

# Understanding and Discerning God's Will

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There are two basic natures of God's will.

- 1) God's Sovereign Will
- 2) God's Commanded Will

## **God's Sovereign Will**

- 1) It's secret... known only to God except as revealed through history or revelation.
- 2) It cannot be resisted or thwarted.
- 3) It encompasses both good and evil (sin).
- 4) It's comprehensive. It controls all aspects of life, time and history.
- 5) And the believer is NOT commanded to know or discover what God has not revealed.

## **God's Commanded Will**

- 1) It's revealed in the Bible.
- 2) It CAN be resisted or disobeyed.
- 3) It involves only that which is good and holy.
- 4) It is specific. It provides principles for living.
- 5) And believers are exhorted to know, understand and obey ALL that God has revealed.

God's "Commanded Will" is encased in the Bible, God's complete and holy word.