

THREE "WILLS"

Revelation 22:17

Introduction: There's a grand old hymn that was sung for many, many years but seems to be "out of date" now days, however the words within that hymn will never lose their truth or relevance. *"Whosoever heareth, shout shout the sound! Spread the blessed tidings all the world around; Tell the joyful news wherever man is found, 'Whosoever will may come.'" "Whosoever will, whosoever will!" Send the proclamation over vale and hill; 'Tis a loving Father calls the wanderer home; "Whosoever will may come..."* That wonderful old hymn speaks of the "will of mankind." Everybody has a mind and within that mind is the power to choose. To choose to listen to and obey God or to ignore and disobey God. "Will" means the power of the mind to decide and do, deliberate control over thought and action, the act of choosing to do something."

Looking at the history of mankind and the world, it is seen that there are three (3) powers (wills) at work around us.

I. THERE IS THE WILL OF GOD

Isaiah 45:18 Psalm 33:6-9 Genesis 1:1

1. God created an orderly universe by merely speaking His WILL.
 - He created the material universe.
 - He created the angelic host.
 - He created Lucifer, the chief of all of God's angelic creation.
2. All was well, at peace, in order, when God's WILL was the only will.
3. *Matthew 6:9-13*, the Lord's Prayer teaches that believers are to pray that the Father's WILL be done here on earth as it is done in heaven.
 - Jesus came to earth to do His Father's WILL.
4. Ultimately, God's WILL shall be done and there will be no other "wills."

II. THEN THERE IS THE WILL OF SATAN

Isaiah 14:12ff

1. The second "will" came into existence when Lucifer, God's chief angelic creation became proud and rebelled against God, deliberately exercising his thoughts (will) against God's WILL.
2. Lucifer's former position was High Priest on earth with a throne, a kingdom, with places of worship. A prince with authority, power and position, second only to God, Himself.
 - *Luke 4:5-7 John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11.* Even Jesus recognized Lucifer/Satan's position.
3. Satan (Lucifer) wanted to be worshipped as "god" and then at his fall and ever since that time by all the universe and especially the people of this earth.

4. Satan is determined that mankind shall not worship God as God wants so he is determined to cause mankind to "will" to worship him, Satan.

III. THE THIRD WILL IS THAT OF MAN

Genesis 1:2; 2:7;3:6-17

1. Upon Satan's rebellion against God, God destroyed Satan's kingdom, leaving Satan's kingdom (this earth) dark, void and in chaos.
2. God remade the earth as described in ***Genesis 1-3***
3. Satan watched with interest in what God was doing to his (Satan's) domain and especially when God made a man and a woman.
4. Satan led the that first couple away from God and in doing so, caused the third "will" to be brought into being. Adam deliberately disobeyed God's WILL but did not accept Satan as god.
- Adam exercised his power of choice thus his "will" became different from God's or Satan's.
Now there were/are three "wills" in the universe.

CONCLUSION:

1. God's WILL brought everything and everyone into being thus it is the supreme WILL. There is no God but Him. There is no WILL greater than His.
2. Satan was made by God but exercised his power of choice to go against God's supreme WILL, thus bringing into God's universe the second "will."
3. Man was made by God and also exercised his power of choice to go against God's supreme WILL, and therefore brought the third "will" into God's universe.
4. It is God's WILL that all creation worship Him.
5. It is Satan's "will" that all creation worship Him.
6. It is Man's "will" to do whatever he/she wants to do. To follow God's WILL, follow Satan's "will" or to follow his/her own desires ("will").
7. In the end, only God's WILL shall exist. All creation outside God's WILL shall be cast into the lake of fire.
8. Everyday people exercise their will by accepting God's WILL, or accepting Satan's "will" or neither and do what they want to do. Only in God's WILL is there salvation - hope. Your choice!