GM 5 Will of God and the NT

Doing a Biblical Word Study

1. Define “why” you want to do the study; What is your target question? Compose your question into a succinct sentence or two.

2. Collect your data-base to study. For a word study, this means locate the “word group.” You should know what “part of speech” you are targeting. You should locate all occurrences, carefully observing canonical patterns and contextual usage.

3. Work through your data-base assigning categorical usage to each text.

4. Organize your study of the data-base into an outline of “categorical usage.”

5. Identify which category addresses your target question and unpack carefully the texts that relate to that category.

“will” occurs about 58 times in ASV. 51 refer to God’s will in some form.

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| **Matt. 6:10** Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so on earth. | **Matt. 6:10** ἐλθέτω ἡ βασιλεία σου· γενηθήτω τὸ **θέλημά** σου,°ὡς ἐν οὐρανῷ καὶ ἐπὶ ⸆ γῆς· | **Do will** |
| **Matt. 7:21** Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven. | **Matt. 7:21** Οὐ πᾶς ὁ λέγων μοι· κύριε κύριε, εἰσελεύσεται εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τῶν οὐρανῶν, ἀλλ̓ ὁ ποιῶν τὸ **θέλημα** τοῦ πατρός μου τοῦ ἐν °τοῖς οὐρανοῖς. ⸆ | **Do will** |
| **Matt. 12:50** For whosoever shall do the will of my Father who is in heaven, he is my brother, and sister, and mother. | **Matt. 12:50** ὅστις γὰρ ⸂ἂν ποιήσῃ⸃ τὸ **θέλημα** τοῦ πατρός μου τοῦ ἐν οὐρανοῖς αὐτός μου ⸆ ἀδελφὸς καὶ ἀδελφὴ καὶ μήτηρ ἐστίν. | **Do will** |
| **Matt. 18:14** Even so it is not 6the will of 7your Father who is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish. | **Matt. 18:14** οὕτως οὐκ ἔστιν **θέλημα** °ἔμπροσθεν τοῦ πατρὸς ⸀ὑμῶν τοῦ ἐν οὐρανοῖς ἵνα ἀπόληται ⸁ἓν τῶν μικρῶν τούτων. | **God’s will** |
| **Matt. 26:42** Again a second time he went away, and prayed, saying, My Father, if this cannot pass away, except I drink it, thy will be done. | **Matt. 26:42** πάλιν ἐκ δευτέρου ἀπελθὼν προσηύξατο °λέγων· πάτερ °1μου, εἰ οὐ δύναται ⸀τοῦτο παρελθεῖν ⸆ ἐὰν μὴ αὐτὸ πίω, γενηθήτω τὸ **θέλημά** σου. | **Do will** |
| **Mark 3:35** For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother. | **Mark 3:35** ὃς °[γὰρ] ἂν ποιήσῃ ⸂τὸ **θέλημα**⸃ τοῦ θεοῦ, οὗτος ἀδελφός μου καὶ ἀδελφὴ ⸆ καὶ μήτηρ ἐστίν. | **Do will** |
| **Luke 22:42** λέγων· πάτερ, ⸂εἰ βούλει ⸀παρένεγκε τοῦτο τὸ ποτήριον ἀπ̓ ἐμοῦ· πλὴν μὴ τὸ **θέλημά** μου ἀλλὰ τὸ σὸν γινέσθω⸃. | **Luke 22:42** saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me; nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. | **Do will** |
| **John 1:13** ⸂οἳ οὐκ⸃ ἐξ αἱμάτων οὐδὲ ἐκ **θελήματος** σαρκὸς ⸋οὐδὲ ἐκ **θελήματος** ἀνδρὸς⸌ ἀλλ̓ ἐκ θεοῦ ⸀ἐγεννήθησαν. | **John 1:13** who were 6born, not of 7blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. | **God’s will** |
