

- Romans 12:2---a consecrated and renewed mind
- 1 Thessalonians 4:18---a thankful attitude
- 1 Peter 2:15---a life of well doing

These aspects are not associated with gifts, service or personal interest. They are attitudes in life that should grip us all. To them, of course, would be added the concepts of worship and witness but you will see that all of these are identified with worship and witness. If we are in the "will of God" in such matters we are pretty well prepared for any onslaught in spiritual warfare.

B. His will being made know, it should be seen working in our lives.

In our worship, our acceptance of His Word, our actions that carry it out and our growth in spiritual sensitivity we should demonstrate the reality of being yielded to His will. It is easier to talk a big case in this than it is to live it, I think, but our emphasis is to both speak and live. Be careful about pronouncements of God's specific will in the lives of others but in these general areas we are on safe ground by being emphatic about them. The thrust is that when we are in the will of God, in this way, we are prepared for whatever comes and you will see that clearly in our psalm.

C. The character of our yielded state is witnessed in our serving.

As is the psalm, we do not allow the threats or terrors of those who oppose us (or situations that threaten us) to keep us from the praise and worship of the Lord. The reality of our hope keeps us positive and moving forward for God. Note the fine example of Paul in Acts 26. In this passage the general and specific assortments of God's will are plainly seen. David knows it as well (v 11) and we are kept in a healthy and active state by the will of God regardless of the force or size of the crisis.

III. Conclusion: A yielded attitude sees us through the crisis while we are trusting in God and living on in hope. I do not minimize the severity of the problems that come but they must not be allowed to diminish the work of the Lord or scare us into an oblivion. The hand that is on the plow must stay there until the plowing is done

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