

be no substitute for His wisdom, intelligence and will.

4. Conclusion

This is one of the great lessons of the predictive Scriptures. There is no substitute for the Word of God in the guidance and orientation of our lives. We learn it by seeing how the predictive prophecies are fulfilled and how disaster and blessing hinged on adherence to God's Word. And, furthermore, we cannot be content with knowing it academically. We must know it practically in our hearts and apply it. The Lord cautioned against the illness of saying "Lord, Lord," and not doing what He said (Luke 6:46). Therefore the matter is one of doing what the Word says, especially as we look forward to future events and happenings. This is a giant point in the Word and can be illustrated in dozens of places. Prophecy screams it to us and finds much illustration in history. In the decisions and practices of life...there is no substitute for the Word of God. You must ask yourself as to whether or not you are bowed to the Word ...and be willing to test it in the course of life. If not, we are called back to it as the infallible revelation of God's will for us.

B. Yieldedness to God's will is Always (!) the first order of business.

1. Introductory Notes

This is logically the second lesson from the prophetic Scriptures since we can see many places where the prediction has been ignored and the people suffered thereby. We often do not think of it in this order but it is an important proposition and if we are not so yielded we often cannot see other things clearly. The tendency to "succeed", have "fun", be "popular" and a lot of other things easily vie for the place owed to yieldedness. But in the language of the prophet this is always a priority matter.