| **John 4:34** Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to accomplish his work. | **John 4:34** λέγει αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς· ἐμὸν βρῶμά ἐστιν ἵνα ⸀ποιήσω τὸ **θέλημα** τοῦ πέμψαντός με καὶ τελειώσω αὐτοῦ τὸ ἔργον. | **God’s will** |
| **John 5:30**   I can of myself do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is righteous; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. | **John 5:30** Οὐ δύναμαι ἐγὼ ποιεῖν ἀπ̓ ἐμαυτοῦ ⸀οὐδέν· καθὼς ἀκούω κρίνω, καὶ ἡ κρίσις ἡ ἐμὴ δικαία ἐστίν, ✱ ὅτι οὐ ζητῶ τὸ **θέλημα** τὸ ἐμὸν ἀλλὰ τὸ **θέλημα** τοῦ πέμψαντός με⸆. | **God’s will** |
| **John 6:38** For I am come down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. **39** And this is the will of him that sent me, that of all that which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. **40** For this is the will of my Father, that every one that beholdeth the Son, and believeth on him, should have eternal life; and 10I will raise him up at the last day. | **John 6:38** ὅτι καταβέβηκα ⸀ἀπὸ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ οὐχ ἵνα ⸁ποιῶ τὸ **θέλημα** τὸ ἐμὸν ἀλλὰ τὸ **θέλημα** τοῦ πέμψαντός με⸆. **39** ⸋τοῦτο δέ ἐστιν τὸ **θέλημα** τοῦ πέμψαντός με⸆,⸌ ἵνα πᾶν ὃ ⸀δέδωκέν μοι μὴ ἀπολέσω ⸂ἐξ αὐτοῦ⸃, ἀλλὰ ἀναστήσω ⸁αὐτὸ °[ἐν] τῇ ἐσχάτῃ ἡμέρᾳ. **40** ⸋τοῦτο γάρ ἐστιν τὸ **θέλημα**⸌ τοῦ πατρός μου, ἵνα πᾶς ὁ θεωρῶν τὸν υἱὸν καὶ πιστεύων εἰς αὐτὸν ἔχῃ ζωὴν αἰώνιον, καὶ ἀναστήσω αὐτὸν °ἐγὼ °1[ἐν] τῇ ἐσχάτῃ ἡμέρᾳ. | **God’s will x3** |
| **John 7:17** If any man willeth to do his will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God, or whether I speak from myself. | **John 7:17** ἐάν τις θέλῃ τὸ **θέλημα** αὐτοῦ ποιεῖν, γνώσεται περὶ τῆς διδαχῆς πότερον ἐκ °τοῦ θεοῦ ἐστιν ἢ ἐγὼ ἀπ̓ ἐμαυτοῦ λαλῶ. | **Do will** |
| **John 9:31** We know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and do his will, him he heareth. | **John 9:31** οἴδαμεν ⸆ ὅτι ⸂ἁμαρτωλῶν ὁ θεὸς⸃ οὐκ ἀκούει, ἀλλ̓ ἐάν τις θεοσεβὴς ᾖ καὶ τὸ **θέλημα** αὐτοῦ ποιῇ τούτου ἀκούει. | **Do will** |
| **Acts 21:14** And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, The will of the Lord be done. | **Acts 21:14** μὴ πειθομένου δὲ αὐτοῦ ἡσυχάσαμεν εἰπόντες⸆· τοῦ κυρίου τὸ **θέλημα** γινέσθω. | **Do will** |
| **Acts 22:14** And he said, The God of our fathers hath appointed thee to know his will, and to see the Righteous One, and to hear a voice from his mouth. | **Acts 22:14** ὁ δὲ εἶπεν⸆· ὁ θεὸς τῶν πατέρων ἡμῶν προεχειρίσατό σε γνῶναι τὸ **θέλημα** αὐτοῦ καὶ ἰδεῖν τὸν δίκαιον καὶ ἀκοῦσαι φωνὴν ἐκ °τοῦ στόματος αὐτοῦ, | **KNOW Will (ref to Law…)** |
| **Rom. 1:10** making request, if by any means now at length I may be prospered 10by the will of God to come unto you. | **Rom. 1:10** πάντοτε ἐπὶ τῶν προσευχῶν μου δεόμενος εἴ πως ἤδη ποτὲ εὐοδωθήσομαι ἐν τῷ **θελήματι** τοῦ θεοῦ ἐλθεῖν πρὸς ὑμᾶς. | **Will of God = Sovereign** |
| **Rom. 2:18** and knowest 12his will, and 13approvest the things that are excellent, being instructed out of the law, | **Rom. 2:18** καὶ γινώσκεις τὸ **θέλημα** καὶ δοκιμάζεις τὰ διαφέροντα κατηχούμενος ἐκ τοῦ νόμου, | **God’s will = law** |
