to continue in the permissive will of the Law and in ignorance*], **Vr.12** Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

Seek by all means to know and understand the perfect will of the LORD in Christ for you to walk therein with a perfect heart and a willing mind obeying the commandments of the Master till death; for therein lieth the way of peace and life eternal. We are saved from a walk of permissiveness in the flesh unto that of perfection in the Spirit through Christ our Lord. **Eph 5:17-18; Colo 1:9-12; Rom 8:1-5**

Ps 143:1-12 (Vr.6 I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land. Selah. **Vr.8** Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee. **Vr.10** Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

Ps 40:7 Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, **Vr.8** I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

In conclusion,

Ecc1 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. **Vr.14** For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

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