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Happy New Year 2025

Happy New Year to All! A new year is before us and with it all the hopes, desires, and plans of man to make it a good one. Nothing wrong with that but let us consider the wisdom found in the Book of Proverbs. **There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless, the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand. (Proverbs 19:21)** The New Living Translation puts it this way, **You can make many plans, but the LORD'S purpose will prevail.** Our Heavenly Father never called any of us to come up with the perfect plan HE'S already got that, it's called "The Bible". If you know the Bible, you are acquainted with how the great Apostle Paul began. Before being known as Paul he was known as Saul of Tarsus. By his own account before he met JESUS on the road to Damascus, he considered himself a devout man of GOD. **Circumcised the eighth day of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; concerning**

zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness, which is in the law, blameless. (Philippians 3:5-6) As Saul he started out by persecuting the Church! He thought he was doing GOD a favor by getting rid of this NEW WAY. Though he loved GOD and not knowing the plan of GOD he was actually working against GOD until JESUS knocked him off his horse. **And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do. (Acts 9:3-6)** "It is hard to kick against the pricks" literally means, It's futile to resist Divine Will or

Authority. The phrase is a metaphor that comes from the practice of using a goad to steer an ox while plowing. A goad is a stick with a sharp iron tip that a farmer would use to prod an ox to keep it moving in the right direction. If an ox rebelled by kicking at the goad, it would only drive the goad further into its flesh, causing it more pain. The phrase is a reminder that resisting GOD'S Will is self-destructive and ultimately harmful. Saul was a quick learner because the first words out of his mouth were, **Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?** This must be the cry of the Church! Saul obeyed and learned the plan of GOD. Later he became Paul and wrote most of the New Testament which is the plan of GOD. I can open the Bible and know what the future holds. GOD Says, **Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and**

from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, **My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure: (Isaiah 46:9-10)** As we seek to know the Will of GOD in 2025, we can rest assured that the HOLY SPIRIT will never lead us contrary to what is written within the pages of The Bible. If we want to know GOD'S Will for healing, it's in the Bible. If you want to know GOD'S Will for your business, it's in the Bible. If you want to know GOD'S Will for marriage, it's in the Bible. If you want to know GOD'S Will for the plan of Salvation and reaching the lost, it's in the Bible. If you want to know GOD'S Will on anything, it's in the Bible. As we pray and ask THE LORD, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? The HOLY SPIRIT will lead us through the pages of the Bible to know GOD'S Will. One final note, time is short, and we must be about The FATHER'S Business for the Will of GOD declares this. **The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. (2 Peter 3:9-13)** Whatever your plans may be in this new year sound wisdom says, **nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.** Please continue to support **KJIR RADIO** Thank You.

*God Bless,
Michael Wortman*

King Jesus Is Returning



*What Will You Do
With This Year That's So New?*

As we start a new year
untouched and unmarred,
Unblemished and flawless,
unscratched and unscarred,
May we try to do better and accomplish much more
And be kinder and wiser
than in the year gone before ~
Let us wipe our slates clean
and start over again,

For God gives this privilege to all sincere men
Who will humbly admit they have failed many ways
But are willing to try and improve these "new days"
By asking God's help in all that they do
And counting on Him to refresh and renew
Their courage and faith when things go wrong
And the way seems dark
and the road rough and long ~

*What Will You Do
With This Year That's So New???*

The choice is yours ~ God leaves that to You!

...choose you this day whom ye will serve...

Joshua 24:15

