

THE LIFE IN THE KINGDOM



2. THE WILL OF GOD

When we talk about the will of God we are referring to the King's desire for his people, for his subjects. It is the plan, the design, the dream of that King for us all. That will is not determined by our desire or convenience, and it is not something that will happen randomly or according to the emotions of the King, no. On the contrary, His will is already established, written and supremely well explained in His Word (The Bible). It is important to note that what we know from scripture is that:

His will for us is good, pleasing, and perfect.

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Romans 12:2 NLT

And that His plans for us are good, not bad.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

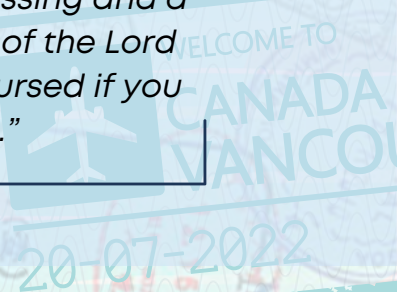
Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

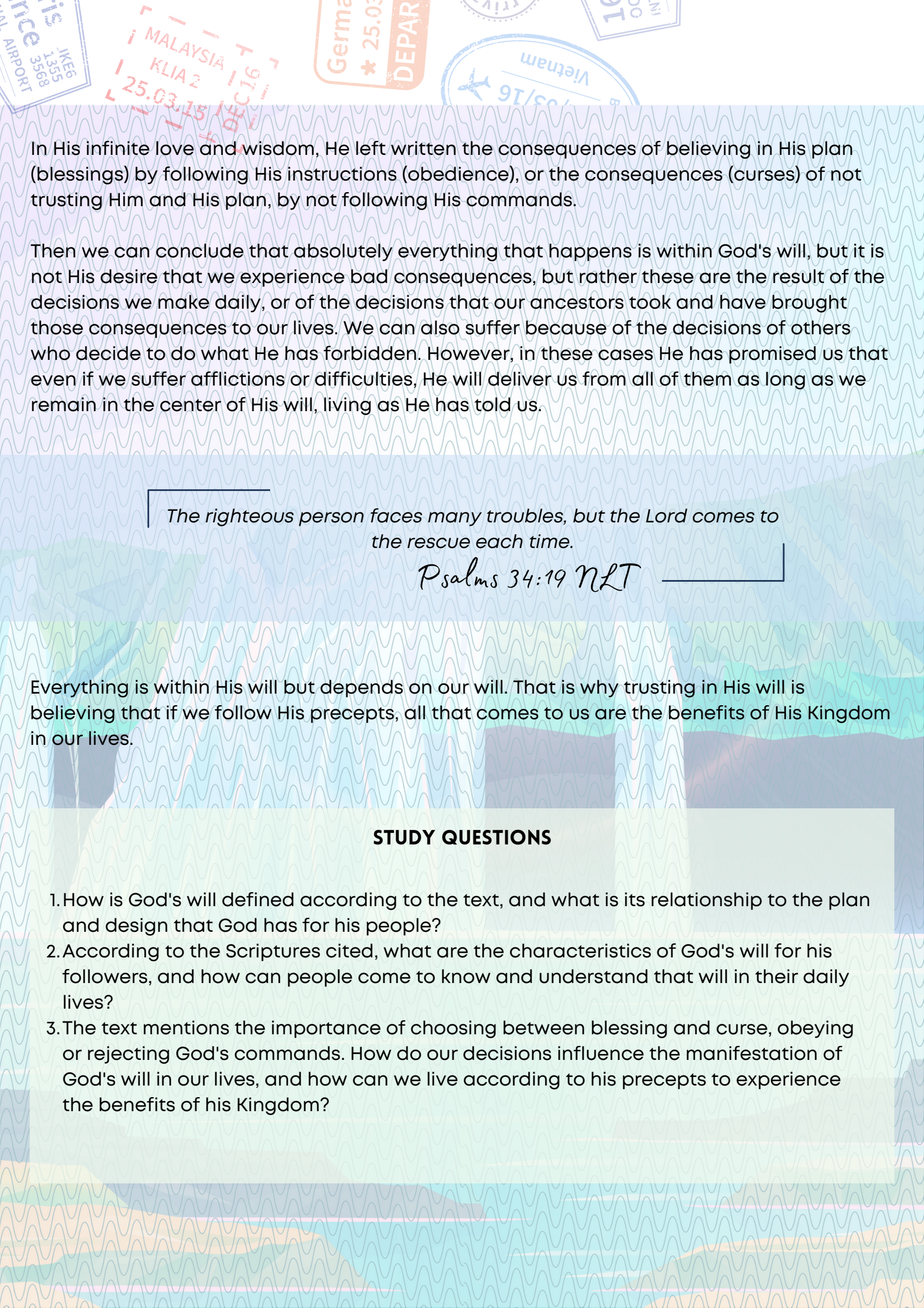


HOWEVER, THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT HIS WILL IS CARRIED OUT BY "YES OR YES," NO MATTER WHAT WE DO OR THINK. BY DECIDING TO MAKE HUMAN BEINGS IN HIS IMAGE AND LIKENESS, GOD GAVE US THE OPTION TO CHOOSE WHETHER TO TRUST HIM OR NOT. HE GAVE US THE POWER TO CHOOSE WHETHER WE BELIEVE IN HIS PLAN AND HIS GOOD WISH FOR US OR NOT.

"Look, today I am giving you the choice between a blessing and a curse! You will be blessed if you obey the commands of the Lord your God that I am giving you today. But you will be cursed if you reject the commands of the Lord your God..."

Deuteronomy 11:26-28 NLT





In His infinite love and wisdom, He left written the consequences of believing in His plan (blessings) by following His instructions (obedience), or the consequences (curses) of not trusting Him and His plan, by not following His commands.

Then we can conclude that absolutely everything that happens is within God's will, but it is not His desire that we experience bad consequences, but rather these are the result of the decisions we make daily, or of the decisions that our ancestors took and have brought those consequences to our lives. We can also suffer because of the decisions of others who decide to do what He has forbidden. However, in these cases He has promised us that even if we suffer afflictions or difficulties, He will deliver us from all of them as long as we remain in the center of His will, living as He has told us.

The righteous person faces many troubles, but the Lord comes to the rescue each time.

Psalms 34:19 NLT

Everything is within His will but depends on our will. That is why trusting in His will is believing that if we follow His precepts, all that comes to us are the benefits of His Kingdom in our lives.

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. How is God's will defined according to the text, and what is its relationship to the plan and design that God has for his people?
2. According to the Scriptures cited, what are the characteristics of God's will for his followers, and how can people come to know and understand that will in their daily lives?
3. The text mentions the importance of choosing between blessing and curse, obeying or rejecting God's commands. How do our decisions influence the manifestation of God's will in our lives, and how can we live according to his precepts to experience the benefits of his Kingdom?