| **Rom. 12:2** And be not fashioned according to this 4world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is 5the good and 6acceptable and perfect will of God. | **Rom. 12:2** καὶ μὴ ⸀συσχηματίζεσθε τῷ αἰῶνι τούτῳ, ἀλλὰ ⸀μεταμορφοῦσθε τῇ ἀνακαινώσει τοῦ νοὸς ⸆ εἰς τὸ δοκιμάζειν ὑμᾶς τί τὸ **θέλημα** τοῦ θεοῦ, τὸ ἀγαθὸν καὶ εὐάρεστον καὶ τέλειον. | **God’s will = moral?** |
| **Rom. 15:32** that I may come unto you in joy through the will of God, and together with you find rest. | **Rom. 15:32** ἵνα ⸂ἐν χαρᾷ ἐλθὼν⸃ πρὸς ὑμᾶς διὰ **θελήματος** ⸀θεοῦ ⸄συναναπαύσωμαι ὑμῖν⸅. | **God’s will - Sov** |
| **1Cor. 1:1**   Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes 1our brother, | **1Cor. 1:1** Παῦλος °κλητὸς ἀπόστολος ⸉Χριστοῦ Ἰησοῦ⸊ διὰ **θελήματος** θεοῦ καὶ Σωσθένης ὁ ἀδελφὸς | **God’s will - Sov** |
| **2Cor. 1:1**   Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, and Timothy 1our brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints that are in the whole of Achaia: | **2Cor. 1:1** Παῦλος ἀπόστολος Χριστοῦ Ἰησοῦ διὰ **θελήματος** θεοῦ καὶ Τιμόθεος ὁ ἀδελφὸς τῇ ἐκκλησίᾳ τοῦ θεοῦ τῇ οὔσῃ ἐν Κορίνθῳ σὺν τοῖς ἁγίοις πᾶσιν τοῖς οὖσιν ἐν ὅλῃ τῇ Ἀχαΐᾳ, | **God’s will - Sov** |
| **2Cor. 8:5** and this, not as we had hoped, but first they gave their own selves to the Lord, and to us through the will of God. | **2Cor. 8:5** καὶ οὐ καθὼς ἠλπίσαμεν ἀλλὰ ἑαυτοὺς ἔδωκαν πρῶτον τῷ ⸀κυρίῳ καὶ ἡμῖν διὰ **θελήματος** θεοῦ | **God’s will - Sov** |
| **Gal. 1:4** who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us out of this present evil 3world, according to the will of 4our God and Father: | **Gal. 1:4** τοῦ δόντος ἑαυτὸν ⸀ὑπὲρ τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν ἡμῶν, ὅπως ἐξέληται ἡμᾶς ἐκ τοῦ ⸂αἰῶνος τοῦ ἐνεστῶτος⸃ πονηροῦ κατὰ τὸ **θέλημα** τοῦ θεοῦ καὶ πατρὸς ἡμῶν, | **God’s will** |
| **Eph. 1:1**   Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, to the saints that are 1at Ephesus, and the faithful in Christ Jesus: | **Eph. 1:1** Παῦλος ἀπόστολος ⸉Χριστοῦ Ἰησοῦ⸊ διὰ **θελήματος** θεοῦ τοῖς ἁγίοις ⸀τοῖς οὖσιν ⸋[ἐν Ἐφέσῳ]⸌ καὶ πιστοῖς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ, | **God’s will - Sov** |
| **Eph. 1:5** having foreordained us unto adoption as sons through Jesus Christ unto himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, | **Eph. 1:5** προορίσας ἡμᾶς εἰς υἱοθεσίαν διὰ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ εἰς αὐτόν, κατὰ τὴν εὐδοκίαν τοῦ **θελήματος** αὐτοῦ, | **God’s will – Sov / election** |
| **Eph. 1:9** making known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he purposed in him | **Eph. 1:9** ⸀γνωρίσας ἡμῖν τὸ μυστήριον τοῦ **θελήματος** αὐτοῦ, κατὰ τὴν εὐδοκίαν °αὐτοῦ ἣν προέθετο ἐν ⸁αὐτῷ | **God’s will – Sov mystery** |
| **Eph. 1:11** in whom also we were made a heritage, having been foreordained according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his will; | **Eph. 1:11** Ἐν ᾧ καὶ ⸀ἐκληρώθημεν προορισθέντες κατὰ πρόθεσιν ⸆ τοῦ τὰ πάντα ἐνεργοῦντος κατὰ τὴν βουλὴν τοῦ **θελήματος** αὐτοῦ | **God’s will - Sov** |
