

# What is God's Will?



The beautiful Scripture readings for this Sunday tell us the meaning of the sentence, ***“It is the will of God.”*** Before creating humanity, God planned our salvation and adoption. God **does not** will the evil things that happen. God gives the task of bringing about God’s Kingdom to all of us. When Christ began his sacred ministry, he chose this Hebrew Scripture reading from Isaiah to read in the

synagogue. Jesus thus chose God’s plan for human salvation to show how he would bring about the reign of God.

In the first reading, Isaiah, the poet prophet tells us of God’s will for creation. God’s loving grace will bring about **“a new era.”**

*“He comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be **opened**, the ears of the deaf **cleared**; then will the lame **leap like a stag**, then the tongue of the mute will **sing...**”*

God’s loving grace will flow over creation with the impact of water bursting forth in the desert.

The letter of James shows the impact of God’s grace on the new Christians, **“The new era”** will be different from the ungraced era in that people will love and respect one another without distinction. With eyes that **see**, the Christian will not be influenced by a person’s wealth. With ears that **hear**, the Christian will hear the voice of the Lord in one another without distinction.

In Mark’s Gospel, we see that Jesus is the fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy. He opened the ears of the deaf man. People exclaimed,

*“He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”*

Let us reflect on the beauty of the readings. We see that they imply daily conversion of heart for Christ’s disciples. We, too, are called to help the deaf to hear. By word and example, we can influence those who still have not heard God’s plan. Our love for one another **without distinction** should preach volumes. The people of the Parish of the Holy Cross, through their loving welcome of all without distinction, have influenced people to come to RCIA and look into a religion where love abounds. **What then is the will of God?** God does not will evil. **God wills inclusive love and healing.**

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