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## The will of God– Pt 2 Stand still & know the still small voice

This is our second teaching on the will of God. Last week we covered four points– (i) Discern God’s will by first doing what scripture says is His will, (ii):the Lord Jesus Christ gave himself for our sins because it was the Father’s will, (iii) the Spirit of God guides us to do the will of God, and (iv) we can PROVE what is that good, acceptable and perfect will of God. This week will cover three points– (i) Stand still and hear from the Lord, (ii) stand still awhile and be shown the word of God, and (iii) stand still and consider the wondrous work of God. For this study we have searched the phrase “stand still”.

More detail from the scriptures on our three points –

### 1. Stand still and hear from the Lord

“And Moses said unto them, Stand still, and I will hear what the Lord will command concerning you” (Num.9: 8).

### 2. Stand still a while and be shown the word of God

“And as they were going down to the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul, Bid the servant pass on before us, and he passed on, but stand thou still a while, that I may shew thee the word of God” (1 Sam.9: 27).

### 3. Stand still and consider the wondrous works fo God

“Hearken unto this, O Job: stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God” (Job 37:14).

#### Illustration

The vow of silence Is essential for spiritual development in Buddhism.To put it simply, it allows you to be present within yourself. Your emotions will communicate if you don't act like a control freak and constantly react to them with judgment. Hindu philosophy called silence “mauna,” linked it to inner peace and deemed it crucial to the pursuit of self-knowledge. But being still before an idol you will never hear from it, as the priests of Baal found (1 Kg18: 28), because he was deaf & dumb).

#### Question of the scriptures

How does standing still awhile allow us to hear the still small voice?

#### Answer from the scriptures

i) When we stand still awhile before God, we take time–

a) rest in the Lord, wait patiently on Him

“Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him:...” (Ps.37: 7).

But “fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices” (Ps.37: 7).

b) keep our minds stayed on Christ

“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee” (Is. 26: 30). In doing so we will be spiritually minded and have peace– Rom 8:6– “For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace”.

There is not a scientific or mathematical formula for discerning the still small voice, but rather the Spirit of God that dwells in us recognises the voice, and as we quieten ourselves in prayer before Him – He gives us peace. Let us seek God in prayer for His will and stand still a while and listen to the Spirit, His still small voice– to lead us.