| **Eph. 5:17** Wherefore be ye not foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. | **Eph. 5:17** διὰ τοῦτο μὴ γίνεσθε ἄφρονες, ἀλλὰ ⸀συνίετε τί τὸ ⸁**θέλημα** τοῦ ⸀1κυρίου. | **God’s will - moral** |
| **Eph. 6:6** not in the way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers; but as 6servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the 7heart; | **Eph. 6:6** μὴ κατ̓ ὀφθαλμοδουλίαν ὡς ἀνθρωπάρεσκοι ἀλλ̓ ὡς δοῦλοι Χριστοῦ ποιοῦντες τὸ **θέλημα** τοῦ θεοῦ ἐκ ψυχῆς, | **God’s will - moral** |
| **Col. 1:1**   Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, and Timothy 1our brother, | **Col. 1:1** Παῦλος ἀπόστολος Χριστοῦ Ἰησοῦ διὰ **θελήματος** θεοῦ καὶ Τιμόθεος ὁ ἀδελφὸς | **God’s will - Sov** |
| **Col. 1:9**   For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray and make request for you, that ye may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, | **Col. 1:9** Διὰ τοῦτο καὶ ἡμεῖς, ἀφ̓ ἧς ἡμέρας ἠκούσαμεν, οὐ παυόμεθα ὑπὲρ ὑμῶν προσευχόμενοι ⸋καὶ αἰτούμενοι⸌, ἵνα πληρωθῆτε τὴν ἐπίγνωσιν τοῦ **θελήματος** αὐτοῦ ἐν πάσῃ σοφίᾳ καὶ συνέσει πνευματικῇ, | **“Fill” = *Characterized* by moral will** |
| **Col. 4:12** Epaphras, who is one of you, a 5servant of Christ Jesus, saluteth you, always striving for you in his prayers, that ye may stand perfect and fully assured in all the will of God. | **Col. 4:12** ἀσπάζεται ὑμᾶς Ἐπαφρᾶς ὁ ἐξ ὑμῶν, δοῦλος ⸂Χριστοῦ [Ἰησοῦ]⸃, πάντοτε ἀγωνιζόμενος ὑπὲρ ὑμῶν ἐν ταῖς προσευχαῖς, ἵνα ⸀σταθῆτε τέλειοι καὶ ⸁πεπληροφορημένοι ἐν παντὶ **θελήματι** τοῦ θεοῦ. | **Obedience to God’s will, moral.** |
| **1Th. 4:3** For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye abstain from fornication; | **1Th. 4:3** Τοῦτο γάρ ἐστιν **θέλημα** τοῦ θεοῦ, ὁ ἁγιασμὸς ὑμῶν, ἀπέχεσθαι ὑμᾶς ἀπὸ ⸀τῆς πορνείας, | **God’s will - moral** |
| **1Th. 5:18** in everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus to you-ward. | **1Th. 5:18** ἐν παντὶ εὐχαριστεῖτε· τοῦτο γὰρ **θέλημα** θεοῦ ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ εἰς ὑμᾶς. | **God’s will - moral** |
| **2Tim. 1:1**   Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, according to the promise of the life which is in Christ Jesus, | **2Tim. 1:1** Παῦλος ἀπόστολος Χριστοῦ Ἰησοῦ διὰ **θελήματος** θεοῦ κατ̓ ἐπαγγελίαν ζωῆς τῆς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ | **God’s will - Sov** |
| **Heb. 10:7** Then said I, Lo, I am come  (In the roll of the book it is written of me)  To do thy will, O God. | **Heb. 10:7** *τότε εἶπον· ἰδοὺ ἥκω,*  *ἐν κεφαλίδι βιβλίου γέγραπται* ⸆ *περὶ ἐμοῦ,*  *τοῦ ποιῆσαι ὁ θεὸς τὸ* ***θέλημά*** *σου.* | **Do will** |
| **Heb. 10:9** then hath he said, Lo, I am come to do thy will. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. **10** 3By which will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. | **Heb. 10:9** τότε εἴρηκεν· *ἰδοὺ ἥκω τοῦ ποιῆσαι* ⸆ *τὸ* ***θέλημά*** *σου.* ἀναιρεῖ τὸ πρῶτον ἵνα τὸ δεύτερον στήσῃ, **10** ἐν ᾧ **θελήματι** ἡγιασμένοι ἐσμὲν ⸆ διὰ τῆς προσφορᾶς τοῦ ⸀σώματος Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ ἐφάπαξ. | **Do will** |
