

- A. Biblical texts related to the subject: Luke 2:49, John 5:19-20, John 12:27, 8:29, 17:4; Mark 14:26 and Hebrews 10:1-10.

By the will of God in these texts we mean the definitive appointments of God for the Son in the work of redemption. It covers both specific direction and general guidance and the Lord's public declaration is that He will do it!

B. Observations:

1. The Lord is attentive to the Father's will, not only in His personal, emotional life, but in His public commitment. John 12, Mark 14, John 17 (In other words, He listens to the Father...a good starting point for us)
2. The Lord is yielded to the Father's will as you will see in Mark 14 (the garden episode), John 13, (the Judas inclusion) and John 18 (the capture) Before His own and any others, He displays commitment to the will of God.
3. The Lord is dedicated to the Father's will as in John 9 and the "I must" passages. In a rear view, 1 John 4:14 shows us the inner workings in this matter.

III. Conclusion: And what does it mean to us? It is an example of His walk so that we might walk. It is a challenge to know and act in accordance. Following the Lord's leadership we should be listening (to the Word and the Spirit), should be acting it out as we have occasion and opportunity, and should set it as a goal before us of a life style that will fully serve the purposes of God.

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## **MESSAGE # 2: HE IS THE ONE WHO PUBLICLY LIVES AS A RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN**

Biblical Passages: Matthew 17:24-27; 22:17-22; 23:1-3

I. Introduction to the Study:

Peter reminds us (1 Peter 2) that we are strangers and