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The psalmist prays, "Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness." [Psalm 143:10] What a beautiful prayer this is—the heart-cry of the psalmist for grace to know and to do God's will. Someone has noted that among Christians there is no phrase used more often than "the will of God." Truly, this is the most important matter we face.

The will of God was the controlling issue in the life of Christ. Psalm 40:7 speaks of Him prophetically: "Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God; yea, thy law is within my heart." In the garden of Gethsemane, facing the great trial of the cross, our Lord cried, "...not as I will, but as thou wilt." [Matthew 26:39] He told His disciples, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work." [John 4:34] And in His High Priestly prayer in John 17:4 He prayed, "I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do."

The sequel in Psalm 143:10 is the heart-cry of one who has been regenerated. Before salvation, the selfish desire of the unsaved is for his own way. "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way." [Isaiah 53:6] But when we yield to Christ in salvation we can truly say, "thou art my God." This is what happened to Saul of Tarsus. With license in hand to persecute followers of Christ, He met Christ. After that encounter, Saul cried in Acts 9:6, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" This kind of praying is a sure sign of a changed heart.

Another thing this verse teaches is that God has a plan for the lives of His children. We see this throughout the Bible. Paul prayed for the Colossian believers: "since the day we heard it, I do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understandings; that ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God. "

We see here that God is ready and willing to reveal His will to His children. He desires the very best for us. However, it is possible that He allows us at times to have our own way to teach us that His way is best. We see this in the life of the prophet Jonah who chose to go to Tarshish instead of Nineveh to declare God's Word to his enemies. God used Jonah's wrong choice to correct him and to redirect him into the paths of obedience. Often the worst judgment God can give us is to let us experience the sad consequences of selfish and disobedient choices.

This prayer gives us the conditions that must be met if we are to experience the blessing of knowing and doing the will of God. First, we must have a teachable attitude. Notice that David asks, "Teach me to do Thy will." He shows

a child-like spirit and acknowledges the need to be taught. Jeremiah prayed, "O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. O Lord, correct me..." [Jeremiah 10:23, 24]

Second, we must have an intense desire to know God's will. David shows that here in his request. There are many promises in God's Word that corroborate this: "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass" [Psalm 37:5]; "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" [Proverbs 3:6]; "Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established" [Proverbs 16:3]; and "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him" [James 1:5].

Third, we must have a willingness to do His will, whatever it involves. David prayed here, "Teach me to do thy will," not simply, "show me your will." When we honestly pray this prayer, we must be willing to do what God wants, whether or not it seems pleasing to us. [See John 7:17.]

How does God teach us His will? He does so in at least three ways. First, by the clear teaching of His Word. The Bible gives us both direct commands and general principles by which to govern our lives and guide our choices [for example, 1 Thessalonians 4:2-4 and 5:22]. Secondly, He guides us in His will by the promptings of His Spirit. Here in the psalm, the Spirit's work is referred to: "thy Spirit is good; lead me..." We can compare this to Romans 8:14 which says, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." The Spirit of God never leads us contrary to what His Word teaches. Third, God leads by the over-ruling of His providence. This means that God guides us through the circumstances of life. He opens and closes doors. Revelation 3:8 says, "I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it." Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 16:9 that there was a "great door and effectual" opened to him, and that there were many adversaries. In 2 Corinthians 2:12, he again uses the open-/closed-door analogy: "When I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord..." Colossians 4:3 describes an opened "door of utterance."

Every believer should be concerned, compelled, and consumed with knowing and doing the will of God. 1 John 2:17 declares, "And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever."

Thank you for joining with us by your prayers and support to make God's will known.

Your servant,
Chris Lamb

POINT OF VIEW

MONDAY—FRIDAY

3:30—5:00 P.M.

Point of View is a two-hour live talk radio program heard Monday through Friday on WGIB. *Point of View* was founded in 1972 by Marlin Maddoux, with a firm commitment to God's Word as the source of all wisdom needed to navigate in our world. Marlin was a pioneer in the talk radio industry with *Point of View's* hard-hitting issues-oriented talk format. Today *Point of View* is hosted by Kerby Anderson who like Maddoux covers the full spectrum of issues and current events that affect our faith, family, government, education, and basic freedoms, from a Christian perspective. Kerby has more than forty years of experience in ministry and currently serves as the president of Probe Ministries as well as host of *Point of View Radio Talk Show*. He graduated from Oregon State University and holds master's degrees from Yale University [science] and Georgetown University [government]. He is the author of twenty-five books as well as a visiting professor at Dallas Theological Seminary. He is married to Susanne and has three children and one grandchild. He and his wife Susanne reside in Allen, Texas. *Point of View* is now broadcast daily via satellite on more than one hundred eighty radio stations nationwide and around the world by shortwave.

Point of View co-host Penna Dexter frequently sits in as guest host for Kerby Anderson, and her weekly commentaries air on the Bott Radio Network. Penna's heart is in educating and encouraging Christians to influence the culture and politics. She has also served as co-host and commentator on other local issues-based radio programs. She worked as a consultant overseeing the launch and production of the Family Research Council's nationally-syndicated radio program, Washington Watch Weekly. Penna's interest in conservative politics and the issues that affect the family began when she was a child working on political campaigns with her parents. She graduated from the University of Southern California with a degree in International Relations. She spent eight years in the banking industry. She and her husband Todd have three children and seven grandchildren.

Kelly Shackelford, Esq., is a regular co-host for the roundtable program heard on Fridays. Kelly is president and CEO of First Liberty Institute, the largest legal firm in the nation dedicated exclusively to protecting religious freedom for all Americans. He has served in this role since 1997, leading First Liberty's efforts to defend religious freedom in the courts and in the public arena. Under his leadership, First Liberty's legal team has participated in cases before the United States Supreme Court, federal courts of appeals, federal district courts and various state courts, where they have won more than ninety percent of their cases. Shackelford is a constitutional scholar who has argued before the United States Supreme Court, testified before the U.S. House and Senate, and has won a number of landmark First Amendment and religious liberty cases. Kelly is on the Board of Trustees of the United States Supreme Court Historical Society and earned his law degree from Baylor University.

Warren Kelley is president of Point of View Ministries. Mr. Kelley assumed the role as president of the organization after the passing of Marlin Maddoux. Mr. Kelley's desire is to continue and expand Marlin's vision for the ministry which is to proclaim the truth by defending the biblical Christian worldview and to offer Christian solutions for the issues and problems in America and around the globe. He and his wife, Marla, have three children, three grandchildren and live on the north side of the DFW metroplex.

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As part of his "On-the-Road" tour this summer, Kerby Anderson will be broadcasting his live remote Point of View radio talk show from the WGIB studio on Wednesday, July 28, beginning at 1:00 P.M. Although the broadcast will be time delayed at its regular 3:30-5:00 PM time, we plan to stream the live broadcast on WAY-TV channel via our website: www.GlenIris.net/waytv-player. Or you can watch via the Glen Iris Ministries Roku app.