| **Heb. 10:36** For ye have need of 15patience, that, having done the will of God, ye may receive the promise. | **Heb. 10:36** ὑπομονῆς γὰρ ἔχετε χρείαν ἵνα τὸ **θέλημα** τοῦ θεοῦ ποιήσαντες κομίσησθε τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν. | **Do will - moral** |
| **Heb. 13:21** make you perfect in every good 11thing to do his will, working in 12us that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be the glory 13for ever and ever. Amen. | **Heb. 13:21** καταρτίσαι ὑμᾶς ἐν παντὶ ⸆ ἀγαθῷ εἰς τὸ ποιῆσαι τὸ **θέλημα** αὐτοῦ, ⸇ ποιῶν ἐν ⸀ἡμῖν τὸ εὐάρεστον ἐνώπιον αὐτοῦ διὰ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, ᾧ ἡ δόξα εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας ⸋[τῶν αἰώνων]⸌, ἀμήν. | **Do will - moral** |
| **1Pet. 2:15** For so is the will of God, that by well-doing ye should put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: | **1Pet. 2:15** ὅτι οὕτως ἐστὶν τὸ **θέλημα** τοῦ θεοῦ ἀγαθοποιοῦντας ⸆ φιμοῦν τὴν τῶν ἀφρόνων ἀνθρώπων ⸀ἀγνωσίαν, | **Do will - moral** |
| **1Pet. 3:17** For it is better, if the will of God should so will, that ye suffer for well-doing than for evil-doing. | **1Pet. 3:17** κρεῖττον γὰρ ἀγαθοποιοῦντας, εἰ θέλοι τὸ **θέλημα** τοῦ θεοῦ, πάσχειν ἢ κακοποιοῦντας. | **Do will - moral** |
| **1Pet. 4:2** that 3ye no longer should live the rest of your time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. | **1Pet. 4:2** εἰς τὸ μηκέτι ⸂ἀνθρώπων ἐπιθυμίαις⸃ ἀλλὰ **θελήματι** ⸀θεοῦ τὸν ἐπίλοιπον ἐν σαρκὶ ⸁βιῶσαι χρόνον. | **God’s will - moral** |
| **1Pet. 4:19** Wherefore let them also that suffer according to the will of God commit their souls in well-doing unto a faithful Creator. | **1Pet. 4:19** ὥστε καὶ οἱ πάσχοντες κατὰ τὸ **θέλημα** τοῦ θεοῦ πιστῷ κτίστῃ παρατιθέσθωσαν τὰς ⸂ψυχὰς αὐτῶν⸃ ἐν ⸀ἀγαθοποιΐᾳ. | **Doing God’s will** |
| **1John 2:17** And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. | **1John 2:17** καὶ ὁ κόσμος παράγεται καὶ ἡ ἐπιθυμία °αὐτοῦ, ὁ δὲ ποιῶν τὸ **θέλημα** ⸂τοῦ θεοῦ⸃ μένει εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα⸆. | **Do will** |
| **1John 5:14** And this is the boldness which we have toward him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us: | **1John 5:14** Καὶ αὕτη ἐστὶν ἡ παρρησία ἣν ⸀ἔχομεν πρὸς αὐτὸν ⸂ὅτι ἐάν τι⸃ αἰτώμεθα κατὰ τὸ ⸁**θέλημα** αὐτοῦ ἀκούει ἡμῶν. | **God’s will – Sov or ask in context of obedience** |
| **Rev. 4:11** Worthy art thou, our Lord and our God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power: for thou didst create all things, and because of thy will they were, and were created. | **Rev. 4:11** ἄξιος εἶ, ⸂ὁ κύριος καὶ⸃ °ὁ θεὸς ἡμῶν⸆,  λαβεῖν τὴν δόξαν καὶ τὴν τιμὴν καὶ τὴν δύναμιν,  ὅτι σὺ ἔκτισας τὰ πάντα  καὶ διὰ τὸ **θέλημά** σου ⸇ ⸀ἦσαν ⸋καὶ ἐκτίσθησαν⸌. | **God’s will - Sov** |